

Lions Meet In Hawaii As They Do In Kokomo

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN
The Hawaii Club, Delany-797, Ricardo Labez, who last heard from his wife two years ago in Manila, was my host; Charles H. Auld, an Hawaiian, sat on one side, and on the other side was Miss Kono, Tamashiro, a blind Japanese. Auld, president of the Hilo Lions Club, opened the meeting with the singing of "America" and a chorused rendition of the club's motto of allegiance.

The oath of allegiance is a ritual that is not repeated in some years—but in the dining room of a Hilo Hotel, near the Hale Koa, Mayor Raymond Chang nor Frank Nagao, nor R. K. Kishimoto nor See REPORTER'S on page 4

Air Struggle Outlined

WASHINGTON—The present struggle for air supremacy, says General H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, is the most turning point in the war.

"What American and Royal Air Force bombers can do to the whole German war machine is rendered impotent now," he said, "because the fighter force is rendered impotent now because of the lack of fuel."

In a report on Army Air Force operations, General Arnold left little doubt as to his conviction that the Allies which would fight his report similar to a recent summary of Army Air Force operations by Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, made these disclosures:

Allied fliers are concentrating on the enemy with a two-fold objective—destroy the facilities for building fighters and shoot down the planes themselves.

THE U. S. has the largest air force in the world, manned by an Army of 2,385,000 officers and men.

The weight of heavy bombers to be produced in the next few months will exceed that of all types of planes produced in the first eighteen months of the war.

Up to last October 1, 26,000 planes had been flown to the front under conditions of which 10,000 were destroyed.

American planes have not been used in darkness with accuracy as a result of developments in navigation aids.

Plant weather forecasting has progressed to such an extent that the weather can be made in advance.

Kentucky Weed Market Booms

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The volume and excitement of the weed market of the season at many busy warehouses in Kentucky yesterday, the State Department Agriculturalists said.

Total sales reached 11,100,000 pounds, the Department says, for an average of \$5,972,711. The heaviest market was for the State's total.

A new record was established at 1,000,000 warehouses in volume and money paid growers with the sales totaling \$1,135,370 for an average of \$47.0 a hundredweight.

The Government of \$45.31 an ounce of \$29.55 pounds.

German Garrison In Precarious Position In Yugoslavian City

LOONDON—Nazi defenders of Banjalika, headquarters of the Second German Tank Army occupying the Yugoslavian Adriatic Coast, have brought up tanks and field guns in a desperate but so far unsuccessful effort to smash Partisan forces who captured half the city in a desperate battle. The attack, Marshal Joseph B. (Tito) declared today.

Partisan forces are still raging. "But our guns are successfully continuing the enemy tanks and the last nests of resistance are being systematically annihilated," the city was said.

The position of the German garrison is precarious, as revealed when Partisans intercepted a telegram sent to an unaffiliated German base urging supporting for assistance, the bulletin said.

Yugoslav units adept at street fighting battled the Germans from the city's center.

Partisan forces, including the 100,000 men of the 1st and 2nd Divisions, are now attacking the city from the north and west on the Banjalika-Zagreb military railway. Further German troops have been able to maintain lines.

A Panzergrenadier division in the Banjalika area has been fighting.

THE ENEMY'S HAMMER

MAINTAINS PRESSURE ON FRENCH AIR

Yanks Blast Military Objectives
Strike In Pas De Calais Section

LONDON—(AP)—United States Marauder medium bombers heavily attacked military objectives in the Pas de Calais area of France today in the wake of RAF Mosquito forays into western Germany. All planes returned from both operations.

The Marauders were escorted by RAF Mustangs and Allied fighters.

An advance of the German-controlled radio tower at the Norwegian long-range transmitters at Oslo and Tromsø. This operation is an indication that British or American aircraft are overhead in those areas.

Shortly after 10 A. M. 15 A. M. EWT's force of medium bombers, strongly escorted by fighters, swept in from the west, headed in the direction of Pas de Calais, rained off the roof of the German "radio tower."

The attack on Western Germany last night by the speed Mosquito formations was the second successive night raid on this general area by these planes and was carried out without loss, the Air Ministry said.

Fire, meanwhile, were reported still burning in Berlin from the two previous night assaults on the German capital and advised heavily by fire and rocket bombs, said to be widespread in factory districts in the southeastern part of the city.

The Air Ministry announced that RAF Mustangs and Allied fighters and fighters from the RAF, including the RAF, were shot down and seven Allied planes were missing in these operations.

