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ITALIANS STRIKE DEEP INTO SICILY, BRITISH BATTERING AT CATANIA

Over 500 U. S. Planes Raided Rome; 5 Lost

Attack on Eternal City Described As Very Successful

By REILMAN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Allied Headquarters described yesterday's shattering aerial assault on Rome as an "outstandingly successful operation" today and disclosed officially that more than 500 American bombers carried out the raid with a loss of five planes.

Red Siege Guns Blast Orel From Three Sides

Tighten Ring Around Bastion

By WILLIAM McGAFFIN MOSCOW—(AP)— Russian siege guns were blasting the pivotal Nazi bastion of Orel from three sides today as the Red Army tightened its semi-circle around the fortress, dispatches from the front said today.



BACK FROM BOMBING SICILY—These crewmen of a B-26 smile happily at an advance medium bomber base in North Africa after returning from a pre-invasion bombing mission over Sicily.

Report Troops In Artillery Range Of Enna

Wholesale Italian Surrenders Easing Way for American Advance

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—American troops are stabbing deeper into western and central Sicily against weakening Axis resistance by Italians reported mutinying against German officers, and British forces in the vital battle for Catania have smashed back desperate German-tank attacks, it was announced today.

Very Great Damage Admitted By Italy

Says Buildings "Sacred To Faith And Science" Heavily Hit

LONDON—(AP)—While Axis propaganda beat the drums of indignation today over the American bombing of Rome, the official Italian communication acknowledged "very great damage" in yesterday's attack and placed the toll of victims at 166 killed and 1,659 injured.

Mussolini, Hitler Talk

Meeting Held in North Italian City

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Adolf Hitler and Premier Mussolini met in a north Italian city for discussion of military matters, the Berlin dispatch announced today.

Plan For Lengthy War With Japan

Naval Program Based on Estimate Fighting Will Go On for Years

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Vice-Admiral Frederick J. Hornig revealed today that the Navy is planning for a war against Japan to last at least until 1949.

Americans Move Fast

Try To Bring Fleeing Italians to Battle

By HAROLD V. BOYLE WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN SICILY (Delayed)—(AP)—While the British stolidly held a line running from the sea westward to Enna, the Americans were within at least three miles of Catania.

U. S. Raiders Strike Near Japan

Proper In Attacking Paramushiro

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy announced today that Liberator heavy bombers, winging over the Japanese sea of the North Pacific, had bombed the enemy base of Paramushiro Monday, starting fires and scoring near hits on shipping.

Chinese Laud Raid on Rome

Catholic Paper Hopes Italy Will Wake Up

CHUNGKING—(AP)—The Chinese Catholic newspaper, "The Welfare," today expressed the hope that the bombing of Rome would stimulate the Italian people to "wake up and live for Italy and human civilization."

Attack Made In Norway

Nazis Say Red Landing Effort Failed

LONDON—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today that a Russian amphibious force had attacked the coast of Varanger Fjord in extreme northern Norway.

Churchill Silent About Sicily and Rome Attack

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill appeared before the House of Commons today and fielded a series of minor questions from members but made no statement on the Allied campaign on the bombing of Rome.

Americans Make Indo-China Raid

By Associated Press

The Tokyo radio reported today that the United States Air Force in China had bombed the Tsinan area in French Indo-China on Sunday and Monday. No details were given except that the French China Administration had notified the U. S. that 10 persons were killed and 40 wounded.

Report 20 Italians Killed in Germany

LONDON—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm quoted a Swedish dispatch today as reporting that German SS troops (Elite Chasse) killed twenty Italian workers who demonstrated at a gun-works rubber factory and demanded to be sent home.

Heavy Fighting in China

CHUNGKING—(AP)—A Chinese communication reported today that heavy fighting had been in progress for ten days in the mountainous region of the Yangtze River valley.

Allied Bombers In Long-Distance Raid On Jap Base In East Indies

Southwest Pacific battlefront: Allied ground troops were supported by heavy and medium bombers again pounded the Kabil and Balabac airbases in the Dutch-Indonesian area, starting three large fires. Last reports on the heavy bomber attack here Sunday said 21 enemy fighters were shot down against a loss of ten of our planes. First accounts listed enemy losses as 18 ours at four. One of our planes was missing after the latest raid. The Liberator bombers were concentrated by units of the reactivated German 15th Armored Division in strong opposition, but were not immediately destroyed.

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