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GERMANS FALL BACK TO MOUNTAIN LINE GERMAN INFANTRYMEN REINFORCE POSITION ON MOUNTAIN

First Moscow Talk Appears Satisfactory

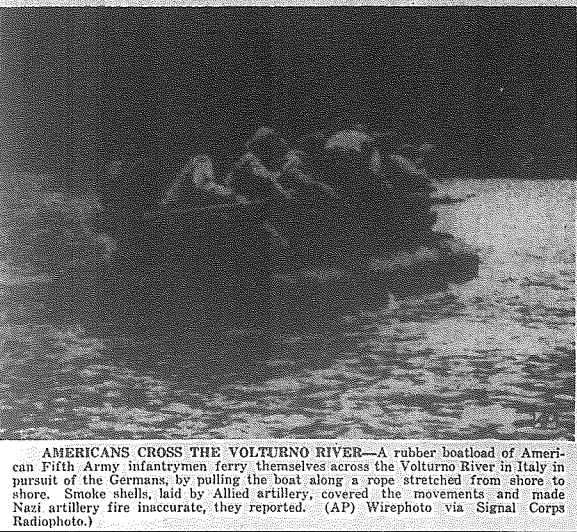
**Program Henceforth Calls For
Single Daily Conference**

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW—(AP)—Apparently satisfied with the results of their first formal talk last night, U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov settled down today to a program of daily conferences on wartime and postwar matters.
Their initial meeting lasted for two hours and fifteen minutes, and while no details were announced it was understood that the session was satisfactory.
The conferees disclosed that they will meet once a day in Spasskaya ovka Palace until their discussions are concluded. No formal announcement concerning the progress of the talks will be issued while they are underway.
FRANK DISCUSSION
Before last night's session, which started at 6 P. M., the three diplomats said it would give the three diplomats a chance to share "frankly and freely what's on one another's mind." Eden and Hull conversed

Nazis Hurl Fresh Men, Supplies Into Battle

**Attempt To Halt
Flanking Drive**

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW—(AP)—The whole German position inside the Dnieper River elbow was threatened today as harassed Nazi commanders hurled fresh divisions of men, tanks and artillery into the fight in an attempt to halt the Red Army's flanking drive to the west of the river.
The Russians' major break through southeast of Kremenchuk has swept into 120 settlements and the railway junction of Pyatikhatka to outflank Dnepropetrovsk, 60 miles to the east, and Dnepropetrovsk, 70 miles to the east.
Pyatikhatka is at the junction of the main railway between Znamenska and Dnepropetrovsk and one running east to Kiev. Its capture leaves the Germans but one line, through Krivoriiv, to evacuate the whole Dnieper bend.
Huge amounts of body were reported by the Germans at Pyatikhatka, which lies astride the main rail line between Znamenska and Dnepropetrovsk. Fifteen fully-loaded railway trucks, 30 tanks, 172 guns and 1,500 men were included in the day's bag, the Russians said.
Further Red Army progress was reported north and south of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Here Soviet troops "completely destroyed the German units" of motorized Nazi units striving to prevent encirclement of the great stronghold, the communists said.
South of Gomel, southern anchor of the German defense lines in White Russia, the Russians said more Germans from the Dnieper-Southern front and further extended their headquarters on the east bank of the Dnieper below Rechitsa on the road to Poland. More than 2,000 German officers and men were slain in yesterday's battles.



AMERICANS CROSS THE VOLTURNO RIVER—A rubber boatload of American Fifth Army infantrymen ferry themselves across the Voltorno River in Italy in pursuit of the Germans, by pulling the boat along a rope stretched from shore to shore. Smoke shells, laid by Allied artillery, covered the movements, and Nazi artillery fire inaccurate, they reported. (AP) Wirephoto via Signal Corps Radiophoto.)

Leave Country Devastated As Withdrawal On

**Left Flank In Italy Threatened
By Speedy American Advance**

By NOLAN NORGARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—Threatened on their left flank by a swift American drive that cut forward five miles, the Germans fell back today from the Voltorno Valley to a fresh mountain line, it was announced, leaving behind them one of the war's worst scenes of destruction.
The Germans are retreating to establish a strong new mountain line anchored on the high Massico Ridge and the town of Mondragone, six miles north of the Voltorno River mouth, and extending 27 miles northeast to Venafro.
Official dispatches from Fifth Army Headquarters said the Nazis were burning houses, shooting civilians, destroying livestock, tearing up railroads, dynamiting roads and firing haystacks to provide smoke-screen to cover their retreat.
The devastation of the countryside and wiping out of civilians as well as their farms was the most complete yet encountered as the German fury towards the Italians reached a new peak.

Slavs Smash Nazi Landing Attempt

**Germans Beaten Back In Effort To
Reach Dalmatian Coast and Islands**

LONDON—(AP)—Yugoslav partisan forces have smashed a German seaborne attempt to land troops on the Dalmatian coast and two nearby islands in the Adriatic, a communique issued by Gen. Drag Tito's headquarters and broadcast by the Free Yugoslav Radio and today.

