

RUSSIAN DRIVE AHEAD

Red Forces Drive Ahead Along 600-Mile Front Threaten Three German Bastions LONDON—(AP)—Russian armies, gaining momentum in their summer offensive, were rocking the Germans back on their heels all along a 600-mile front today to threaten three of the Nazis' most important remaining positions east of the Dnieper River.

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Ruin Rained On German Capital In Night Raid

1,000 Tons Of Bombs Dropped BY WILLIAM S. WHITE LONDON—(AP)—A great bombardment fleet of Lancaster bombers smashed Berlin last night from a clear sky, casting the Channel again with fire bombs and howling steel in twenty minutes of attack official described by the British Air Ministry as a preliminary raid ahead of the RAF's third heavy bombardment of Berlin.

Many Prisoners Taken By British

San Giovanni And Reggio Calabria In Invader's Hands—More Troops Pour Across Messina Strait BY NOLAND NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—British and Canadian troops have cleared a firm hold on a ten-mile bridgehead between Reggio Calabria and San Giovanni on the Italian toe, seizing both towns, and are plunging ahead. Headquarters announced today.

Firm Bridgehead Secured By Allies

Entire Messina Strait Cleared On Second Day of Italian Invasion LONDON—(AP)—On the second day of the invasion of Italy the Allies have secured a broad firm bridgehead extending across nearly the whole southern area of Calabria and have cleared the entire Messina Strait, across which reinforcements and supplies are moving in a steady procession, reports reaching here indicated today.

Sicilians Cheer Allies To Battle

Amazing Amphibious Trucks Prize Sight of Parade Prior to Invasion BY DANIEL DE LAUCE Associated Press War Correspondent Representing the Combined American Press MESSINA, Sicily, Sept. 2 (Delayed) (AP)—Carrs and tanks gawked and cheered and sold fruit to the Allied invasion force disembarking along Messina Strait today.

Japs Quit Rekata Base

Withdraw Without Fight At Santa Isabel BY WILLIAM HITTLE U. S. HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—(AP)—The Japanese have abandoned their once important seaplane base at Rekata Bay on Santa Isabel 145 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, a South Pacific headquarters spokesman said today.

Escapes From Riom Prison

LONDON—(AP)—A Berlin broadcast reported that the Associated Press reported today that the French Riom Prison of Gen. De Lattre de Tassigny, who accepted a military prison in southern France when the Allies invaded North Africa last year, had been broken by a special military court by one of the youngest generals in the French Army and at one time was associated with Gen. Henri Giraud and Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the French Army Command He was commander of the Montpellier District in France when he fled against the German occupation authorities and before that time he had been a French officer in Tunisia.

Allied Planes In Fresh Series Of Hard Blows At Jap Shipping

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(AP)—A series of heavy ship strikes by Allied bombers which have a total tonnage of 20,000 tons of merchant shipping in the 2,000-ton ship which Navy Secretary Knox said in Washington the Japanese have lost to planes and submarines since the war started. Detailing one of the most staggering blows ever dealt enemy sea cargo tonnage from the air in such a short period, today's communiqué from Gen. Douglas MacArthur also reported damage to 20,000 additional tons in far-ranging operations.

Three freighter transports, each of 7,000 tons were sent to the Japanese harbor. Three 5,000-ton ships were sunk by Mitchell bombers which heaved a hail of bombs on the harbor. The heavy bomber force also destroyed the enemy fighter planes in the 1,000-pound bombs. An enemy destroyer was left burning in flames and the strait was blown off a 1,000-ton cargo ship that left only one cargo ship and a destroyer unreported hit in the harbor assault. A heavy bomber force in the Darwin, Australia, 7,000-ton enemy cargo ship was damaged in a raid by four-engine Allied bombers on the harbor of Waingapu, New Guinea. Another 7,000-ton supply ship was damaged off Cape St. George and a 5,000-ton ship bombed near Misaki Island both in the New Guinea sector, by patrolling Liberators and Catalinas. Off Timor, Dutch New Guinea, a 300-ton vessel loaded with Japanese troops, was hit squarely by a bomb from a two-engine Allied plane on reconnaissance. Reporting out the day's report, numerous small enemy craft in the weak harbor were stricken. Four barges were sunk in Australian Bay, New Guinea, three more in Borneo Bay, New Britain, and four barges and two launches in the Solomon. Losses also were piled up against the Japanese Airforce.

Hot Political Fight Looms For New York NEW YORK—(AP)—The nomination by Democrats of Arthur H. Lehman for the position of Governor of New York in the District, the battle for the post was covered Tuesday after a week of crisis in the city. Lehman, who already had been named by the Legislature, was named by the Democrats. The party was given the lead in the re-elected judicial commission. Lehman's opponents are the Republicans supported George Frankfort, lawyer, and Maurice J. Auerle.

Weather Forecast