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RUSSIAN DRIVE SHOWS SIGNS OF BOGGING DOWN

February Saw Record In Allied Air Offensive

New Axis Push In No. Africa

Allied Troops Beat Off Assaults In Six Sectors; Capture 850 Prisoners.

(By Wes Gallagher, Associated Press Staff Writer)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 28 (AP)—The attacks expected over 65-mile front extending from Cape Serrat to the Mediterranean in Northern Tunisia yesterday, but a communique announced today that Allied troops had beaten off assaults in six sectors and captured more than 850 prisoners in two days.

At the same time the air forces of the Middle East Command supported their air strength by shooting down 11 German planes in Southern Tunisia.

In the central sector, where Allied combat teams captured Kasserine and drove on to the southwest, the German withdrawal was reported.

Urgent Need For Waste Fats

OTTAWA, Feb. 28 (CP)—A "waste" committee to study and enlarge the salvage of waste fats for glycerine and other products was announced today by the National War Services Salvage Division director.

Mr. LaFleur said the "stock" of glycerine is very low and the glycerine industry must not be allowed to "run out" of the material. "We need every ounce of waste fats," he said.

Salvage division reports showed that voluntary committees reporting had collected 10,000 pounds of fats and oils from May 1, 1941, to Jan. 31, 1942.

British Armies Ready To Strike

LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—Top British army generals and the Minister Sir James Grieg indicated today that British armies are ready to strike a full-scale offensive at the Axis.

The directors of Britain's military operations expressed their confidence in the opening of the British offensive. Corporations' spokesman said was designed to "develop the development of the British army from a token force in Tunisia to the highly-trained, highly-motivated and highly-skilled machine of 1943."

"We are in a position of being able to strike at the Axis," he said, "and to do so at a moment when the Axis is exhausted and its resources are being depleted."

"We have other armies all over the world waiting to show that they are ready to do their share in the fight against the Axis," he said.

Coming Events

- Concert and Pie Social at Wesley Bridge, Monday, March 2, 7-9-21.
- Leading hogs for Davis & Fraser on Tuesday, March 2, 7-9-21.
- Hunter River Farmers loading hogs on Thursday, March 5, 9-11-21.
- Kinchora Hall, Bingo and Dance on Friday, March 5, 9-11-21.
- Garth Seeds. All the latest and best varieties for 1943. Arthur Yase, York, 1-18-M-21.
- Box Social and Dance in Commercial Hall Wednesday, March 3, 8-11-21.
- Concert by Choralists School at Wesley Hall, Wednesday, March 3, 8-11-21.
- Continuation of Rummage Sale at Wesley Hall over Provincial Hall at 4:30 this evening, 3-1-11.
- Women's line shopping club leading to Albany Tuesday, 7-9-21. Secretary, George Mackay, 3-2-21-21.
- The annual meeting of the "Try-Whiffing Co" will be held in the Commercial Hall, Tuesday, 7-9-21. All patrons urgently requested to attend. Warehouse will be open Wednesday, March 3, 8-11-21.

Rapid Pace Of Attack Is Continued

Unofficial Estimate Puts Weight Of Bombs Dropped At More Than 10,000 Tons.

By LEON BRANNAN, Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP)—R.A.F. Bombers scored over the continent today a continuous night and day attack, and close out February as the war's month of most devastating and intensified bombing of Nazi-occupied Europe.

R.A.F. medium bombers attacked the enemy airfield at Maupertuis in France this afternoon, and Mosquitoes bombed factories at Hengelo in Holland and near Liege in Belgium.

These daylight raids followed a smasher at Western Germany last night by R.A.F. bombers, and completed a cycle of sustained night and day attacks by British and U.S. planes that began with the heavy raid Thursday night on Nuremberg.

None of the British planes was lost in today's daylight operations, and escorting Spitfires destroyed an enemy plane, the Air Ministry said.

There was no indication that last night's raid was on a large scale, and specific targets were not disclosed. Only one bomber was reported lost. Mine-laying activities occupied the Allied air forces and an R.C.A.F. communication said one machine of its force was missing.

