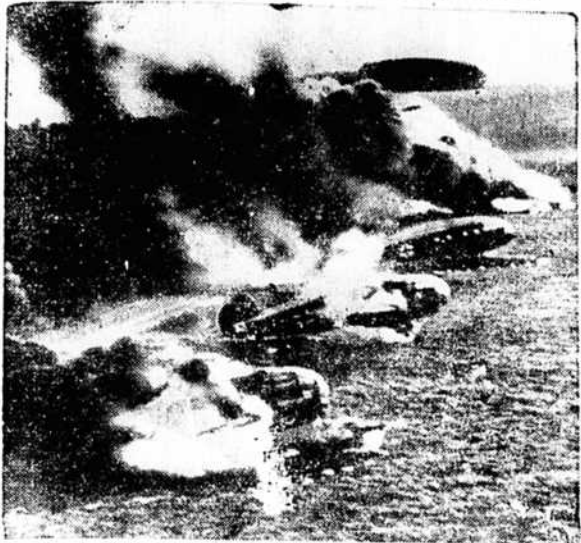




# Two Fronts In Italy Merged

## YANKS BAT .750 IN NAZI RAID



U. S. 8th AIR FORCE FLIERS almost had a perfect batting average when they swooped low over an enemy field in Europe to destroy three out of four planes on the ground. These attacks, in the words of Gen. H. H. Arnold, U. S. Air Forces chief, constitute an invasion "in the deadliest sense of the word." U. S. Air Forces photo.

## Russia May Break With Bulgarians

### Move Might Force U. S. Rupture With Finn Government

Washington, May 25—(AP)—Diplomatic officials here consider it entirely possible that Russia may break with Bulgaria within the next few days. This would almost certainly force a new decision on the question of an American break with Finland.

The two situations are by no means similar in all respects, authorities said today, but they are described as similar enough so that a major development in one would immediately involve the other.

Moreover, there is a general feeling here and abroad that the satellite front of Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary and Romania. This dates from the issuance of a British-Russian-American warning to the satellites two weeks ago that if they expect relatively lenient armistice terms they had better get out of the war while such action will be of help to the Allies.

In general, the feeling is that diplomatic maneuvers to enforce the warning are designed to break Hitler's Italian ally and stop Germany's all international support in the same way that the campaign against the neutrals is designed to deprive the German war machine of outside assistance.

Among the satellites, Bulgaria is considered to be in a particularly vulnerable position for both military and political reasons. The aid the Bulgarians have been giving Axis armies in various parts and transportation facilities have become a major factor in Russia's advance into Romania. This is one of the things that impels the Russians to turn on the ally.

American policy on Finland has been unchanged since the Finns finally decided, about three weeks ago, to accept Russian armistice terms. This position, however, left the policy without much chance of securing its main purpose, which was expressly to get Finland out of the war.

## Navy Ousts Ordnance Man For Inquiry

Washington, May 25—(AP)—Commander John E. Corrigan, of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, has been suspended temporarily from duty pending investigation of a failure by Senator Truman, Missouri Democrat, that many firms producing ordnance material retained Corrigan's engineering problems.

A Navy spokesman, asked about the status of the case, said today: "The Navy was informed of this situation by the Truman committee and has itself begun an investigation. Pending outcome of these investigations, Commander Corrigan has been suspended from duty. The case has been referred to the Justice Department for any action other than disciplinary action."

The spokesman's comment came as the Truman war investigating committee opened its own inquiry into the case.

Corrigan was a member of the firm of Corrigan, Osborne & Wells, New York City engineering and management consultants. The president of the firm, Robert H. Wells, has asserted that Corrigan spent entering the Navy in April, 1942, severed all connections with the firm.

Truman, chairman of the investigating committee, asserted that on a number of occasions manufacturing concerns producing ordnance supplies retained that firm shortly after inspection were made at their plants.

## Another Terrific Pounding Dealt Nazi Invasion Defenses

### West Wall District In France, Belgium Hit by Americans

London, May 25—(AP)—Up to 1,000 American heavy bombers laid down a shattering bombardment today on German air bases and railroad yards in the west wall fortifications of France and Belgium, after 500 British craft had smashed Aachen and Berlin before dawn.

Brussels and Charleroi were among the Belgian targets of the American daylight armada, the Nazi controlled Belgium radio said.

Mile-long processions of American bombers filled the channels this morning on this seventh consecutive day of renewed pre-invasion assaults, and it appeared possible that the record of yesterday, when 7,000 planes dumped 5,500 tons of bombs on the Germans might be approached.

The aerial bombardment in occupied territory as well as a rail yard of Aachen, burning traffic to the invasion coast, and Berlin last night. They hit 25 bombers.

German defenses, split by coordinated attacks on Berlin, Vienna and the Paris environs yesterday, and strayed additionally by the massive RAF blow last night, consisted today of a massive artillery barrage thrown up in a vain effort to fend off the first invading American armada.

The first bomber formation back reported encountering a few German fighters. These were driven off swiftly by an escorting fleet of 500 to 700 Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings from the eighth and ninth United States air force's fighter command.

Scores of squadrons of fighter bombers and fighter shuttled back and forth across the channel in impressive swarms all day long.

It appeared that the overall operations from Britain were fully on a scale with those of yesterday.

## Army Shifts To Big Guns For Invasion

Washington, May 25—(AP)—A tremendous shift in Army supply plans to heavy artillery and big gun ammunition was today in production quarters today as evidence that the Army may be leaving plans for possibly long and costly inland fighting after invasion beachheads are secured.

Official sources disclosed that new plant construction has both approved and the Army's lowering production calls for the big guns due to thunder over Europe.