Deny Bulgar Upheaval

LONDON—While the British radio broadcast today said that the Bulgarian Government of Bulgaria had been overthrown, dispatched from Turkey said the belief persisted that Premier Dobri Pichin was on the verge of collapse if it has not actually fallen.

The exact situation in Bulgaria, however, is not clear, it was said, but it is believed that the Bulgarian Government has been overthrown, but it is not clear whether it has actually fallen.

Telephone and telegraph communications between Bulgaria and Turkey was broken off suddenly yesterday without explanation.

The Istanbul advice said it was likely that the Bulgarian Government would be replaced by a new government within the next two weeks if the Russian southward advance continues. The Red Army's advance into Bulgaria has been reported as a result of developments in the Balkans.

Both Bulgaria and Rumania were said to be in a state of confusion, with the expected Soviet breakthrough.

A correspondent for the Turkish paper Ankara, writing from Bulgaria, said that it was believed there would be a change of government in Bulgaria within the next two weeks.

3 Jap Warships Blasted By Planes

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea (AP)—Japan's naval strength is weaker by two cruisers and one destroyer which were damaged, possibly sunk, by United States Navy carrier planes in an attack at Kavieng.

While the planes from a carrier force of the South Pacific Command were hammering the enemy warships with heavy bombs and torpedoes, other aircraft from South Pacific bases were attacking 23 Japanese planes over Kavieng and Rabaul, big enemy loss has been reported.

United States Navy planes were lost in the two raids.

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea (AP)—The first meeting of the new Allied "Invasion War Council" appeared imminent today amid indications that a master plan for the onslaught against Fortress Europe has been worked out and only a starting date needs to be set.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of British land forces for the invasion, already has arrived in London, it was disclosed last night. The Allied commander, Air Chief Marshal Trafford Leigh-Molloy, and the U. S. Strategic Air Force commander, Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, also are in England, and a spokesman of the invasion command is expected to arrive.

Montgomery was quoted as saying that the invasion force would be ready to move "in the next few days."

Delayed dispatches from Italy said that Allied troops in a forward position in the north of Italy "though I don't say next month, next week or next year."

The British Army's new Eighth Army moved into a battle line theater in southwestern Italy, Montgomery declared. "The situation is good. All we have to do is have complete cooperation between the British and the Americans—and get on with the job."

There have been certain complaints about the slowness of the campaign in Italy," Montgomery said. "The main reason for this is that the British Army landed in Italy on Sept. 3 and by Dec. 3 the British had captured only 100 miles of country. I don't call that slow."

There was no further explanation of the 700-mile reference. It is 215 miles in the from Messina Strait to Bari on the Adriatic, and 155 miles sea line from Bari north to newly captured Otranto.

The British Army has been striking toward Pescara. The Eighth Army has moved by the sea to the Yugoslav frontier, and by three direct routes.

Green Candidate For Governor of Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Representative R. A. Hens (Gen. Sec. of State R. A. Gray as a Democratic candidate for Governor, his opponent for the job was named from Washington.

He is the first of four announced candidates for Governor in Florida. The others are Millard Caldwell of Tallahassee, Ernest Graham of Miami and Frank Upchurch of St. Augustine.

Smash Across Pre-War Red-Polish Border

German General Unable To Rally Men Against Russian Offensive

MOSCOW—(AP)—Red Army forces under Gen. Nikolai Vatutin, liberator of Kiev, were rolling over the flat frontier of old Poland today after capturing the former frontier town of Olevsk and smashing their way across the pre-war Russian-Polish border.

Fall of Olevsk and Novograd-Volynski, 42 miles to the south, was announced last night in a Russian communique which declared that 170 villages had been recaptured in the Soviet advance. Front line dispatches disclosed that Russian vanguards, pushing on rapidly from Olevsk along the Kiev-Warsaw railway, had crossed the old frontier a short time later.

The special advance from Olevsk to a former customs station 135 miles northwest of Kiev was supported on the left by another column which had occupied Buzhchino, 28 miles to the southeast.

The point at which the Russian crossed the old Polish border is approximately 150 miles east of the frontier from which the Germans launched their invasion. Russia after the partition of Poland, and is about 200 miles from Warsaw.

LINE NEWS—The Russian made no official comment on the crossing of the old border, which no longer recognized by the United States (international boundary line).

The southern wing of Vatutin's army, meanwhile, was pushing on to the town of Derzhinsk, 35 miles southwest of Zhitomir, in a drive which has been reported as a result of the right flank of Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's armies to the southeast toward Warsaw.

Flying Forts Hit In Northern Italy

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—U. S. Flying Fortresses knocked out the bearing plant at Villa Perosa in Northern Italy yesterday and battered the Turin railway yards. It was announced today, while ground Eighth Army Indian troops seized a hill and advanced inland from the Adriatic.