While there were no official reports on the weight of bombs dropped in today's daylight operations, well-placed observers speculated that the tonnage possibly topped 10,000 tons. Through last year the R.A.F. was officially reported to have dropped an average of more than 4,000 tons a month.

The ceaseless attacks went on all through Saturday's daylight with R.A.F. medium bombers hitting Dunkerque and American heavy bombers smashing the German naval base at Brest on the French coast.

R.C.A.F. Spitfires supplied the fighter cover for the lethal waves of bombers which hit at Dunkerque, and the Canadians were credited with destroying two enemy fighters. At least two German bombers were engaged and they came through numerous dog-fights over the Channel and France with the loss of only one machine.

W. Fred Cameron of Roland, Man and Winnipeg celebrated his 21st birthday by sending a Focke-Wulf 190 to its finish during one of the actions. The other Canadian victory went to P.O. E. J. Gimlin of Chicago, a member of a squadron commanded by Sgt. Ltr. Leslie Ford, D.F.C. and Bar of Liverpool, N.S., who was credited with one enemy plane and one damaged in Saturday's forays.

The daylight operations Saturday followed closely a "very heavy" attack by R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. bombers Friday night on the industrial city of Cologne.

War Situation Last Night

(By John M. Highower Associated Press War Analyst)

Slowing down of the Russian offensive in the last few days should cause little alarm or concern. No army can advance at top speed continually, and the Russians seem to have been impeded as much by thawing weather and lengthening supply lines as by Nazi resistance.

There is no reason to believe that the slowdown is preliminary to a halt. When the Russians have caught their breath they may be expected to push on to the Dnieper River to place the battered foe in the most disadvantageous position for starting any new offensive of his own next spring.

But because any let-up of pressure on the enemy dramatizes the fact that the Germans remain unconquered and powerful, the continuation of the Russian advance even temporarily is significant. It suggests a sharp limitation on the forward thrust of Soviet arms unaided and means the time is rapidly approaching when direct Allied assault on Nazi Europe will be required if Russia's valiant offensive is to be turned into a united nation drive to victory this year or early in 1944.

What the Russians have done, in effect, is to create an opportunity for victory. They have cut heavily into German military power and they have regained much valuable territory and many strategic positions in their own country but they have not broken the German army. It remains formidable large and well-armed despite its losses. In the present strategic situation in the European theatre it unquestionably has become favorable.

Japs May Try Thrust Against Australia

Allies Reveal Enemy Is Reinforcing Islands To The North.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 1 (Monday)

(CP)—An Allied communique announced today that the Japanese are constantly reinforcing their forces in the island perimeter north of Australia, indicating the enemy is taking up a position of readiness.

Asked whether the Japanese are preparing to attack or defend themselves, a spokesman at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said: "It could be either offensive or defensive."

Japanese positions at present extend more than 2,000 miles north of Australia, from the Solomons in the east to Timor Island in the west.

The communique itself said: "Our air reconnaissance over the past weeks report a constant and growing reinforcement in all categories of enemy strength in the island perimeter enveloping the north coast of Australia," the noon communique said.

"The enemy seems to be concentrating his main effort in preparation of a thrust against the island of New Guinea, and the appearance of major force indicates he is taking up a position in readiness."

Major aerial activity in the northwestern sector—possibly against the enemy's reinforcement activities—was disclosed in the communique.

Cardinal Hinsley Gravely Ill

LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—The Most Rev. Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, 77, Archbishop of Westminster and Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain, is gravely ill and has been administered last rites of the Church.

A statement issued from the Cardinal's residence today said he collapsed last night. It added that "prayers are asked for his recovery, especially from members of his own flock."

It was announced that the Cardinal had suffered a heart attack at his country home in Buntingford, Hertfordshire. He was said to be resting fairly comfortably tonight.

In addition to the last sacrament he received the Papal Blessing from the apostolic delegate, Archbishop Godfrey.

The first native of Yorkshire to wear the red hat, he was made a cardinal at 72 after paralytic stroke forced his retirement from the mission field in South Africa.

