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AMERICAN SLASHES JAPANESE GREEK TARGETS LARGE U. S. BOMBER FORCE HITS IN FRANCE

Italian Press In Effort To Steel People

Zero Hour Seen: Italian Press In Effort To Steel People... BERN—(AP)—The Italian press, apparently certain that the increased tempo of Allied raids on Sicilian, Sardinian and Italian mainland cities is a signal that invasion is imminent...

Articles emphasized that Mussolini had personally appeared Friday at a meeting of the Fascist Directorate to give his approval to Scorza's program. Italian papers did not publish his speech but it revealed military secrets...

Nothing would be won thereby, Il Popolo Di Roma said, "since the Allies would be unable to hold it any length of time." The Rome press differed with German correspondents who expressed belief that the Allies contemplated nothing more than continued air bombardment of Italian objectives.

RED DEMANDS CITED The Italians pointed to renewed urging from Soviet Russia for a second front and expressed the opinion that proceedings from Moscow with an invasion of Italian islands and the mainland timed with a Russian offensive against Germany.

A number of papers warned that Italy might expect air raids on Rome, adding that "Romans and real Italian Fascists will give the necessary proofs of courage and firmness and stand prepared for death... if air gangsters with their powerful planes sweep over the Imperial hill and churches which bear the names of the Apostles of Christ."

U. S. Battleships Reach Mediterranean

LONDON—(AP)—A Reuters report from Stockholm said today that United States battleships have reached the Mediterranean and joined the British battle fleet. The report, based on the Scandinavian Telegram Bureau, came a day after the Italian fleet was reported to have sailed into the open sea—perhaps for a fight, or perhaps for a safer refuge from Allied bombs...

From Batuan To Solomons They Call It Pacific

Chapter 25 The Princess headed straight out into the China Seas for about ten miles and then turned south along the coast of Luzon. The last we saw of her was in the Gulf of Iloilo, where she was seen sailing south of us and shining on the jungle-covered south shore of Batuan.

The most treacherous part of the trip that first night on the way to Cebu was passing through the Verde Island passage between Luzon and the island of Mindoro, which lay to the south. The straits were only eight miles wide, with an island in the middle.

Raid Follows Up Morning Assault By RAF Planes

German Ships Sent Down LONDON—(AP)—A large force of United States heavy bombers attacked targets in France late today. The first brief announcement from headquarters of the European theater of operations of the United States Army did not specify targets and gave no details of losses and air victories.

The RAF employed typhoon aircraft in the morning assault. The German convoy, found sailing in a line, the Air Ministry said. These vessels were attacked in the initial attack on the convoy. An explosion and yellow flames suggesting an ammunition fire broke out on one ship, which was beset by the Air Ministry.

Other typhoon bombers arriving later found two more German ships, one of them plunging to the assistance of the remaining two vessels at a standstill. One of them burst into flames and smoke after her wings were registered all over her.

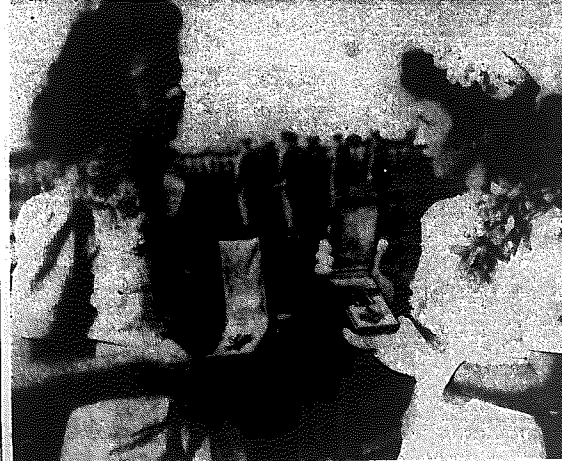
Using invisible ink to pen his messages between the lines and in the reverse side of apparently innocuous letters written to friends in various parts of Europe, Lehmitz transmitted information of a confidential nature to known German espionage contacts.

His reports dealt with all fields of national defense and even included brief comments on American public opinion and civilian morale which Conroy said was of paramount interest to Nazi intelligence.

Specializing in information concerning war shipments and troop movements, Lehmitz in one message described a shipment of bomb sights by the American Construction and repair of ships at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the loading of freighters at Norfolk and Newport News, Va., and the type and number of ships and tanks being carried in a convoy were included in the letters, the FBI agent added.

Typical of his activities, Conroy said, was one secret message reporting that transport ship... Farmer Returns Aviator's Wallet GRANTSBORO—(AP)—Farmer David P. Bennett found in his field a Marine's wallet containing \$100 in the pocket. The name of Second Lt. H. E. Hammond, Dade City, Okla., was in the wallet, and Bennett returned it to him.

The aviator had taken off his shirt on a hot day, and it had been sucked out of the cockpit of a plane, and dropped on Bennett's head.



WIDOWS RECEIVE HEROES' DECORATIONS—The widow of First Lieutenant John E. L. Huse (left) and the widow of Captain Curtis B. Caton display their decorations posthumously awarded their husbands for gallantry in the air. Mrs. Huse received her husband's Silver Star, awarded for aerial combat action in the Philippines, and Mrs. Caton received her husband's Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded for service in China.

