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RUSSIANS CAPTURE OREL & BELGOROD

End Near In Sicily As Catania Falls To 8th Army

Allies Advance On All Island Fronts

By Louis V. Hunter, Canadian Press War Correspondent

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Aug.5 —(CP CABLE) Conquering British forces smashed into Catania Sicily's second largest city today in a thrust that brought the end of the Island campaign immeasurably closer.

While the 8th army which took the city fanned out in twin sweeps northwest and north, occupying Misterbianco and Paterno, observers expressed belief it now was only a matter of days before Sicily is fully in Allied hands.

The final collapse of the defenders is inevitable and the enemy may already have started withdrawal of troops from Sicily.

The Canadian 1st division and the British 78th division on the central sector of the front contributed materially to the downfall of Catania by their successes in the rough, hilly country around Regalbuto and Centuripe.

Their advance threatened Aderno, and the capture of Centuripe by the 78th Division permitted direct observation and artillery fire on Aderno on the only inland road running West of Mount Etna, which is left to the Axis. Along the inland road they were liable to encounter heavy Allied artillery and along the coastal road they faced a devastatng naval bombardment. Even the use of the highway of Aderno was extremely limited. Capture of Paterno pushed the defenders back onto secondary roads.

Official reports said relations between Germans and Italians were worsening, and one Italian taken at Catania said that during the defence of that city "I killed more Germans than I killed English."

The Sicilian front line correspondent for the U.S. Army newspaper Stars and Strikes, quoted an American officer as estimating that only 5,000 Italian infantrymen still were fighting on the island along with possibly 35,000 Germans.

The German 19th Motorized Division is called the "Eight Ball Outfit" by Americans because of the numerous "semi-nordic" races including Poles in its ranks, and they have no love for the Axis cause, or Hitler.

The Germans are estimated to have about 100 tanks left, and are far outnumbered by the Allied force.

Crushing back the Germans from the former central sector of the bridgehead, British and Canadian troops were giving strong support to American forces held up three days in the Troina area northwest

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Bracken Comments On Ont. Election

REGINA, Aug. 5—(CP)—John Bracken, National Progressive-Conservative leader said today in a statement that the result of yesterday's Ontario election "confirms the commonly held opinion that the political parties of today must serve in accordance with today's appreciation of the common man's problems.

"In view of our system of party government, there will be general regret that George Drew (Ontario) Progressive-Conservative Leader) while he will have the largest group does not have a clear majority," Mr. Bracken said.

Record Mail Loads Carried By T. C. A.

MONTREAL, Aug. 5—(CP)—Officials of trans-Canada Air Lines said today that "record" mail loads were carried by a big transport plane that today completed a round trip from Montreal to Britain in the Canadian government's trans-Atlantic service.

The plane, operated by T.C.A., carried three official passengers, 8,121 pounds of mail and 411 pounds of freight on the eastbound crossing. On the return trip another three passengers, 3,959 pounds of mail and 705 pounds of freight were carried.

Bulk of the mail, the officials said, consisted of letters to and from members of Canada's armed forces overseas. A small amount of diplomatic mail was also carried.

No Trucks For Garbage Collection

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Aug. 5 — (CP)— The Federal motor vehicle controller has turned down, for the time being at least, the application of the common council for permission to purchase three of the trucks which will be required in connection with the proposed new system of civic garbage collection.

The council received this information today in a letter from city purchasing director F. A. McDonald, who attached a letter which had just arrived from N. W. Quast, Permit Analyst of the Department of Munitions and Supply.

H.M.S. Mary Rose Launched Yesterday

TORONTO, Aug. 5—(CP)—Mrs. Humphrey Mitchell, wife of the Federal Labor Minister, today christened the Toronto Shipbuilding Company's latest addition to the Navw when H.M.S. Mary Rose, a sweeperescort vessel of the Algerine Class, was launched here.

She was assisted by Mrs. Beatrice Stephenson, fitter superintendent's secretary.

The ship, built for vanguard duty, was named after the first ship of the British Navy. The keel of the first Mary Rose was laid in 1509 by command of Henri VIII and was the first ship that British people built solely for fighting.

The last Mary Rose, a destroyer, was sunk by the Germans in the North Sea, Oct. 17, 1917

COMING EVENTS

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**To arrive, Bulk Oats. Book now. McGuigon & Boyle. 8-3-6i.

**Dance, Vernon Hall Friday, August 6th. Proceeds, Junior Red Cross. 8-5-2i.

**Clearing balance started (two weeks old) Rock, Leghorn and Hybrid chicks at day-old prices. Swift's Chick Hatchery. 8-6-3i.