Protest Beer Shortage

OTTAWA, Feb. 28 (CP)—A government official said today that shortage of beer in taverns and brewers' retail stores across Canada has started a large volume of protests against the restriction of supplies for the security and the Nations allied to the Axis. Yet none here professed to know whether there was any official support for these hopes in any of the Axis nations.

Date Butter Coupons Expire

OTTAWA, Feb. 28 (CP)—The first three butter coupons in the new ration books expire April 30—June 30, as previously announced—a spokesman for the Prices Board said today.

Heretofore, butter coupons have expired 14 days after they became good, but the first three coupons in the new books will be good for butter purchases from March 10, March 20 and March 27, respectively, until the end of April.

Ferry Makes Many Trips Over Weekend

The car ferry Prince Edward Island, operating across Northumberland Strait on a 24-hour schedule, has whittled the freight tie-up at Tormentine to 40 loaded cars and 30 empty refrigerators, it was learned early last night. At times this month more than 150 loaded cars and 100 empty refrigerators were at the mainland terminal waiting transfer to this Province. For a time the Canadian National Railways yards at Tormentine would not hold the incoming freight as the ferry was delayed by heavy ice and tied up for several days while undergoing repairs.

The boat made a total of five round trips Saturday and eight until 10 p.m. yesterday.

All the freight and empties were cleared from the Borden terminal, with the transfer of 20 loaded cars and 30 empties to Tormentine.

Today the ferry brought to the province 60 loaded cars and 36 empties. Saturday 53 loads were brought over but no empty refrigerator cars moved.

The nine-mile crossing was being made in summer time today, about one hour each way with some in 55 minutes. Saturday morning conditions were less favorable and one trip took two and a half hours but conditions improved later in the day.

Sunday night the train from Borden arrived in Charlottetown at 9:10 with 150 passengers aboard.

Despite weather conditions the ferry was not closed on the railway lines on Saturday.

C.C.F. To Contest Every Constituency

HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 28 (CP)—The C.C.F. intends to contest every constituency in the country in the next Federal election, C.C.F. member for Cape Breton south, declared at a meeting today.

Predicting C.C.F. victories in British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Mr. Gillis said that Ontario with "its concentration of wealth, industry and population, is the province we are concerned about." He added that C.C.F. organization in Ontario "has made more progress in the last eight months than in the past 25 years."

Mr. Gillis said that T. C. Douglas, C.C.F. Federal Member for Weyburn, is ready to resign to enter the Saskatchewan Provincial Field. He pictured Mr. Douglas as the first C.C.F. Premier in Canada, and said that victory in the next Provincial election in Saskatchewan for the C.C.F. has been conceded by "even the old-line parties."

Mr. Gillis stated labor has no representation on the "30-odd war boards set up by the Federal Government."

"There is a complete domination from the top by the bankers and industrialists which is a Nazi setup. You have stagnation—the government dictated to by the invisible government of bankers and industrialists."

Bracken Ends Tour Of N.B.

CAMPBELLTON, N.S., Feb. 28 (CP)—John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, ended his New Brunswick tour Saturday night and left for his home in Winnipeg. He visited industrial plants in this area Saturday, Mr. Bracken was in New Brunswick since Feb. 19.

News Briefs

LONDON, March 1 (Monday)

(CP)—The Daily Express said today that the British 8th Army has launched its offensive against the Mareth line in Southern Tunisia held by Field Marshal Rommel's troops.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28 (CP)—Fighter-escorted Blenheim Bombers attacked Japanese targets Saturday at Myohung and Rainingung, Burma, and increased the already extensive damage caused to those enemy-occupied villages by previous raids, a British communique said today.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—The Berlin radio today broadcast an order of the day by Marshal Goering declaring that the German air force would strike again at an "opportune moment" and would "destroy the enemy wherever we meet him. Saturday is the 10th anniversary of the air force tomorrow."

