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SARDINIA BOMBED BY ALLIED WARREN CAPS PRESSBACK ON ATTU

Wild Flight Of Refugees On In Italy

March On Rome: LONDON—(AP)—The deterioration of Axis air power and civilian defenses under the pressure of Allied air might, combined with high expectations for the outcome of the Roosevelt-Churchill conference in Washington to brighten the Summer war picture today for the United Nations.

From many towns in Italy's toe and the Mediterranean Islands refugees were reported streaming north to escape Allied bombardment, a dispatch from Zurich to Reuters said. Rome already is receiving thousands, it added.

Although the German radio reported yesterday that Nazi troops had been sent to reinforce the defenses of Sardinia, Allied pilots said that Axis air squadrons had vanished from the Italian outpost islands Sunday.

SUFFER IN RUHR In Germany, the official Nazi Party newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter declared that there was not one person in the heavily-raided Ruhr cities who had not suffered personal property or family loss as the result of air attacks.

Air observers in London, assessing the results of the heaviest air raid of all time on Dortmund Sunday night, suggested the RAF strategy was designed to pile up cumulative ill effects of the bombing on the strategic Ruhr area.

Having wrecked Essen's war plants—including the sprawling Krupp works—the RAF was reported by air correspondents to have turned heavy attention to Dortmund because it absorbed much of Essen's former production load.

The raid, which for the first time was claimed to have beaten down the powerful Ruhr defenses, also was aimed at one of the principal cities in the path of one of the floods created the week before by cracking two of Germany's great water reservoirs, the Eder and Moehne.

FIRES STILL RAGING One mid-afternoon report today from the Morocco radio said fires still were raging in Dortmund, and were out of control due to a shortage of water caused by the dam burstings.

The Daily Mail said there "in good reason to believe that the fire fighting organization at Dortmund had depended for its water largely on the breached dams."

Other observers speculated that thousands of the Ruhr's civilian defenders still were engaged in flood relief work when the bombers struck again. Some pilots reported seeing wet patches still in Dortmund.

RAID STRATEGY London papers reported from the Continent that the first bombs fell on Dortmund under an alert was sounded. Employed deceptive tactics of dispersing widely, and then reforming to pounce on Dortmund. Thus they caught the defenders unawares.

This raid was regarded in London as a direct response to Prime Minister Churchill's suggestion of an experiment to bomb the Axis out of the war. The Dortmund raid thus may be expected to be only a forerunner of more such out-of-keen anticipation.

Knox Says Enemy Is Corralled On Isle Tip Reports Battle Continuing

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today the battle for Attu Island is continuing with Japanese troops pressed back on the northeastern extremity of the island.

The Secretary told a press conference he had no fresh information to add to yesterday's communique which said the pressure of American soldiers against pockets of Japanese resistance on Attu was continuing and that a number of enemy points of resistance had been liquidated.

"The fighting is continuing," Knox said. "We have these men corralled out there on the peninsula. The enemy is being driven back without delay any damage to American ships or positions."

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy reported today that seven of the six Army Air Corps twin-engine bombers which had ventured into the Attu battle area Sunday were "not destroyed," in addition to five originally reported as "definitely destroyed."

Amplifying yesterday's report on the air fight which occurred over the Western Aleutian island when six Army Air Corps fighters intercepted the bomber formation, a Navy communique declared that the remaining four enemy bombers which were apparently unharmed, fled "but I assume they also sustained damage to American ships or positions."

The Kuriles chain, running roughly north and south, has its heaviest anchor about 630 miles from Attu.

Asked whether any reports had come in to show that the Japanese on Attu was feasible, Knox said no reports had arrived, but I assume that the Japanese have started the Yanks can finish."

The enemy had made considerable progress in leveling a flight strip when the American invasion began two weeks ago today.

More than 400 planes of the Aleutian Islands, Knox disclosed. A group of "Seabees" Navy construction men whose job it is to begin development of an island as soon as the first waves of American troops land. The Seabees in fact are trained to fight as well as to work.

Knox said "I know from the experience in Guadalcanal that troops of that type are extremely useful. He characterized as another fishing expedition Japanese claims to have sunk American ships in the Western Aleutians.

The only effective use of airplanes made today was to parachute supplies to advance infantry troops which got to terrain higher than the island's level. From this advanced element a force of 37 planes departed early today to attack the 200-mile-long tip to Attu while the Navy dispatched Catalina patrol planes to the area.