**Dance Belfast Hall tonight, August 6th, aid of War Work. 7-31-6-2-2i.

Praise American Raid on Oil Fields

LONDON, Aug. 5 — (CP) — An R.A.F. commentator today described the American raid on the Rumanian oil installations at Ploestic as "one of the greatest air achievements of the war."

The commentator who represents the views of the air ministry, declared the skill, courage and determination shown by the crewmen who flew their bombers on the 2,400-mile route for a low-level attack on the installations last Sunday against the fiercest kind of opposition deserved rank with any feat accomplished in the air.

He added that estimates of the damage to the oil installations were not yet available but preliminary reports showed they had been given a "very hard knock" which was bound to be reflected in some degree on the German war effort.

PHYTHIAN CONVENTION

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Aug. 5—(CP)—The Grand Lodge Maritime Domain Knights of Phythias will meet in annual session here, beginning August 17. The Grand Lodge of Phythian Sisters also will be in annual session. George F. Warren Sydney, N.S., is the present Grand Chancellor

Teacher Shortage In Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, Aug. 5 —(CP)— Dr. H. F. Munro, superintendent of education, said last night that about 300 temporary teacher permits will be required to fill vacancies in Nova Scotia this fall.

In a statement following a conference of provincial school inspectors and department of education officials, Dr. Munro said the National Selective Service order freezing teachers to the profession "came to late to provide relief" for a shortage that grew "progressively worse" last year.

However, licensed teachers would be available by September for "many of the 483 schools now without teachers."

U. S. Takes Wraps Off Combat Glider

LAURINGTON MAXTON ARMY AIR BASE, N.C., Aug. 5 — (AP)— The United States army took the wraps off its combat glider idea today and it looked good to 300 United Nations military observers and nearly 40 press men.

Quiet as a whisper the motorless airships carried out tactical demonstrations here last night and today which drew admiring comment from General H H (Hap) Arnold, chief of the army air forces.

"It was wonderful," said Arnold. "The glider is a very useful part of the war machine."

Gen. Arnold watched combat gliders land troops and equipment in darkness on the exact spots they were supposed to.

"No one ever saw anything like it before," he said. "You can't see them and you can barely hear them."

FLASH FLOOD CAUSES DEATHS

SUTTON, W. Va., Aug. 5—(AP) —Nine persons were drowned and at least seven others were missing today in a raging flash flood that swept through central West Virginia, trapping many persons in their homes as they slept.

News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 6 —(Friday) — (AP) — Half of the Munda airdrome is in control of American infantrymen, fighting with tank support, and the entire Japanese garrison there "is now completely encircled and is being slowly destroyed," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5— (CP) —Americans have been buying soap this year faster than it has been manufactured under government restrictions, the Agriculture Department reported today. The department said purchases have been at the rate of 1,832,000,000 pounds a year, or 90 per cent of the 1940-41 average use.

MIDLAND, Ont., Aug 5 — (CP) —Princess Alice, wife of the Earl of Athlone, flew to Minnicog Island, Georgian Bay, today to onen officially the newly - christened Princess Alice Sea Cadet Camp there. She presented a golden key to the Navy League of Canada as a token of the ceremony.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Events in the European war theatre are thundering toward a crisis at such a pace that it may be necessary for Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt to get together soon, along with their top military advisers, to revise Allied strategic directives and step up attack plans in Europe and the Pacific.

There is no authorative word to that effect from any source. But the facts in Italy, Russia, in the Atlantic and in the battle zones in the Solomons and New Guinea speak for themselves. The disclosure that Mr. Churchill presided yesterday over a meeting of the Pacific war council in London has its own distinct significance.

The blunt fact about the war in Europe now is that conditions only weeks ago deemed essential to any hope that it could be brought to a decision this year or early in 1944 have been virtually realized. They can be set down in this order:—

The fall of Italian Fascism, then expected but not for many months.

The scotching of the U-boat menace in the Atlantic, also expected ultimately but not in the time or to the degree it has been achieved.

Sustained and intensified air bombardment of Axis war industries and communications on the continent, then planned but dependent for success to an imponderable degree upon the beating of the U-boat menace.

A major and successful Russian offensive to be launched before September and continue into the winter. There was no sign at that time that it would not come, but it did come in July instead of September and by early August had cracked the Orel key to Nazi deployment in Russia. This confronts the bulk of the German army with grave possibilities of final disaster in the east.

