

GERMANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD

Reds Fight Bitterly To Beat Off Assaults

LONDON (AP)—The Red Army defending Kharkov has repulsed enemy attacks in violent engagements west of the city but the Germans continued their push in the night's fighting, the Russian press communique as recorded by the Soviet Radio Monitor here said today.

"Disregarding their tremendous manpower and material the Hitlerites continued their push towards the city," the war bulletin said.

"In two days of fighting, units of 20 formation destroyed 200 trucks and more than 100 trucks and killed several thousand Germans," south of Kharkov Red Army men of 20 formation disabled or burned out 100 German tanks and killed about 200 German officers and men."

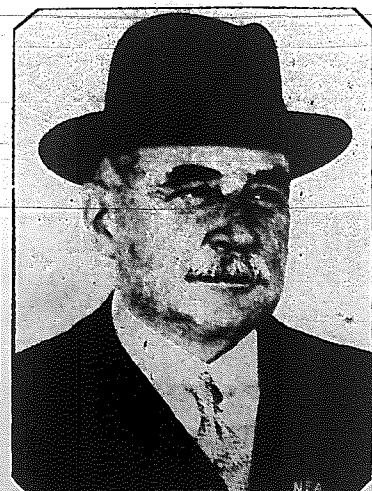
The communique broadcast was delayed after the regular Moscow radio devoted that time instead to repeating a special announcement of last night which said that 18,000 men, women and children had been shot or poisoned by the Germans during their occupation of Rostov. The playing of funeral music followed its reading.

Several towns were captured south of Dely, which are 60 miles west of Smolensk, in a Red Army advance which overwhelmed German resistance, the news agency said.

Financier J. P. Morgan Dies In Little Island Resort Town

Great Banking Empire's Head

By E. V. W. JONES
BOCA GRANDE, Fla.—John Pierpont Morgan of New York, wizard of finance and the ruler of a tremendous banking empire, died at 75 A. M. today at this isolated Gulf of Mexico island to which he had come for a vacation as fishing.



J. P. MORGAN

American Period Ends With Morgan

He Was A Boy When Money-Masters Ruled Nation—Lived To See Change

NEW YORK (AP)—J. P. Morgan remained consistent to the end—publicly shy—but with his passing consisting chapter in American history was stamped, sealed and finished.

Petaín May Be Dying

Aged French Marshal Reported Very Ill

ALGERS (AP)—Undergirding the German front which reached French North Africa today, said Marshal Petaín suffered a stroke several days ago which is in a critical condition and probably dying in a hospital here, it was reported.

Marshal Petaín, 86-year-old hero of Verdun who emerged from semi-retirement to head post-armistice France, has been less and less active since the Nazi invasion in May, 1940.

Tax Return Flood Seen Expected To Pour In During Week-End

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the filing deadline only two days away, Treasury officials today predicted that internal revenue collectors throughout the country would be shown under by an avalanche of income tax returns and money over the week-end.

Gunfire Heard From French Alpine Region

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GENEVA (AP)—Gunfire was plainly heard in this Swiss border city today from the French Alpine region of Haute Savoie, where the Vichy Government has sent 400 Mobile Chasseurs armés and machine-guns in an effort to dislodge guerrillas opposing the German occupiers.

The Geneva Zuercher Zeitung said French partisans and a General Cartier were reported to have taken positions on the Bonnet Plateau and apparently were supplied arms and ammunition by Allied planes.

Eisenhower Says Foe In Tunisia To Be Crushed

Declares Escape Efforts Foiled

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Allied bombers blasted military objectives of Sousse and Tunis with fire-setting raids yesterday and attacked both land and sea transport of the Axis as ground fighting on the Tunisian front dwindled again to patrolling.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower pointed to ultimate victory in an order of the day, dated March 9, in which he said his command had suffered in recent bitter fighting, but the enemy has been once frustrated and twice defeated in his attempts to break the Allied ring encircling him.

"Possibly he will make further and desperate efforts," the order said, "but I know that the forces of our first armies will, with the continued effective support of our Naval and Air Forces, push him back to the sea and to destruction."

"I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the inclusion of the Eighth Army and the Western Desert Air Force in the Allied line in which I am so honored to command."

"These forces will continue to apply the unified purpose of our Naval and Air Forces to the destruction of the Axis to unconditional surrender."