Yanks Raid In Germany

Thunderbolts, Spitfires Support Assault

LONDON—(AP)—United States heavy bombers, supported by Thunderbolts and Spitfires, attacked targets in Western Germany today.
It was the seventh major offensive of the month for the American heavy bombers but their first since the destructive smash at Schweinfurt Oct. 14.
The fact that both Thunderbolts and Spitfires accompanied the bombers suggested a heavy precision assault on some German war production target, as the great majority of the raids have been supported by Thunderbolts alone.

Leaves From A War Correspondent's Notebook

By HAL BOYLE
NAPLES, Oct. 19 (AP)—(AP)—Naples is having its biggest merchandising boom of the war as Americans and British soldiers crowd its counters to buy Christmas presents for mothers, wives or girlfriends back home.
It is a happy hunting ground for the shopper, because he can give into a crowd and come away with anything from a coral bracelet to a bottle of cognac.
LUCKY FELLOW
Everybody in Naples seems to have something to sell. For example as you walk along a street a dark-haired stranger comes up and tells you in broken English:
"You are lucky, my favorite grandmother has just expired at the age of 100."
The man is smiling and looking at you with a happy expression.

Old Maestro Bernie Dies

Long Illness Fatal

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—(AP)—The Old Maestro of the stage, screen and radio, died after a long illness from a malignant affection with heart complications.
At his bedside were his wife, his son, Pvt. Jason Bernie of the U. S. Army, his brother-manager, Harold Bernie, and the latter's wife.
The 52-year-old band leader was stricken with pleurisy while playing an engagement in Chicago last February. After a short period of recovery his condition deteriorated and he was taken to a hospital to receive treatment.

60 Jap Planes, 2 Warships Blasted

**Mitchell Bombers Attack Rabaul; Japs
On Offensive In Finschhafen Area**

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(AP)—Mitchell bombers, flying so low that pursuing Zeros inadvertently dipped wings in the sea and crashed, have destroyed 60 more planes and sunk two more warships at the Japanese key base of Rabaul.
This second air pounding within a week of the New Britain fortress to which the enemy's New Guinea and Solomons defenses are hinged was announced today by headquarters. But a spokesman also disclosed that Japanese troops have gone over to the offensive against the Australians in the Finschhafen, New Guinea, area where Gen. MacArthur's forces landed on Oct. 12.
The attack Monday on Rabaul heaped new destruction on the 177 enemy planes demolished or damaged and the three warships sunk in the 200-ton bombing assault of Oct. 12.

Duel Over Salween

**Japs Thrust North and
South Along Stream**

CHUNKUNG—(AP)—Japanese troops still barred from crossing the Salween River on the Yunnan-Thailand front have thrust north and south along the east bank of that strategic water barrier to southwest China, engaging in tank-to-tank artillery dueling and close-quarter fighting the Chinese High Command declared today.
A communique said a Japanese column which previously had been reported routed from its position opposite Luksu, on the east bank, had divided into two forces, one going north, the other south.
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Union Chapter Cheers For FR

DALLAS, Texas—(AP)—Union labor cheered the suggested re-election of President Roosevelt and Vice-President Henry A. Wallace in a meeting at Grand Prairie last night, and the Vice President responded with a boost for union labor.
Harold H. Young, former Dallas attorney now serving as Wallace's assistant in Washington, told the meeting of CIO, P. O. R. and Railway Brotherhood members.
"President Roosevelt has a hard working, sincere, honest and able Vice President and I think he and our President should be—and will be—re-elected."

Eastern Front Cracks: Say Last 24 Hours Made Blackest Of War For Germany By Russians

By JOHN H. COLEMAN
STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The past 24 hours, in which the Red Army cracked the German eastern front defenses in a major breakthrough, were the blackest of the war for Germany, Swedish correspondents reported today from Berlin.
The Berlin correspondent of Allotnews said that if Soviet troops can follow up their smashing breakthrough through the German lines, it can't mean anything but a catastrophe that would put Hitler's Germany in a state of collapse.
since yesterday have given Germany its blackest day since the war started, even counting Stalingrad," said the Allotnews dispatch, which passed German censorship.
"It is obvious to every German that the Russians, not the Germans, have the initiative, and Red Army force, instead of growing weaker, grows stronger, piling up great troubles for the German Army. Even the most optimistic German hesitates now in viewing what is taking place."
Swedish correspondents in

Willkie To Make Talks

**No Doubt That He
Will Seek Nomination**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—West-coast political circles are making it politically important to New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, but it is not expected by his friends to formally enter the race until after the 1943 CIO convention, but it is not expected by his friends to formally enter the race until after the 1943 CIO convention, but it is not expected by his friends to formally enter the race until after the 1943 CIO convention.

Substitute For Quinine Found

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Discovery of a substitute for quinine, one of the most important medicines in the world, comes from Great Britain, it was announced today by the War Relocation Authority.

Weather

Today's Temperature
2:30 P. M. 50
Sunset 4:15
Sunrise 7:15
Moonset 11:15
Moonrise 11:15