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German Hail Their 'Rescue' Of Mussolini

Nazi Expected To Attempt To Make II Duce Puppet Leader

LONDON (AP)—The German radio, expanding bit by bit in its gleeful reporting of the release of Benito Mussolini, declared today that the former Italian Premier's family as well had been freed from internment by "SS over the incident, however, by departing quietly and light-footedly over the whole occurrence. A DNB broadcast said "completely correct in Berlin state that other Fascist leaders were freed with Mussolini." (The Office of War Information was beating about Mussolini's "capture," they hadn't seen fit to have him, broadcast, and weren't even quoting him today.) The Netherlands radio said that Vittorio Mussolini, eldest son of the departed Duce, had arrived in Germany. See NAZI HAIL ON PAGE 8

Aussies Overrun Salamaua Airfield

Jap Garrison Makes Desperate Attempts To Keep Trail to Lae Open

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (AP)—The Japanese garrison at Salamaua today made desperate attempts to keep open a trail to Lae, its only channel of escape, so tight was the Allied surface and aircraft blockade along northeastern New Guinea's coastal "hazards" route. Australian planes which swam to flooded Salamaua River and cut off the Japanese trail, then pushed inland to Salamaua, without encountering serious opposition. JAP JAPS BACK Australian troops who followed the Japanese across the river were in desperate pushing Japanese units, which had a trail, one mile from the Japanese beachhead, and a mile behind it. The Japanese abandoned and retreated, and the trail was cut. Hundreds of tons of supplies were left behind. The Japanese were in a desperate situation, and the Allies were in a position to push inland. See HILD TAKEN ON PAGE 8

Clear Rail Wreckage

HOWARD CITY, Mich. (AP)—Weekend workers today began clearing the wreckage of a passenger train wrecked here three miles south of Lake St. Clair. The train, carrying 100 passengers and 150 crew members, derailed on a curve, and the wreckage was scattered over a wide area. Crews were working to clear the tracks and remove the wreckage. See HILD TAKEN ON PAGE 8

At Least 38 Italian War Vessels Brought Into Hands Of The Allies

LONDON (AP)—Italian war vessels and submarines had been brought into Allied hands today, according to a dispatch from the Mediterranean. The vessels, including the 25,000-ton battleship Andrea Doria, were captured by the Allies. The dispatch also mentioned the capture of 38 Italian war vessels. See HILD TAKEN ON PAGE 8

Threaten To Encircle Tough Nazi Stronghold

General Drive Continues

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army advanced through Bryansk within gun range today as the Soviet forces, engaged in the Roslavl drive to the northwest and on the west bank of the Desna River to the southwest, threatened to encircle this toughest German bastion in central Russia. Sleeping across the Ukraine, the Russians won new gains after crossing the Piel River at Gadyach and further increased the perimeter of the front in the Pottava-Priluki sectors. The general drive toward the Dnieper River continues meanwhile, along the entire front from the mouth of the river to Kiev. The greatest German effort to hold back the powerful Russian drive was centered along the southern section of the front where enemy tanks and infantry were desperately striving to keep the Russian from crossing the narrow rail outlets. The Germans here were reported to be alerted, and several Russian units along previously prepared defense positions, but the Red Army broke through at several places. The Nazis launched numerous futile counterattacks. Even slight attacks which are rare for the Germans were being launched. The party newspaper Pravda reported that the Russians led them off inflicting heavy losses and the Soviet advance continued. The German communiqué reported by the Associated Press from Berlin stressed that the Russian land and naval forces had liquidated Russian detachments which had landed in the Mowenski area of the Kuban Peninsula. The Nazis added that the Russians had suffered heavy losses. Soviet troops which were pushing their way through the Minsk-Berestek axis are gradually converging, meanwhile, on the city from the north and south. After capturing the city, which is only twenty miles from the German border, the Russians are expected to push inland through into the Minsk region. The capture of Minsk would mean the fall of the city and the fall of the German line. The capture of Minsk would mean the fall of the city and the fall of the German line. See HILD TAKEN ON PAGE 8

Congress Returning

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Price Reduction Program Is Given

Expect Savings in Retail Prices of Potatoes, Lard, Apples, Oranges, Etc.

WASHINGTON (AP)—General Manager Chester Bowles of the Office of Price Administration today announced a sweeping price reduction program designed to lower the cost of living to consumers by 2.3 per cent and effect substantial savings in retail prices of potatoes, lard, apples, oranges and other products. The program will be implemented through a \$100,000,000 Government program of transportation subsidies. Government crop purchase and resale, and in the case of peanut butter and probably later, rubbers subsidies within the financial limits set by Congress. PART MOON Partial effects of the program will be felt by the end of November, Bowles told a press conference. It will be followed up with a later program on winter fuels and vegetables, which Bowles said would bring their prices down to about 10 per cent less than last winter. The \$100,000,000 now is available to the program. Bowles said in order to hold down the price of milk. Another thing that some action would be necessary very soon to put a lid on milk prices and stabilize the market. Bowles said that the program would also apply to other commodities. See HILD TAKEN ON PAGE 8

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