

# ITALIAN ISLES BOMBED BY AIRS

## FINAL EFFORT MADE TO AVERT COAL TIE-UP

### Look For "Der Tag" Germans Fear Allies Might Hit Denmark

By EDWIN SHANKE

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The Germans have built well-camouflaged military towns in Jutland as anti-invasion nerve centers from which highly mobile units can be rushed to any danger point in Denmark, reliable information reaching here disclosed today.

The towns—one of them is big enough to house 10,000 soldiers—are understood to be typical of the Nazi scheme for defending the Lowlands, France and the Balkans by economically concentrating reserves instead of stretching them thin along the entire coastline.

One large town has been built north of the rail junction at Brande, where once there was only farmland.

### MUCH SABOTAGE

Along with the reports of defense measures taken by the invasion-nervous Germans came stories which indicated that military sabotage by the Danes continued on a large scale—some major destruction at least once every 24 hours, with the Danish police giving the saboteurs passive assistance, it was said.

Allied seizure of the little kingdom, 350 miles across the North Sea from England, would isolate German forces in Norway and set the stage for a short-cut march on Berlin itself.

The Germans have named June 22—next Tuesday—as "der tag" for an Allied invasion of the Continent, although neither Berlin nor Rome has offered more than wild guesses as to where the blow or blows would fall.

Sources here estimated the Germans now have about 200,000 troops in Denmark compared with 60,000 two months ago. They are concentrated mostly in Jutland, which is a forbidden military zone.

Sections of the West Coast, where towns were evacuated to permit the construction of fortifications, are being covered by shifting dunes. To build defenses in the sand the Germans removed natural growths which had held the dunes in check and the wind whipped the sand over the area converting it into a wasteland.

### NAZIS BUILD

Some of the Danes' sabotage on German installations and factories was amateurish, having only a nuisance value but the informants said it served as a diversion from major acts carried out by professionals, many of them Danes who parachuted back to their native country for their task.

The Germans have posted heavier guards on the railways, which have proved especially vulnerable.

Despite Danish resistance, it was said, the Nazis still are not using strong-arm methods typical of the other

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### Duesseldorf "Is In Ruins" After Attack

LONDON—(AP)—The Air Ministry said today Duesseldorf "is in ruins," with more than 1,000 acres devastated after the great attack by RAF heavy bombers which was mounted 143 offensive. The RAF lost 43.

The Allied Ministry said one night's bombing obliterated all the work of reconstruction that went on through last autumn and winter, after 350 acres were flattened during the last summer.

Three times as much again is to be done," now, the Ministry said of the rapid task facing the Germans. "This probably is an impossible task, you could hear the motors plainly. The noise of the motors was deadly and vicious. You thought of being down to stony tree roots in a muddy jungle, and having a rattlesnake weave his ugly head two inches from your throat, waiting and picking his place to strike. You thought of all the evil night-photography which had ever had. Everybody knew when the planes were coming.

At least about seven-thirty in the morning, when the sun was hidden behind the clouds over the mountains in back of Munich, would come the observation plane. It was either

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### Operators, Union Men Agree To Conference

But 45,000 Have  
Left Pits

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United Mine Workers and the soft coal operators agree to return to the conference table today to seek a basis for averting another tie-up of the nation's mines with the expiration of the "working truce" tomorrow midnight.

Even as this was disclosed a completion from the mine fields showed that more than 45,000 miners already had left their jobs in protest against the War Labor Board's (WLB) refusal to approve pay for underground travel time.

An informed source, disclosing plans for a mid-afternoon meeting of the miners and the operators have not necessarily agreed to resume collective bargaining on the merits of the demands of the miners, but would "see what can be done about the War Labor Board order."

### CRUCIAL DECISION FACES

President John L. Lewis and the UMW Policy Committee faced a crucial decision today in deciding whether to accept the WLB order.

The travel pay demands rejected by the War Labor Board (WLB), the union says, are "unreasonable."

Tension was intensified as Lewis presided over a Policy Committee meeting from 11 A. M. to 6 P. M. (EST); present, Lewis gave his men more time to consult with representatives of the WLB order referring the miners' operational pay claim to the War Labor Board for arbitration, or collective bargaining, as the UMW leaders have demanded.