Late this afternoon, however, the Navy let in its luck and despite the rain, a heavy fog rolled in on Attu a heavy shelling. The fog held the answer to its effect on the weather recorded.



NAVY SALVAGES THE BATTLESHIP OKLAHOMA—Five of the U. S. S. Oklahoma's 14-inch guns shown defiantly as the battleship is righted after months of work by Navy salvage specialists at Pearl Harbor, T. H. The big battleship was turned almost upside down when she was bombed during the Jap sneak attack of December 7, 1941. (Official U. S. Navy photo.)

Case Against Significant Lull AP Brought Prevails In Russia War in Air Continues To Be The Battle of the Moment

NEW YORK—(AP)—In anti-trust procedure today asked Federal Court for summary judgment against the Associated Press without the taking of testimony by witnesses in open court trial.

The motion was made in a civil suit pending before a special three-judge court. It seeks an injunction which would require the Associated Press to furnish its news and wire services to any newspaper publisher willing to bear its proportionate share of the cost of gathering news.

Counsel for the Associated Press declined to comment. The government's latest move but it was understood that the Government's contention that there were no material facts which remained undiscovered would be vigorously challenged by the AP.

It was also understood that probably 30 days would be required to prepare and file answering affidavits in support of the AP's position.

The normal procedure in anti-trust cases is to take oral testimony of witnesses in open court with each party to the litigation presenting its evidence in support of its testimony.

The move for a summary judgment has been used in several cases in the past.

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Move War Workers In Spite of Bus Strike

ATLANTA, N. Y.—Quick work of the Army and the car-sharing co-operation of motorists today kept the city's traffic moving with war work by a bus strike which otherwise nearly paralyzed transportation in this industrial city.

Police Chief John A. Jones said that the city's traffic was not affected by the walkout of bus drivers and mechanics of the New York State Employees, Inc., early today.

More than a score of trucks from the Rome air depot made several trips to transport to Rome an estimated 2,000 workers. Jones said that the city's traffic was not affected by the walkout of bus drivers and mechanics of the New York State Employees, Inc., early today.

49,000 Idle At Akron

AKRON, Ohio—(AP)—Three major rubber companies reported all production ceased today as the number of CIO employees title a protest against a War Labor Board wage decision rose to 49,000, despite a War Department demand for resumption of work.

Several hundred pickets forming a shoulder-to-shoulder barricade at three gates to Goodyear Tire Rubber Co.'s No. 1 plant turned out today to protest against the first day shift.

Crowds started gathering in front of the plant today.

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Lease Approval Bill Given

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A \$273,629,000 lend-lease appropriation bill was approved by a Senate Appropriations Committee today after passage by a House-approved prohibition against the use of any of the funds for payment of subsidies on agriculture products.

Chairman McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, told reporters the bill was suspended inside Norway for a proper subject for general legislation by Congress, since they involve "matters of policy."

The bill will be reviewed by the full committee tomorrow.

Nazis Strengthen Norway Coast Defenses In Fear Of Invasion

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Germany's Moestaand Skarfax Dams as a protection against torpedo planes, land mines have been placed around important factories and artificial fog machines have been installed for off-landers according to these sources.

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MOSCOW—(AP)—Although sporadic artillery fire and scouting was reported along some sectors of the Russian front today, the significant lull which has prevailed to be the battle of the moment.

Both the German and Soviet ground and air forces were back-to-back in the Donets River area, but they were getting larger quantities of supplies through to strategic sectors in preparation for the summer campaign.

The Red Army held stubbornly to newly-won lines west of the Donets River near Lischanok in the northeast of Novorossisk in the Kuban, but there have been no major changes along the front in days.

Renewed reconnaissance indicated that the commanders on both sides had ordered constant scouting against the possibility of a surprise major assault, but the chance of catching either in view of the short nights and long spring days.

A heavy artillery action occurred during the night along the south-central front from Sevsk, northwest of Kharkov, down the Donets valley to the lower front northeast of Novorossisk, said the mid-day communique.

Air battles south of Rostov and on the far Arctic front were described in the midnight communique. Thirty-two Nazi bombers were downed on the Rostov front, while a loss of three Russian planes, while an artillery battle was fought by 28 German aircraft in a raid on the Rybenok Peninsula area in the far north near Petsamo, it said.

German reconnaissance units were reported to have been numerous German air blockhouses, pillboxes and gun positions along the front, the midnight communique said.