Guilty Plea In Spy Case

Got Information For Germans NEW YORK—(AP)—Ernest Frederick Lehmitz, 37, pleaded guilty before U. S. Commissioner Martin C. Epstein in Brooklyn to FBI charges that he gathered information on troop movements, convoys and armament production for the Nazi intelligence system while serving as an air raid ward in Tompkinsville, Staten Island.

A withered-faced man in old clothes, Lehmitz said Epstein in an even voice that he pleaded guilty to the FBI charges and was ordered held in \$50,000 bail for grand jury action. He will be prosecuted under the Wartime Espionage Act, which provides a sentence of death or 30 years in prison for conviction.

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"Final Victory" Seen Approaching

McNarcy Says Full Impact of War Will Be Carried to Japan WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congress was assured today that the United Nations were rapidly approaching a "final victory" and that this war would be brought home to Japan in such a manner that "the whole empire will feel its full impact in a most violent and destructive way."

At one point, General McNarcy told Senator Gurney, Republican South Dakota, the use of the word "rapidly" might have been an overstatement, but added: "In the training and equipping of our armies and getting them ready for combat, we have made enormous progress in the last year. We have now committed to act, in concert with other United Nations, a rather large force."

Asserting that "strong and experienced enemies" confronted the United Nations on widely separated fronts, General McNarcy nevertheless declared in a statement following his remarks: "The co-ordinated operation of our land and air forces is rapidly bringing toward a final victory."

"Our operations in the Pacific have turned the tide of Japanese advance into a gradual withdrawal toward their home bases. Since our victory at Attu, the strategic movements of the Japanese have followed our strategy."

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Heavy Attack Is Made In Athens Sector

Continue Strong Offensive Against Axis Holdings in Balkans By GEORGE TUCKER CAIRO—(AP)—U. S. Ninth Air Force Liberators shattered Axis hangars, pitted runways and started fires at two airdromes near Athens yesterday in a powerful follow-up to the Thursday raid at Salonika which opened the trans-Mediterranean aerial offensive against German and Italian holdings in the Balkans. It was announced today that Axis explosives were loosed effectively at the air fields of both Eleivsis, west of Athens, and Hassani, southwest of the capital, and Allied leaflets were showered over the entire area.

The leaflets carried a tribute from President Roosevelt to the fighting courage and spirit of the Greek people and expressed hope that the day of their deliverance was not too far away. It also told the Greeks of the presentation of an anti-submarine patrol ship, the PC-52, to the Government - in - exile of King George II by the United States under Lend-Lease arrangements June 10.

Despite savage efforts by defense forces to keep the "Tide" in the Aegean basin quiet today but Axis "blitz" attacks against the air bases, the situation in the Aegean basin is still quiet. The whole surface of the airdrome appeared to be covered with bursts, the bulletin said.

HANGARS BURST The new attacks on Greece, a potential invasion route for Allied forces deployed in the Mediterranean basin, followed the massive B-24 bomber raid on the Sides airdrome at Salonika, Greece, Greek port, on Thursday.

(Bombings of principal enemy air bases is a necessary preliminary to any successful offensive. The German in recent weeks have been reported increasing their ground forces in the Balkans.)

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Yanks Raid in Central Burma NEW DELHI—(AP)—Medium bombers of the Tenth United States Air Force ranged over central Burma yesterday pounding Axis Japanese-controlled rail centers and industrial plants, a U. S. communiqué announced today. All aircraft returned safely.

U. S. Warns De Gaulle Against Playing Politics In North Africa

BY HIRKE L. SIMPSON WASHINGTON—(AP)—General Charles de Gaulle and his adherents had unqualified but emphatic notice today that the Allied commander in French Africa—charged with final preparations for an assault on the North African coast—would not brook interference due to French political considerations. The Anglo-American policy and purposes made available to this writer by such informants however will be firmly supported by both governments in whatever adjustments come to an end.

There is no intimation of what further measures may be required to safeguard Allied forces and fighting French morale. There can be no doubt, however, that the Allied policy outlined to this writer that this is regarded as a vital element in the military situation in French Africa, or that French political considerations will be dealt with on a strictly military basis and contrived to the effect on the status or ambitions of De Gaulle or any other individual.

Troop Back Into Mines

But Return Looks Like Slow Process PITTSBURGH—(AP)—More than 2000 troops were sent back to the mines in the Appalachian coal region today but it is not clear how long it will take in some sections, especially the Pennsylvania region, to get back to work.

The "go-to-work" campaign has more miners on the job in the Pennsylvania region today but it is not clear how long it will take in some sections, especially the Pennsylvania region, to get back to work.

Although the mines could not be definitely considered because of individual circumstances, the report from the Pennsylvania region today indicated that the situation in the Appalachian fields of mines is still quiet. The whole surface of the airdrome appeared to be covered with bursts, the bulletin said.

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Report Nazi Troops Moved

LONDON—(AP)—Fifty Nazi divisions were reported by a London source with the report connections in Europe today to have been ordered west from the Russian front to reinforce German defenses against an Allied invasion of the Continent.

This source cannot be further identified. There was no confirmation of the report in official quarters. The purported underground information did not indicate whether the transfer actually had begun.

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