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Full Weight Of Air Blitz Turned Upon Tiny Island

Is Target After Pantelleria... By DANIEL DE LUCE... ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP) — Allied air forces which made history by forcing the capitulation of Pantelleria without the intervention of a single ground soldier have turned their full weight on the Italian Island of Lampedusa, 80 miles to the south, General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Headquarters announced today.

Lampedusa, only about half the size of the rocky little fortress of Pantelleria which turned in its checks yesterday after the greatest deluge of bombs on so small a target in aerial warfare, began ex-

By ASSOCIATED PRESS A Rome dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio today, said "no missiles were fired" in Italy's capital regarding the fate of Lampedusa, which was brought under Allied attack yesterday within a few hours of the fall of Pantelleria, 50 miles to the north. The broadcast was rebroadcast by the Associated Press.

The general view here in Rome is that this completely isolated stronghold, held by a small garrison, will be a smaller success to Allied attacks, the dispatch said, "preventing a similar pounding in the afternoon." The onslaught continued last night.

SAY SURRENDER ASKED (The Italian High Command, in a communique recorded by the Associated Press from broadcasts said the Allies had served an ultimatum for surrender of Lampedusa, as they did at Pantelleria, but declaring the garrison is "heroically resisting.")



PASS THE AMMUNITION—If an army travels on its stomach, these U. S. soldiers are getting the proper ammunition. It's dinner time at American base in Buna area of New Guinea, and the line is long and hungry.

Greatest Russian Air Drive Made

700-Plane Attack Hurdled Against German Fields Along Front

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN MOSCOW—(AP)—The 700-plane raid hurled against German air fields along the stirring Russian front, Thursday night was the greatest Soviet aerial drive of the war and it destroyed 150 Nazi aircraft and spread havoc on runways, hangars, fuel dumps and ammunition depots, Russian dispatches said today.

The previous Russian record attack was mounted with 500 planes against Orel a few days ago. That, the Russian news agency, said that a considerable fighter force attempted to intercept the Russian planes, but while Russian fighters fought them off the big bombers went on to their objectives.

De Gaulle Having Way Army Purge Reported Agreed Upon... ALGIERS—(AP)—The French Committee for National Liberation was reliably reported today to have reached an agreement to discharge high Army officers with anti-Allied, Fascist or Petainist backgrounds...

All Sicily In Range Of Fighter Air Craft Now

Can Strike From Two Sides... LONDON—(AP)—All of Sicily now is within range of Allied fighter planes through capture of Pantelleria, the Air Ministry pointed out today, fighter craft from there being able to reach the western half and Malta-based planes covering the east.

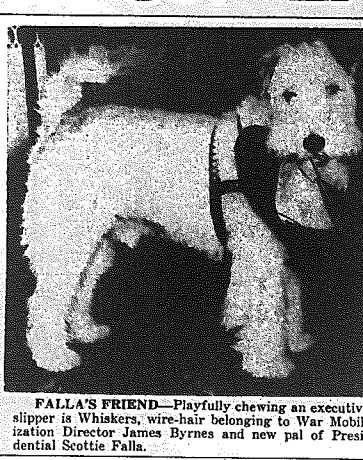
FALLA'S FRIEND—Playfully chewing an executive slipper is Whiskers, wire-hair belonging to War Mobilization Director James Byrnes and new pal of Presidential Scottie Fala.

Alabama Miners Return To Work

Group Which Started Parade Of New Coal Strikes Comes Back... WASHINGTON—(AP)—The approximately 615 Alabama coal miners who had started a parade of new strikes returned back to work today, given an "out" by Secretary Wickes to avoid fines he had proposed for their June 11 walkout.

Say Politics Ruled Out

Passage Of Bills Delayed As Proof... WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee has unanimously approved 37 bills, before the vote in an inter-Harbor attack and Chairman Bloom, Democrat, New York, held this up in the name of his belief that Congress will rule out partisan politics when it considers the peace.



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Shoe Stamp Life Long

New One Must Last People Through Oct. 31... WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration (OPA) announced today that the new shoe ration stamp which becomes valid next Wednesday must last civilians through Oct. 31.

Break Made By Lions At Elizabeth, N. J.

Elizabeth, N. J., June 12—The circus has been today from cage wagons on the training ring at the Gilbert department store in what a near-by shopping district for more than an hour.

Largest Force Of Bombers Of The War Used

Greatest Weight Of British Bombs Concentrated On Duesseldorf... By EDWARD B. BALL LONDON—(AP)—The RAF, assuming its deadly offensive against the armament centers of the Reich, sent the greatest force of heavy bombers of the war to attack several targets in the Ruhr and Rhineland last night, concentrating its greatest deluge of bombs on Duesseldorf, it was announced today.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army shakedown possibly is a phase of such a shift. BLACKSHIRT ARRESTED IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—James Grigg, British Secretary of State for War, and Air Secretary Sir Archibald Stirling, arrived in North Africa today.

RAF Rakes Akyab Again... NEW DELHI, India—(AP)—Japanese stores and shops at Akyab, in Western Burma, were bombed by RAF planes yesterday and a body of Japanese troops and a supply dump in low level attacks on the area, a British communique said today.

AMBASSADOR EN ROUTE AS Ombudsman To Mexico... BEATLES—(AP)—Constantine G. Constantine, former British ambassador to the United States, passed through Seattle yesterday en route to become the British ambassador in Mexico City, thereby ending a rift of thirteen years in British-American relations.

WEATHER section with a weather map and temperature forecasts.

From Bataan To The Solomons—They Call It Pacific By Clark Lee. While we were eating, our local correspondent came in. He knew a little more about what was going on, but not much. He told us the almost unbelievable story of Major Emil Smith, ex-U. S. Army, who had obtained release from an internment camp for a H. Hagan...