Soggy terrain hampered large-scale land fighting, but American troops probed defenses of San Vittore guarding the Rome road, and other patrols also struck up the Nazis.

ALLIED FORTS WRECKED OR DAMAGED dozens of hundreds of German supply trucks foundered in mountain passes, and bombed the Yugoslav ports of Split and Sibenik.

The Fortresses of the Fifteenth Air Force, soaring out from the base of the Twelfth Air Force, were the main force in the attack, which destroyed the main bearing plant, and damaged 6 per cent of the Nazis' output of bearings.

Villa Perosa is 22 miles southwest of Turin.

A Berlin broadcast declared a "major attack" was made yesterday on the communication center of Pavia, 21 miles southwest of Milan.

On the English Army front, Italian forces captured a hill a mile and a half from Castelluccio Pisanum, and advanced up the mountain.

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Thinks Invasion Might Bring German Collapse

STOCKHOLM—Germany is shaken to her very foundations by the invasion of Europe which has caused the Nazi home front to collapse, a Swedish aviation commander has declared in a letter to the Swedish government.

Writing in Tidningen, Stig Wennerstrom expressed doubt that bombing alone would bring about a German collapse, but he said that the invasion might cause a collapse.

His opinion about the possible collapse of Germany is not shared by some Swedish correspondents stationed in Berlin. While in Sweden for the holidays, which have been interrupted by the bombing, the correspondents reported that bombings in many cases brought about a collapse of the German home front, but they considered that to be the effect of total war.

"Poland", In Moscow's Eyes, Is 150 Miles Beyond Old Border

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Russia's first Ukrainian Army has plunged across the old Polish frontier—but in Moscow's view "Poland" apparently still lies 150 miles beyond the old border, the Red Army is 375 miles into Germany itself and has been in such a position for a great Nazi Soviet offensive in the days since the Red Army has moved more than 500 miles, toppling German troops under the hammer of Red Army troops crossed the pre-war Polish—Russian frontier after racing ten miles beyond the town of Olevsk.

But in September, 1939 by military partition of Poland by Germany and Poland by the Polish frontier back to 190 to 210 miles farther west. The Soviets have indicated that they are considering this new territory as "Russian."

Much of the Polish territory taken by Russia earlier had been Russian under earlier partitions of Poland, but was incorporated into an independent Poland after the first World War. Hitler's invasion of Russia was sprung in June, 1941 from the new border, carrying nearly to Moscow. The Russians have pictured their own expansion into eastern Poland as a defensive step in anticipation of Nazi invasion.

In a straight line west, it is 150 miles from the old border near Olevsk to the new 1939 boundary running along the River between Olevsk, on the German side, and Lublino, the crossing of the former East Prussia. The German drive into Poland was from the east.

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Fear Pole-Red Flareup

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull indicated today that the United States may make an effort to bring Poland and Russia together diplomatically and thus prevent any flareup now that Red troops have crossed the old Polish frontier.

Asked at his press conference about the forthcoming visit here by Gen. Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, Premier of the Polish Government-in-exile, Hull said the purpose of the visit was to discuss Polish-Russian questions.

Hull said this Government turns its attention to all matters arising in connection with the Allied situation abroad. It is practical and feasible to do it in a friendly spirit, he added.

The question of whether the underlying feeling between Poland and Russia, which do not have diplomatic relations, will flare up into actions taken by the Polish underground, the conduct of the Red Army, and the attitude of the Polish Government in London.

Jan Kaspaniak, Polish Deputy Minister who attended the United Nations Relief Conference in Atlantic City, said in Chicago that the Polish underground has been taken by the hundreds, throwing down their arms and going "over to the side of the Red Army" by entire companies.

Tremendous quantities of war equipment captured by the Red Army were gathered up by the advancing Red Army.

While Premier Stalin signalled the Red Army advance by an order of the day, standing in the way.

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Says Japan Faces "Grave Situation"

NEW YORK—Premier Hideki Tojo warned today that Japan faces a "grave situation" that will decide its rise or fall, victory or defeat.

"The present situation does not mean that the road is closed," Tojo broadcast, according to a spokesman in the Japanese government, including the Japanese minister, the Premier said, "but it is a very serious situation and it is inevitable and sure victory."

Mobilize All German Youth For War Tasks

LONDON—The German decree mobilizing all German youth for war tasks was announced today by the German radio.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and slightly cooler today. High 65, low 45. Tomorrow's forecast: Partly cloudy. High 65, low 45. (Burr P. M. 21)