It seems clear that Allied war plans must be promptly revised to capitalize on the dramatic developments in Europe. Not only has the "soft" underside of the Axis continental fortress been found far softer than was then thought possible, but Nazi weakness in Russia has been clearly demonstrated.

A critical Japanese inability to cope with growing American-Australian sea and air power in the far Pacific or American strength in the Aleutians has also been proven in battle.

Berlin May Be Next On Allied Bombing List

LONDON, Aug. 5—(CP)—An R.A.F. commentator hinted tonight that Berlin is due for a heavy aerial drubbing shortly, and it was announced that speedy British Mosquito bombers were out over the Ruhr and Rhineland last night, without loss.

It was also announced that British naval planes swooped down on eight German "E-boats" off Calais during the night sinking three of them and badly damaging a fourth.

The air ministry news service said the naval planes also returned with no loss despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The R.A.F. commentator said Berliners "must be watching the shrinkage of daylight with some concern." The long, 10-hour nights afford a cover to the night bombers on the 1,230 mile round trip to the German capital.

He said Berlin is considered an important target as the seat of government and as a large industrial centre and added that it is important "from the standpoint of morale."

"Berlin means a lot to Germany," he continued. "There always has been a certain amount of bother whenever Berlin was hit. The German people have made a tremendous moan about it. Berliners themselves, however, had not moaned so much when the Ruhr has been raided."

At the same time the commentator disclosed that 800 big R.A.F. bombers pounded Hamburg nightly in the series of attacks that virtually eliminated Germany's greatest port.

The Berlin radio commenting on the aircraft attack upon the "E-boats," asserted that 10 British planes were shot down by fighter planes and escort ships.

Saying that "an hour or two more of darkness" was needed for favorable bombing of Berlin, the commentator added that this should not be taken as a promise of a blitz on Berlin as soon as the 10-hour nights arrived.

He added that United Nations planes, based in Great Britain, dropped a total of 12,000 tons of bombs on Axis and Axis occupied countries during the week of July 24 to 31, while the Germans unloaded only 70 tons on Britain.

The commentator said the 3,600 acres of land, including the principal industrial districts, had been devasted at Hamburg.

OFFICERS KNIGHTED

LONDON, Aug. 5—(CP)—The King has conferred a knighthood upon Lt.-Gen. Kenneth Anderson, commander of the British 1st Army which captured Tunisia in the Tunisian campaign, it was announced today. Other officers knighted are Maj.-Gen. R.L. McCheery, chief-of-staff of the Middle East and Maj.-Gen. H.M. Gale, chief administrator for services in Tunisia. The awards were announced in the London Gazette.

Nixon Cabinet To Meet Today

TORONTO, Aug. 5—(CP)—Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Ontario's Liberal premier since last May 18, was back in Toronto tonight from his St. George Farm to meet his ministers tomorrow and it is expected they will prepare to resign as a result of yesterday's stalemate election in which their party suffered a decisive defeat.

While Lieutenant-Governor Albert Matthews said he had not reached any decision as to whom he will call upon to form a new government it was taken as a foregone conclusion thata it will be Lt.-Col. George A. Drew, 49-year-old Progressive Conservative leader, who will head the largest individual party group in the Province's 21st Legislature.

No party won a majority of the 90 legislative seats in Wednesday's balloting but Col. Drew and his followers won 38 sure seats and possibly another and was only slightly more than a half-dozen members from that mark.

At dissolution Col. Drew, personally re-elected in Toronto High Park, had 19 seats, the Liberals had 59, two were held by Liberal Progressives and 10 were vacant.

Now, besides the Conservative mebership, there are 34 C.C.F. members—they had none in the last legislature; only 14 Liberals including Mr. Nixon; two Labor leaders; and former premier Mitchell Hepburn who ran as an Independent Liberal in western Ontario's Elgin Riding.

Edward B. Jolliffe, 34-year-old

Soldiers Killed By Low-Flying Plane

FARNHAM, Que., Aug. 5 —(CP) —Two soldiers were killed and four others injured, one seriously, when struck by a low-flying plane during manoeuvres at Farnham military training centre today.

Army officials said the plane itself did not crash but that the men were struck as the aircraft swept down on them during manoeuvres involving the use of hedge-hopping planes in mock attacks on ground troops.

Those killed and injured were all officers from Montreal reserve units. The dead were 2nd. Lieut. Joseph Pierre Paquet and 2nd Lieut. Raymond Lareau. Most seriously injured was 2nd Lieut. Joseph Seguin, while others taken to hospital in Montreal were 2nd Lieut. Rene Marien, 2nd Lieut. Joseph Paquin and 2nd Lieut. Frederick Purchase.