Two hundred thousand German troops are guarding this possible gateway to Europe, including many units responsible for vital coastal defenses, these reports said.

A huge anti-tank ditch has been constructed in southern Norway. Oslo's defenses have been strengthened considerably by anti-aircraft guns, and the city is protected from animals and

Over 300 U. S. Planes Attack Vital Island

Pantelleria Raided Again in Steady Mediterranean Air Offensive

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—The Allies bludgeoned the Italian island of Sardinia with their big stick—their air power—yesterday, sending more than 300 American planes to attack nine important defense targets on that stepping stone to Italy.

Bomb-battered Pantelleria, the little fortified island 45 miles off Cap Bon which was under almost continuous attack much of Sunday and Sunday night was raided again Monday by American fighter bombers in the steady air offensive against the Axis' southern front.

Twelve enemy aircraft were destroyed in combat during these operations of the past 24 hours, and it was officially stated that an unestimated number of others were wrecked on the ground.

329 DESTROYED (This brought the number of destroyed Axis aircraft in the last six days to at least 329 as a result of operations by the Northwest African, Cairo and Malta Air Forces.)

Waves of Flying Fortress, Marauder, Mitchell, Lightning and Warhawk raided over Sardinia where German troops were reported to be building. The planes unleashed a merciless storm of bombs and dealt heavy losses to the vital Axis base west of the Italian mainland.

Double shipping and airfields suffered heavily. One supply ship exploded, four small vessels were sunk and seven others damaged by the cascade of bomb hits.

The Americans lost only three planes during the Sardinia sweeps. The present Allied air offensive, unlike the German Air Force's attempt to neutralize the British fortress island of Malta last year when Marshal Erwin Rommel was the main attacker, has maintained its full striking power with negligible cost, taking full advantage of the Fortress' inability to carry out high level precision bombing while defending themselves.

HUGE FIRES Fires visible for 50 miles blazed from Trapani Harbor on the northwest coast of Sardinia when the four-engined bombers hit dock installations, warehouses and a ammunition dump. One supply ship was blown up there, another burst into flames.

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Says Off-Bombed Essen "Looks Like Stalingrad"

MOSCOW—(AP)—Tass reported today that a letter taken from a German soldier said that off-bombed Essen "looks like Stalingrad."

"You write that it is not so bad in Essen," the news agency quoted a German girl as writing to her soldier sweetheart. "You don't know what you are talking about. We sit in the cellar and wait for death."

Another letter, Tass said, reported that Essen had been "converted into a pile of ruins."

Jews Barred From Residence in Amsterdam

LONDON—(AP)—Arieta reported today that a new ordinance bars Jews from residence in Amsterdam, while a ban against them in all of occupied Holland.

The Dutch News Agency said that the wholehearted arrest of Jews had been in progress for some time.

Late Bulletins

NEWS TO LABOR CAMPS NEW YORK—(AP)—The British radio reported today that the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior had decreed that all Jews capable of work were to be sent to special labor camps.

MAZI BURIAL BLOWN UP BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—The German Employment Bureau at Annemasse, France, has been demolished by several bombs placed in the village center, a dispatch to the Journal De Geneve said today. The dispatch said the incident was one of several new manifestations of resistance to forced labor and deportation of French workers.

LET SPANISH SOLDIERS OUT MADRID—(AP)—The Spanish Government today announced that Spanish Aseado signed an order today demobilizing soldiers of the Spanish Army serving with the Spanish Army—some 50,000 men.

URGE SQUEEZE ON AXIS MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay—(AP)—A blockade against Axis manpower was proposed today by the Inter-American Committee for Political Defense of the Hemisphere in a resolution to force labor and deportation of Axis nationals to their countries be discouraged.

SLAY FIGHTING INCREASES LONDON—(AP)—The Yugoslav Government in Belgrade reported today increasing enemy fighting in four major regions of Yugoslavia as the Germans intensified their efforts to tighten their control of the country under the leadership of Allied landings. Seven German and Italian divisions totaling some 100,000 troops were reported in action in the region, a southern Bosnia, Herzegovina and Sashkaj.

SUB FIGHT ENCOURAGING WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy said today that a "very encouraging" month in anti-submarine warfare. Navy Secretary Knox reported today that the Navy has no figures and conclusions for the future, stating to a press conference that the best of the anti-submarine war is being fought.

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