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Bird Loses Feathers As Bombs Hit Vessel

By JOHN A. MOROSO III (Substituting for Hal Boyle) WITH THE U. S. NAVY IN BRITAIN, it is a common sight to see strange things when they hit ships. The pet canary of a British warship was prettying herself in a cage when a terrific blast swept through the vessel. Every feather on the bird was plucked and all she suffered was the shivers. Months later her shipmates were watching her feathers regrow. Meanwhile she kept her cage in the U. S. Navy's headquarters in London.

Finland Rejects Soviet-Dictated Armistice Terms

Further Negotiations Unlikely—Peace Hope Expressed, However By EDWIN SHANKE STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The Finnish Government affirmed today its continued desire for peace with Soviet Russia but declared firmly that it could not accept the armistice terms dictated by the Kremlin. The declaration, issued in a day-long communique, said the Finnish version of their attempts to get out of the war, all but extinguished hopes of further peace negotiations between Helsinki and Moscow. For the Finnish, however, the bulletin said, have declined to modify their original terms. The Finnish government said it would not accept the armistice terms dictated by the Kremlin. The Finnish government said it would not accept the armistice terms dictated by the Kremlin. The Finnish government said it would not accept the armistice terms dictated by the Kremlin.

Resistance To Germans Scattered

Quisling Regime May Be Set Up By WILLIAM S. WHITE LONDON—(AP)—Upwards of 100,000 German and Rumanian troops were reported occupying Hungary today against the growing threat of Russian armies at least 100 miles from the borders of the expanded Balkan Kingdom. Some scattered fighting sprung from the occupation but there was no sign of any serious difficulties for Hitler. Top-Notch Hungarian leaders including the present Admiral Miklos Horthy, and possibly Premier Nicholas Kallay were believed virtually kidnapped in Hungary, where they had been summoned to receive preliminary demands for almost immediate surrender. German troops were landing on all over Hungary and occupying strategic points, especially railroads, pipelines, and shipping points. The occupying forces were reported to be blocking the passage through the southwestern center of the town. The Germans also seemed to be filtering troops from the monastery atop Mt. Cassino down into the hill positions which they were defending so stubbornly.

Yanks Wipe Out 5 Jap Vessel Convoy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific—(AP)—American airmen sweeping to the attack at night wiped out five ships of a Japanese convoy off the sea Sunday near the enemy base at Wewak, New Guinea. Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that his forces had destroyed a large number of enemy troops and sailors were lost in the process. The Japanese planes to sink two transports, of 6,000 and 4,000 tons, and three destroyers.

Test Ahead In Burma

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Allied troops have captured the important communications center of Sittoung in Northeast Burma but a strong Japanese force is continuing to drive toward it. The capture of Sittoung, a strategic junction point of the Chindwin River Southwest Asia Headquarters announced today.

U. S. Submarines Destroy Another 15 Jap Vessels

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American submarines operating in the Philippine Sea have destroyed another fifteen Japanese ships, including five transports, according to the U. S. Navy today.

Nazis Get Back In Cassino Hotel

BY LYNN HEINZBERGER WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO—(AP)—German troops fought their way back into the wrecked Continental Hotel today. Enemy defenses in the southwestern part of Cassino and in the hills behind stiffened as Lt. Gen. Richard Heidrich, commander of the first German parachute division, tried to make good his boast that he would throw the Allies out of Cassino.

2 Rumanian Divisions Cut Down By Reds

Russian Army Drives To Within 50 Miles of Prut River Border By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW—(AP)—The Red Army had driven to within 50 miles of the Rumanian border after capturing the highway leading westward from Sorok in Bessarabia and smashing two Rumanian divisions hurled into the gap in the Nazi defenses, front dispatches said today. (Moscow considers the Prut River the current Rumanian border. The Russians in 1940 took over Bessarabian areas which previously had been part of Rumania.)

Vesuvius On Rampage

BY RICHARD G. MASSOCK After the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius at a speed of 30 miles an hour at noon today without signs of subsiding, and the molten river laced at a third village on the northwest slopes after destroying two villages, the lava stream, 20 feet high and 100 yards wide, moved toward Cercola, below San Sebastiano, its base where it is now 100 yards wide.

Yanks Bomb Coast Area

LONDON—(AP)—British-based American Liberators heavily bombed the Pas-de-Calais "rocket" coast area in the Channel today. It was the second heavy attack on that sector in three days.

U. S. Angrily Denies Rumors Of Vichy Deal

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The State Department described today as "false on their face" reports from Algerians suggesting that the United States might deal with Vichy officials when Allied armies began the liberation of France.

Lonergan Jury Half Completed

NEW YORK—(AP)—With proceedings moving quickly the jury in the Lonergan case was half completed today.

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Spies Pearly In Gotham Slush

NEW YORK—(AP)—The slush of a post-war investigation of espionage in New York City today revealed the names of 15 suspected spies.

Lava More Terrifying Than War Machines

BY EDWARD KENNEDY After the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius today, the lava stream was more terrifying than any war machine.

British Get 38 Escort Air Carriers From U. S.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced today that 38 escort aircraft carriers built in the United States have been delivered to the British under the Lend-Lease program.

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