From Dunkerque To Catania

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 —(CP) —Among the British 8th Army troops who swarmed into Catania this morning "were men who fought on the Dunkerque beaches three years ago," said the BBC today in a broadcast recorded here by the CBS. The broadcast said the men included troops of 50th Northumbrian division and of the 51st Highland Division.

Germans Pouring Troops Into Italy

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5—(AP)— Travellers who left Rome three days ago estimated today that Germany now has approximately 15 to 18 divisions(between 225,000 and 270,000 men) in northern Italy and is moving with incredible speed to increase this concentration of military strength north of the Po River.

Although Allied bombers recently left the railroad yards at Bologna in a shambles, the traveller's said military engineers quickly restored traffic on the main lines to expedite the movement of German troops to strategic centres.

Civilian railroad travel is practically at a standstill, they declared owing to the fact that the Germans have requisitioned all usable rolling stock to move their troops and war material. Waits of from five to six hours for seats in trains were said to be the rule, and travellers consider themselves lucky of they are able to obtain any sort of transportation. Bologna and Verona, other travellers arriving here said, have been converted into key military transit centres by the German forces and civilian requirements are being utterly ignored.

Ward's Island In Toronto Bay Flooded

TORONTO, Aug. 5—(CP)—An area a mile long on Ward's Island in Toronto Bay, was inundated under a foot of water yesterday when heavy seas swept over the southern breakwater. Many gardens were damaged.

Numerous residents were hampered in getting to polling booths to vote in the Ontario election as sidewalks were flooded. Water was deepest at the Island's easternmost tip.

Most of the water subsided during the night but officials said it may take several days before it is dried up completely.

STRIKE AT BRANTFORD

BRANTFORD, Ont., Aug. 5—(CP) —A number of employees of the Cockshutt Plow Company Ltd., here ceased work today pending settlement of a disagreement with the management as to whether time shouuld be allowed for the wash-up period. Most of those on strike are employees of the manifold department. A meeting of the men, management and a representative of the Ontario department of labor is being held to discuss the problem.

SINGLE WOMEN IN WAR

LONDON — (CP) —Of Britain's 3,250,000 unmarried women between the ages of 18 and 40 nine out of every ten engaged in full-time war work in the armed forces, in civil defence or in industry.

Twin Drive Surges Ahead

Soviets Score Greatest Summer Triumph Of War.

By Edward D. Ball, Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Aug. 5—(AP)—Powerful Red Armies captured the German strongholds of Orel and Belgorod today in the greatest twin triumph ever scored by Russian troops in three summers of war.

The double victory, announced by Marshal Joseph Stalin in a special order of the day, threatened to collapse the entire German defences in south-central Russia and force the Germans to fall back to the Dnieper River 270 miles to the west.

"The legend of the Germans that Soviet troops are allegedly unable to wage a successful offensive in the summertime has been dispelled," Stalin told his troops which tonight were pursuing the Germans westward from Orel toward Bryansk and from Belgorod into the Ukraine.

The supreme commander-in-chief of the Russian armies ordered the Moscow garrison to fire 12 volleys from 120 guns tonight to salute one of the most significant victories of the war.

The double victory graphically illustrated the huge scope of Russia's first successful summer offensive. Kharkov, big Ukraine stronghold only 45 miles southwest of Belgorod, now is in danger of being outflanked by the Russians charging into the Ukraine.

The erasure of the Orel salient opened the approaches to Bryansk 75 miles west. Russians charging on Orel from the north have been fanning out for weeks on that flank and were last reported within a few miles of Karachev, a railway station 25 miles from Bryansk. The Orel victory also opened an avenue of attack on Smolensk, the major German base, 230 miles southwest of Moscow. Russian dispatches said the Germans had begun to show uncertainty about clinging

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R.C.A.F. Bombs Sicilian Targets

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 5—(CP Cable)—Wellington bombers of the R.C.A.F. attacked the marshalling yards at Paola on the instep of the Italian mainland Tuesday night. They also attacked the railway line, scoring hits on a steam engine repair shop and other rail facilities.

Dr. Dafoe's Estate Totals $182,466

TORONTO, Aug. 5—(CP)—Dr. Alan Roy Dafoe of Callander, Ont. physician of the Dionne quintuplets during the early years of their lives, who died last June, left an estate amounting to $182,466.35, it was announced today.

Probate of the will is being applied for by the National Trust Company and Dr. William Allan Dafoe of Toronto, a brother.