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—A Dakar radio broadcast, recorded by CBS said today that "it has been confirmed" that the Germans have been conquering the border since the establishment of a forbidden zone in that area.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—A bulletin from No. 10 Downing Street Saturday said Prime Minister Churchill's condition "continues to be satisfactory" and that no further communique would be issued until Monday. Mr. Churchill is recuperating from an attack of pneumonia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—President Roosevelt, who has been ill of an intestinal disturbance since Wednesday, was reported today to be "much improved and 'most back to normal'."

He spent a "very restful day" and "gotten a good rest," the White House reported.

Nazi General "Disappears"

LONDON, March 1 (Monday)

(CP)—The Moscow radio, quoting Geneva reports, said today that Field Marshal Gen. Walter von Braunsbach, former commander-in-chief of the German Army, has "disappeared."

"Braunsbach on the advice of his physician is to leave for southern Germany at the end of January," said the broadcast as recorded by the Soviet Monitor. He has no relatives and relatives have made inquiries without result. It is rumored that he has been "removed" by the Gestapo.

Establishes Ceremonies

MADRID, Feb. 28 (AP)—Gen. Francisco Franco issued a decree Saturday establishing yearly funeral ceremonies to honor all of Spain's Kings. They will be observed each Feb. 28 anniversary of the death of King Alfonso XIII, the only Spanish monarch not buried there.

Newsprint Prices Boosted \$4 Per Ton

OTTAWA, Feb. 28 (CP)—The Prices Board announced today that, effective tomorrow, the ceiling on newsprint in Canada will be raised by \$4 a ton to conform with an increase of the same amount currently announced in the United States.

The Board's announcement said that during the last year it has been conducting a careful examination of the costs and operations of the newsprint industry so as to be able to discuss with United States authorities the increase necessary to meet increased costs of woods operations, transportation and other wartime factors.

In a joint statement released at Washington by the office of price administration and the prices board, it was pointed out that newsprint is one of the few commodities which has not increased in price since the outbreak of war.

Donald Gordon, chairman of the prices board, after representations were still being Washington showing that this \$4 increase is "much too small" to cover increased costs

Moscow Reports Counter-Drive In Donets Basin

Powerful Russian Winter Offensive Appears Slowed After 100 Days Of Advance.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The German High Command claimed the recapture today of the important Russian rail centres of Lozovaya and Kramatorsk south of Kharkov, and the Red Army reported "serious counter-attacks" in this area where the Soviets seek to drive south to the sea of Azov and trap huge Nazi armies in the Donets Basin.

Thus the powerful Russian winter offensive appeared to have met a definite check after 100 brilliant days of advance, both because of firm resistance and quagmires resulting from thaws.

The Russians did not admit the German claims, but the Sunday midnight Moscow communique, as recorded by the Soviet Monitor, used the word "serious" for the first time in telling how the Germans were "hastily bringing up fresh troops and throwing them into action on the march." Five consecutive Nazi attacks were declared to have been smashed.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

SWITZERLAND—Allied counter-attacks against German forces in the Donets Basin.

NORTH AFRICA—Daily Express in London reports British 8th Army has launched offensive against Mareth line in southern Tunisia.

RUSSIA—Rosa announced German counter-attacks against Lozovaya and Kramatorsk in the Donets Basin.

WESTERN FRONT—R. A. F. bombers hit Nazi airfield at Maupertuis, near Cherbourg, France, and factories in Holland and Belgium.

LIBERATION NEARER

LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—Queen Wilhelmina told a group of her countrymen recently escaped from occupied Holland that "the hour of liberation draws nearer" when she decorated a number of them Saturday. "The possibility of reverse is not excluded, but the prospects—for that liberation—are improving daily and the outcome is clear to everyone who does not purposely close his eyes," she said.

America Leads The World In Speed: Look At The Number Of Laws It Passes

High tide this morning at 6:40 and this evening at 6:10.

Sun sets this evening at 6:47 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.

New moon March 6, 6:24 a.m.

Sunrise March 16, 6:19 a.m. later than Charlotte.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Berlin—Leave 9:45 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Leave Cape Tormentine—10:20 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:55 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)

Charlottetown—Montreal

Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

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