Lewis went into session in the forenoon with his district presidents, but a spokesman said a statement of any kind is unlikely in advance of the full policy meeting late in the day.

### GO TO WHITE HOUSE

A delegation of six miners from Lewis County, Virginia, came to Washington with a request for admission to the White House to present their UMW Headquarters telephoned President's Secretary Marvin McIntyre who agreed to see the group.

The UMW, acting after a command by President Roosevelt, stopped

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### Attempt Made On Life Of Chinese Puppet

CHUNGKING—(AP)—A Chinese report said today that Chinese patriots attempted to assassinate Wang Ching-wei, head of the Japanese puppet Nanking Government, last month by concealing a bomb under the platform

from which he was to address cadets at the Nanking Military Academy.

The plot was discovered, the report was found and rendered harmless and the group subsequently were executed, it was reported.

### ATTACK OPENED

The attack got under way when Representative Dirksen, Republican, proposed a reduction of \$32,000,000 in OPA funds for the next twelve months, chopping this to \$19,000,000 compared with

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### Il Duce Trembles: Italian Peace Envoys Reported In Algiers

LONDON—(AP)—Reuters reported from Algiers that Italian peace envoys, possibly including Prince Umberto and Marshal Pietro Badoglio, were in the French African capital as Premier Mussolini pressed over a Cabinet meeting in Rome which the Italian radio said approved new terms.

The German radio denied the rumors, Berlin quoted a Rome dispatch saying the peace mission story was "to be absurd and senseless that it denies reality."

Without mentioning the Algerian rumors, the German radio quoted a Rome dispatch as saying Crown Prince Umberto had been visited for several days by Regia Calabria localities by an Italian peace mission.

Other London quarters said they had no confirmation of the rumors of peace envoys in Algiers, but the rumors there were unavailing. Umberto commands an army group in Sicily and was reported as chief of staff early in the war.

The report recalled the statement of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, which said that Italy was a "necessary ally" of the Allies, that only "unconditional surrender" would be accepted from any warring Axis nation.



MUSSOLINI... In a characteristic pose, he is seen in a dark suit and white shirt, looking slightly to the right.

Mussolini stepped back late in the night, after a week of strange silence, he

clearing new threatened Southern Italian provinces "operation zones." This meant martial law was extended to most of the Italian west, including Naples, capital of Napoli.

The Rome radio, in a report received by the Associated Press, said the affected provinces were Foggia, Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Taranto, Corigliano, Matera and Partinella Calabria. Sardinia and Sicily, besieged Italian Mediterranean outpost islands, long have been under martial law.

The Marocco radio asserted that the Fascist Party directorate had asked Mussolini to relinquish control of the war to the party. This was confirmed report, recorded by the Associated Press, suggested that strife within the party was rampant and that efforts might be underway to limit Mussolini in a more preliminary to eventual bargaining with the Allies.

During most of the week, reports emanating from Italy have pictured Benito Mussolini, secretary of the Fascist Party, as the dominant figure in the Government.

Trustworthy reports from inside Europe said a tide of Italian opinion was turning against the war.

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### Congress & OPA Clash

### Feud In Open With House Chopping Funds

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congress and the Office of Price Administration (OPA) headed today toward a full-blown feud over food policies and their development.

1—Division of the House to cut OPA's funds by 25 percent and outlaw its proposed program for subsidizing price reductions.

2—Demands for a showdown over the subsidy issue in the Senate, with a bloc of fourteen Senators charging that most price reductions were demoralizing livestock interests.

3—Announcement in Chicago that the firm's operations had suspended or were ready to close. Five of the plants were closed. The firm's operations had suspended or were ready to close.

4—Disclosure that Food Administration officials had concluded that the Administration's program of price control was unworkable and was in danger of collapse. He included: (1) The situation and completely with President Roosevelt's closest advisers.

The House took a resounding vote in favor of the bill, which would reduce the OPA's appropriation bill for eighteen war agencies. Republican amendments aimed at OPA were rejected.