The new ammunition program, up an average of 100 to 500 percent over current production, and representing a dollar increase of about \$750 million for the next eighteen months, calls for reopening of production facilities that had been closed or placed on a standby basis.

Next month's issue of the TNT line, producing ordnance material retained Corrigan's engineering problems.

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THE ALLIED High Command has divided Italy into six zones in which the "underground" is to "prepare for action" when directed by them and play their particular parts in the big Italian campaign now under way. These districts, as shown in the map, are: (1) areas immediately behind the present front lines of the Fifth and Eighth armies; (2) areas around Rome; (3) a coastal strip from the Tiber River north to Pisa; (4) the entire Apennine region; (5) the Adriatic coast from Pescara to the north of Rimini; (6) all sections north of Rimini and Pisa. (International)

## Americans United For Rome Drive

### Germans Fleeing To the North From Fallen Terracina

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 25—(AP)—American Fifth Army troops on the main Italian front today joined with United States troops on the Anzio beachhead for the advance on Rome, clearing a rough road march over sixty miles in a 14-day offensive.

A special headquarters communiqué announced the contact by patrols a few miles southeast of the beachhead on the coastal highway between Terracina and Anzio.

The Italian advance, and it should not be long before the two fronts are joined, continued as one when the Fifth Army's main thrust even more rapidly cleared the coastal position.

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While the first land contact with the beachhead was established since last January, the communiqué made no mention of the condition of the Anzio beachhead.

The contact was not made on the Anzio beachhead, but on a secondary road leading to the beachhead.

## GOP Roster Of Convention About Ready

(By The Associated Press.) Only Indiana and Nevada now remain to choose State delegations to complete the roster of the Republican National Convention, opening in Chicago a month from tomorrow, Indiana 20 will be picked June 1-2 and Nevada June 10.

The convention delegates also must be chosen, and the State's representation in 1944 will be 100, to represent Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

With 1,000 votes in the G. O. P. convention, and 520 necessary for a nomination, maybe less, depending on whether the Philippines can be represented, the 40 remaining to be selected could not give the leading candidate for the presidential nomination, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, enough votes to win a delegate.

Enough in advance for a first ballot nomination. It, continue has publicly pledged and otherwise promised support from 300 delegates, those forty could swing this in the New York's favor, provided two big State delegations, Pennsylvania and California, go over to his side. These two states have 120 delegates combined.

## Chinese At Loyang Desperately Beset

### OPA To Fight Cotton Boost Put Into Bill

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## But Americans Are Clearing Japs From Two Pacific Areas

(By The Associated Press.) American ground troops in Burma and New Guinea pressed persistently forward today to clear Japanese from two important objectives, but on a third Allied front, Chinese forces appeared desperately beset in Yoyang.

A Tokyo broadcast said the north China city, gateway into central China, was encircled and its fall expected in a few days.

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## Billion Dollars Supply Measure Sent To House, With Applause For OWI

Washington, May 25—(AP)—The Office of War Information, one of Capitol Hill's pet targets, drew a pot on the week today from the totally unopposed House Appropriations Committee.

## Governor May Take Hand After McDonald Attack On His Administration

Daily Dispatch Bureau By LYNN NISBET. Raleigh, May 25—(AP)—The city today a second Capitol Square speech by Governor McDonald, speaking here Monday night that Governor Brantley had called for a resignation or a recall as between candidates for Governor in Saturday's primary.

The Governor has been away from Raleigh almost continuously for the past two weeks, was expected to return sometime Thursday. It is known that he has been keeping in touch with developments in the campaign through newspapers and telephone contact, but there has been no indication of any purpose on his part to change his announced neutrality status.

Several of his associates in the State administration, including both elective and appointive officials, believe that he cannot afford to take "lying down" the charges of inefficiency, political shrewdness and actual recall leveled by McDonald at State department heads.

In his speech Monday night in the Wake county court house, McDonald said a few State officials were supporting him, most of them were supporting his opponent, and he offered a "substantial monetary reward" for evidence that any of them were supporting him for governor.

This blanket charge of inefficiency included many throughout the State as well as constitutional officers and others elected by the people. In contrast, a direct indictment of the State administration headed by Governor Brantley.

Capitol Square thinks this might have been ignored, but the specific charge of graft and corruption in the State ABC Board they think demands a positive denial.

McDonald referred specifically to the "Rocking Chair deal," meaning the purchase by the 25 ABC counties of 175,000 cases of Rocking Chair whisky—a deal consummated through the State board last winter. He asked four questions about it: How many millions of dollars was involved? In normal course of business, how much commission would have been collected? Who got this money? Any part of it being used in any campaign?

McDonald had previously charged that "underlings" of the ABC board were working against him. When McDonald's charges did not use any all-States and most employees around Capitol Square still insist that the "Rocking Chair deal" was fully done out with and approved by the attorney general as a proper term, McDonald, of course, did not know that the chairman of the board was Governor Brantley, and not Governor Brantley's appointee.

In any of that situation, there is a feeling that McDonald's attack was not in his Raleigh speech, and that the accusation cannot be ignored by the responsible head of the State administration. Governor Brantley may not feel that way, he may stand by his neutrality commitment, but he will lose prestige with his associates in the State government if he does.

While depicting the mud-slinging that was injected into the campaign several weeks ago, most of the important people around the Capitol

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## Cotton Sags Toward Close

New York, May 25—(AP)—Cotton futures opened here to 20 cents a bale higher. Noon values were unchanged to 15 cents a bale lower. July 20756, October 20003, December 19730.

	Py. Close	Open
July	20.75	20.80
October	20.05	20.07
December	19.49	19.52
March	19.57	19.59
May	19.35	19.39

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy, little change in temperature tonight; partly cloudy and warm Friday with scattered afternoon thunder-showers.