Sees Russian Advance Major Defeat For Nazis

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 — (AP) —War Secretary Henry Stimson, describing the Russian advance to Orel as a "major defeat for the Germans," said today that the Soviets may now be transforming their counter-attack into a general offensive.

Bryansk and other German strong points in the Smolensk area definitely are threatened, he declared.

The war secretary, who leans to the Conservative in his appricals of the war's progress, expressed this view in the course of a press conference in which he also reported that the allies have taken more than 100,000 prisoners on Sicily while suffering losses "considered moderate."

He said American casualties through July 22 totalled 501 killed, 3,870 wounded and 2,370 missing while British, presumably including Canadian, losses were "not a great deal higher" although he did not have exact figures. Since July 22, he said, losses have been relatively light.

"Considering the number of troops involved, these losses are considered moderate—particularly in view of the terrain in Sicily," he added.

Stimson disclosed that losses in the raid on Rumania's Ploesti oil fields by 177 American heavy bombers exceeded 20 per cent. Fifteen or 20 bombers were shot down over the target area, he said, as many more are missing and eight came down in neutral Turkey where their crews were interned.

This was a "very high proportion" of losses, he said, but the bombers struck "a most damaging blow at a vital German resources" and the raid was considered a success.

Badoglio Leads Italy Farther From Peace

By Frank Brutto
Associated Press Staff Writer

CHIASSO, On The Swiss-Italian Frontier, Aug. 5 —(AP)—Marshal Pietro Badoglio tightened his military dictatorship on Italy tonight apparently leading his countrymen farther from the possibility of peace.

Vague rumors floated in London and Berne that peace proposals were being considered, but they lacked any confirmation. The rumors apparently stemmed from an Italian cabinet meeting and diplomatic activity at the Vatican.

Contrasting these reports were announcements by Badoglio's regime:—

1. The Marshal ordered the militarization of all civilian personnel attached to public defence, placing them directly under the control of the war ministry and therefore his personal command.

2. The Italian high command declared the provinces of Lubliana, Fiume and Dalmatia, all in northern Italy, as zones of military operations.

3. The Badoglio government denied ministers of the Fascist regime had been maltreated and revealed that most of them were present when the ceremony transferring the government powers to the Marshal was held.

There were some signs of unrest in the country, but for the most part Badoglio appeared to have a tight grip on the Italian people.

Reports from Italy reaching this border town said that five anti-Fascist parties had issued a leaflet telling the people to "follow developments with open eyes".

(Reports reaching London told of demonstrations by the populace against the Italian occupying forces in Corsica, the BBC said.)

Commenting on an announcement that Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, had called a meeting of the 16 Cardinals now in Rome, the Catholic newspaper Italia of Milan wrote: "It is evident the Holy See is unable to remain indifferent in the face of a possible solution of the international situation."

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN

Sweden To Halt Nazi War Traffic

By John H. Colburn
Associated Press Staff Writer

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5 —(AP)— With 400,000 Swedish troops alert for any German retaliation, the Swedish government announced tonight that the transportation of German soldiers to and from Norway over Swedish railways would be halted Aug. 20.

The movement of German war materials through this neutral country to Norway, likewise a three-year-old practice, is to cease Aug. 15, the communique said, on the basis of a new agreement worked out with Germany.

Sweden's action is a physical and psychological blow to Germany. It is estimated Germany will have to set aside one-third of Axis shipping now plying between Germany and Norway to transport the 250,000 troops annually carried over the safe Swedish land route.

Aside from the obvious implication that the Swedes are convinced of an eventual allied triumph, the action also implied that Sweden now is able militarily to withstand German retaliation; that Germany is in no position to do much about it; that Sweden finds it opportune to rid herself of allied charges of being unneutral and pro-Axis, especially as a prelude to a possible allied invasion of neighboring Norway.

Stoppage of the "horseshow traffic" alone between Trondheim and Narvik, via Sweden, will force the Germans to divert at least 10 coastal ships to carry the usual traffic between those ports. In the last three years men and material have been routed circuitously through Sweden, escaping the danger of allied naval attack and relieving the strain on Axis shipping.

Swedish public opinion has been pressing the government for months to ban the traffic which also included permission for unarmed German courier planes to fly over Sweden. On at least two occasions when these couriers were forced down it was discovered they carried machine-guns.

The British government has protested to Sweden several times and the Norwegian government in London also has issued a statement saying that Sweden's actions were jeopardizing the chances of post-war Scandinavian unity.

High tide this afternoon at 2.51 and tomorrow morning at 3.30.

Sun sets this evening at 8.21 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.51.

First quarter moon Aug. 8, 11.31 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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