Members of both parties seized the opportunity to blast Price Administrator Fred Brown's agency.

5—The attack got under way when Representative Dirksen, Republican, proposed a reduction of \$32,000,000 in OPA funds for the next twelve months, chopping this to \$19,000,000 compared with

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### Wavell Choice For India Head Hailed

### East Asia Command Expected To Sharpen War Against Japanese

LONDON—(AP)—Great Britain today appointed Field Marshal Sir Archibald Percival Wavell as Viceroy of India and announced the forthcoming formation of a new East Asia Command to direct the final death blow against Japan.

The Wavell appointment and predicted he would take the Eastern command, to be headed by a formation of Commonwealth troops.

The proposal to set up the new military command implied British plans to add her full might to that of the United States in the war against Japan when the European fight has come to a successful conclusion, a promise first voiced by Prime Minister Churchill in 1942.

Further announcement on this subject will be made soon, said a statement from No. 10 Downing St.

As Viceroy and General of India, Sir Archibald Wavell, succeeds the Marquis of Linlithgow. The appointment is a promotion.

To take Wavell's place as commander-in-chief in India the British Government appointer General Sir Claude Auchinleck, who was relieved as British commander in the Middle East in 1942.

Field Marshal Wavell, now in Britain, will return to India to begin his duties when Lord Linlithgow's term expires in October. General Auchinleck takes over at once as Indian military commander in a position he held in 1940-41 before being shifted to the Middle East.

As the first step in the plan to create the new East Asia Command, the announcement said, it was reported that the present commander-in-chief in India of the

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### He Should've Known Better

### The Colonel, A Gay Blade, Gets Ears Pinned Back By His Lady

By HAROLD V. BOYLE  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 18—(AP)—The Colonel who tried to use some official Army jargon to the Colonel's lady for knocking down German and Italian planes.

When they shipped him off to the United States, he forgot to settle a \$170 debt he owed the post exchange at March Field, California. The bill followed him from

### Army Will Quit Hotels

### Will Cancel Leases In Middle of July

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department announced today that leases of 205 hotels now used by the military will be cancelled effective in the middle of July.

It was explained that the tapering off of the program for temporary use of hotels and other civilian buildings was made possible by the movement of many military units overseas, whose quarters in which technical training units now can be housed.

The department said that the cancellation of the leases will decrease the army's annual rental bill by \$4,600,000.

The general program of cancellation of leases, the department said, will affect hotels, which have been converted to military hospitals.

It was announced that for the present it is planned to continue occupancy of the hotels.

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### Biggest Raid Since Capture Of Pantelleria

### Sicily And Sardinia Attacked - 39 Axis Planes Shot Down In Combat

By HAROLD V. BOYLE  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—The greatest attacking force of American planes to go into action since the surrender of Pantelleria and Sicilian and Sardinian targets yesterday and shot down 39 enemy planes in combat.

Maj.-Gen. James H. Doolittle's strategic Air Force last night planes in resuming the offensive in the greatest force since the victory at Pantelleria on June 11. The total of 38 enemy planes shot down was the greatest number of fighters destroyed in the air by Doolittle's men in a single day, although there have been bigger combined operations by air and tactical air forces and Middle East airmen.

Sixty formations of Flying Fortresses attacked the eastern Sicilian city of Messina, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's communiqué announced. Three ships were hit and set on fire, one exploding, at Orta in Sicily. The Flying Fortresses were escorted by P-51 Mustangs and P-47 Thunderbolts.

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### Japs Lost 94 Planes

### Enemy Toll In Casual Casual Battle Raised

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Joint Chiefs of Staff today reported that the great air battle over Guadalcanal Island Wednesday was boosted by the Flying Fortress, which destroyed 94 enemy planes and shot down 39 Axis planes in combat.

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### WEATHER

Little change in temperature

Today's Temp. 87. High 91. Low 74. Sunrise Tomorrow 5:45. Sunset Tomorrow 7:45.

Additional 15-day weather forecast available in the 15-cent weather booklet, which is sold at the post office and in many newsstands.