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500 ALLIED PLANES HIT AXIS AREAS AMERICANS IN MAJOR SUCCESS ON ATTU

Germany, Not Italy, Is Goal Of Invasion

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK (Former Chief of the Associated Press Bureau in Rome) WASHINGTON — (AP) — Diplomatic observers expressed doubt today that Italy would be invaded by the Allies this Summer, although they said the threat of invasion would hang constantly over that unhappy peninsula. These observers, who have concentrated on the Italian situation from day to day, said the major drive in Europe would almost certainly be made against the Germans, with Italy a secondary factor in the invasion planning.

BOMBING WILL CONTINUE

Pending the invasion of the continent, probably at several points, the American-British policy apparently is to bomb Italy out of the war. If Italy collapses, deserted by the Germans, four major developments are expected: 1. The Italian Army would offer only brief resistance to Allied occupation, with the Italian people accepting it as a deliverance from Fascism.

Mr. Churchill, who promised that the Italians will have a part in the new life of Europe, said he recognized that a one-party, totalitarian system, applied over a number of years, was capable of obliterating the sense of personal liberty. The Italians, for instance, had allowed themselves to be led by the nose by intriguing leaders.

Doubt Gotham Raid Would Be Worth It

BERN, Switzerland — (AP) — The Gazette de Lausanne suggested today that the Italian claim of having bombed the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Eritrea had brought within the realm of possibilities "a spectacular operation against New York," but concluded "the game wouldn't be worth the candle." The Italian operation was reported to have entailed a 24-hour raid and it was pointed out that Italian bombers leaving the French Atlantic Coast could reach New York and return within the time.

Coal Settlement Looms With Concessions Of About \$1 A Day

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Both coal operators and the United Mine Workers face each other across the bargaining table again today in a tacit, if tentative, acceptance of a War Labor Board decision which virtually stripped their dispute down to one substantial issue—partial-to-portial pay. The way thus was opened to further extension of the truce under which the industry has been operating with prospects for a full settlement apparently in the brightest sign negotiations began Tuesday and a half month ago. UMW President John L. Lewis was silent.

Jap Position In Valley Wiped Out By Troops

Drive Against Second Center WASHINGTON — (AP) — United States troops have wiped out the Japanese position in Chichagof Valley, one of three major areas held by the enemy on Attu Island, the Navy announced today, and were reported following up with a drive against a second main position around Chichagof Harbor.

JAPS LOSE HEAVILY

The Chichagof Valley sector was cleared of enemy forces on Monday, although there was no report of enemy casualties. It was assumed here that the dwindling Japanese units on the North Pacific had again lost heavily and that those which survived the attack for a final stand with their comrades in the area surrounding Chichagof Harbor.

On May 24th, United States Army T-47 torpedo bombers and Wildcat fighters bombed and strafed Japanese installations at Hime, West of Vila on Kolombangara Island.

Vote To Keep FR From Using Emergency Funds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate today voted to strip President Roosevelt of authority to use war emergency powers to direct operations of Federal Agencies without specific appropriations by Congress.

Two Earthquakes Are Recorded

WESTON, Mass. — (AP) — Two earthquakes—one described as "severe," in the vicinity of New Zealand, and of the other "moderately strong" were reported after inspection of Weston College seismograph records today.

Death Takes Edsel Ford

President of Great Ford Organization Succumbs in Detroit

DETROIT — (AP) — Edsel Bryant Ford, president of the Ford Motor Co., died at 1:30 A. M. today. Death came to the 49-year-old president of the world's greatest family-owned manufacturing enterprise at his home in suburban Grosse Pointe Shores, after an illness of many months standing that became critical ten days ago. With him at his bedside were his wife, the former Eleanor Lowthian Clay, and three of their four children.

Mississippi Tears At Huge Plants

Endangered By Flooding Waters Which Show No Sign of Falling

Two huge industrial plants in southern Illinois, as well as several small communities in that region and in eastern Missouri, remained imperiled today as the rampaging Mississippi River, choked with flood waters from scores of tributaries, showed no material drop in the lower reaches.

Uneasy Calm On Red Front

Storm Threat Hovers Over Battle Lines

MOSCOW — (AP) — Land action moved today from the south to the north as German troops and Soviet front, where the Russians reported they had captured four Soviet cities and predicted "it will press, said there was a general impression that the existing rates would be maintained for the year ended by the bill actually would mean a 12 1/2 per cent tax increase in 1944 and 1945, while the unabsorbed 25 per cent was being paid out.

Navy's Corsair Plane Described As Superior To All Zero Models

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Navy's Corsair fighter plane, the first such craft in the service to have a 2,000 horsepower engine, was described today as the first time as decidedly superior to all models of the famed Japanese Zero, even in maneuverability.

Speed Move To Enact Compromise Tax Measure

Modified Ruml Plan Adopted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House and Senate conferees who finally struggled to a compromise on pay-as-you-go income tax collection raced against the legislative clock today to put it into effect by July 1, only five weeks away.

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Italian Isles Under Violent Assault

From northwest Africa yesterday nearly 400 planes again swarmed over the battered islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria—the outer defenses of the Mussolini homeland—and delivered their heaviest bombloads on Messina, the Sicilian ferry terminal.

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Super-Attack Is Made Upon Duesseldorf

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Duesseldorf, Rhineland City of 429,000, which 300 acres already had been laid waste by previous assaults, was the target last night of approximately 500 of the RAF's giant bombers in the RAF's fourth super-raid of the month. The attack approached or equaled the record 2,000-ton bomb assault on Dortmund of two nights ago.

Great Assault On German City

LONDON — (AP) — An armada of RAF heavy bombers, probably as strong as the force which unloaded more than 2,000 tons of explosives on Dortmund Sunday night, blasted Duesseldorf last night in a continuing offensive aimed at obliterating Germany's arms centers one by one.

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