"I thank all ranks of the Army, Navy and Air Forces for their recent great effort."

"For the immediate future I know that each one of us has no other thought than to do his full duty and to win in clearing Tunisia of the enemy."

The Eighth Army's lines in the Mareth Line sector, having broken off probing thrusts by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel with a violence that cost him heavy casualties, remained unchanged, a communique said.

BOMBERS ATTACK
Four bombers made heavy attacks on the docks and railway yards at Sousse yesterday, the report said. The attacks were seen on both targets and large fires were left burning.

May Restrict Seed Potatoes
WASHINGTON (AP)—In the wake of the war, the War Relocation Authority today announced that it will restrict the sale of seed potatoes to military personnel.

Nazis Nervous Over Possibility Of Invasion And Civil Unrest
By ROBERT BUNELLE
LONDON (AP)—The very over the prospects of a 1943 invasion and the unwillingness of the civil populations of occupied countries, the Germans were reported today to have conferred with police authorities in Paris during the last fortnight on measures to prevent outbreaks in the home front should the Allies march on the continent.

De Gaulle expressed the hope that a "several nations" may be synchronized with the battles of liberation by the Allies.



ANTHONY EDEN

Eden Tells About Hard Job Ahead

Briton, In Washington Now, Says Setbacks Certain Before War Is Won

WASHINGTON (AP)—Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, said today that "setbacks and disappointments are absolutely certain" before the United Nations can hope to win the war and the peace afterwards.

Eden, in Washington for talks with President Roosevelt and other leaders, told a press conference of the hard job which he said lies ahead in completing the war.

"I am sure that all aspects of the war with Mr. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull and others in extensive conversations."

FLIES TO CAPITAL
The diplomat, who last year negotiated a 20-year alliance between Britain and Soviet Russia, flew to Washington yesterday.

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Their target was the important French rail junction of Amiens, 60 miles northeast of Rouen, which was itself bombed in daylight yesterday.

It is through these two key junctions that the Germans must pour most of their supplies for troops assigned along 100 miles of French coastline between the Somme and the Seine.

Vapor trails streaming out behind the United States sky giants stretched from coast to coast of the Channel, pointing the way to the location of Adolf Hitler's European citadel, which has been under almost constant day and night assault for seventeen days.

There was a ten-minute gap in the bombing schedule.

Recorded by fighters, the American bombers scored nearly five miles high under the cover of a moon and soon returned from the direction of Hitler's European citadel, indicating that their targets had been hit.

The Royal Air Force's overwhelming pressure on German defenses was maintained when a cloud of four-engine planes pursued an attack on Essen exceeding that of the previous night and shattered 450 acres of that city.

The Air Ministry had described last week's raid as probably the heaviest blow of the aerial war, more than 1,000 tons of bombs raining down on the city.

The pilots of the great force over the city last night said that smoke from the carpet of fire set by the block-buster bombs and incendiaries reached a height of 15,000 feet.

Of the ground defenses strengthened so much since the last raid week, one pilot said the Germans "seemed determined we shouldn't get through" and 23 bombers did not return.

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RAID MUNDA AND OTHER JAP BASES
WASHINGTON (AP)—American bombers raided Munda and other Japanese bases in the central Solomon Islands today, the Navy reported today, after two enemy planes had dropped bombs on American positions on Guadalcanal Island.

Psychiatrist Says That If Hitler Is Really Ill His Star Will Wane
WASHINGTON (AP)—Commenting on an unconfirmed report that Hitler had suffered a complete breakdown, Dr. Wilfred D. Yechter, one of the nation's leading psychiatrists, said today "If true, it would probably do more to discredit him than the cure of the German people than military reverses because of their faith in his mental stability."

He has been called a neurotic, a psychopath and a paranoid by persons who have purported to psychoanalyze him on the basis of his speeches in "Mein Kampf" and his various utterances, but I've always deprecated that sort of pseudo diagnosis. It's little more than pure speculation.

It would probably label Hitler as an outright madman," he said, "driven to a mental breakdown by the terrible British and American attacks."

Since Hitler failed to appear Jan. 30 at the annual Nazi celebration of his rise to power, numerous reports of his physical ailments and nervousness have been circulated throughout the world.

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