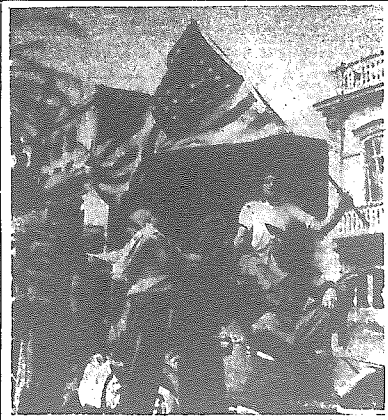


YANKS CAPTURE NEW GEORGIA FROM JAPS

All Enemy Resistance Broken In Bitter Fight

Nips Flee In Night

By OLEN CLEMENTS... ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC... Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that all Japanese resistance has ceased on New Georgia in the Central Solomon Islands...



FLAG AND FLOWERS IN MESSINA — Citizens of Messina gave forth with a colorful welcome with flags and flowers when American forces entered the Sicilian town. In one of first jeeps to arrive in Messina was Donn Sutton, editor of NEA, (in front seat) who is acting as photographic war pool co-ordinator in the Mediterranean area.

Pincer Is Aimed At Japs In Pacific

MacArthur Directs One Prong And Mountbatten The Second

By PRESTON GROVER... NEW DELHI.—(AP)—A vast pincer movement to cut off Japan from all her newly-acquired Southern islands was regarded as a possibility here today as a result of the conference decision to lay new emphasis on this theater.

At our end would be Vice Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, in command of the South China Sea and the other Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

USE CHINESE AIR BASES... Directly on the line made by the United States, with a historical highly suitable for airports. From such airports land-based airplanes could attack Japanese supply lines...

North of Buna, these Japanese destroyers were attacked by Liberators Aug. 23 and new ship was hit squarely with a 500-pound bomb. Smoke enveloped the ship.

Reds Smack Nazis Back 15 Miles In Ukraine

Lunge Carries To Psel River

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW — (AP) — The Russian army's western drive across the Ukraine has pushed the Germans back another fifteen miles and reached the Psel River, a tributary of the Dnieper, 100 miles west of Kharkov, the Army newspaper Red Star disclosed today.

This new advance placed Soviet troops 15 miles west of Zerkov, the farthest point previously announced by the Russians in their Westward push.

Only a few hours earlier a Soviet communiqué announced that Russian forces had struck toward the West in a new sector, overrunning the German defenses at Sevsk, midway between West of Orel and Belgorod.

Red Star said the Germans withdrew across the Psel to the West bank of the river after the Russian lunge to evacuate Lebedin, 25 miles north of Zerkov.

After blowing up bridges over the Psel and leaving the Russian in control of the East bank, the Germans appeared to be attempting to erect powerful defenses on the West bank in an effort to halt the Red Army offensive there.

Russian occupation of the East bank of the upper stretch of the Psel exposed Potlava, German base 45 miles south of Zerkov, to a flank attack. The Russians were reported descending between the Psel and Vorskla Rivers which have parallel courses less than 40 miles apart and flow southward into the Dnieper.

IMPORTANT EVENT... First step said the Russian approach to the East bank of the Psel and the development of a battle between the Psel and the Vorskla, the most important event of recent days in the sector northwest of Kharkov.

A German communiqué broadcast by Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press, said German troops were being moved to Southwest of Orel engaged today "in heavy defensive fighting."

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Alice, The Aged Elephant, Dies

NEW YORK.—Alice, the 57-year-old Indian elephant which left Coney Island and became queen of the Bronx Zoo elephant house, is dead.



GERONIMO WITH A WOOF WOOF—Man and beast get set for a jump as American Air Corps demonstrate their battle technique at Alliance, Neb., air base. Here Geronimo, shepherd dog named for the parachutists' famed cry, looks before leaping with his pack of first aid supplies and Red Cross blanket.

Big Yank Bombers Strike At Italy

Important Rail Lines Pounded In Widespread Allied Assaults

By NOLAND NORGARD... ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP)—Southern Italy's entire railway system has been disorganized by relentless Allied bombings, with train traffic brought to a standstill, it was disclosed at headquarters today.

The railroads are a kingly Italy's lifelines. The announcement followed a heavy blitz by U. S. Flying Fortress squadrons at railroad yards and passenger stations in the area of Rome for the first time, and Mitchell bomber attacks on congested freight yards and locomotive works at Benevento near Naples.

At the same time, American B-24s pounded the rail yards at Caserta and in Naples vicinity, and light and medium bombers, including A-26 fighters, attacked targets at Capua, Tivoli, Cerveteri and Fregene.

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Nuernberg Hit In Tremendous Bomber Attack

Other Axis Points Also Plastered In Night of Widespread Bombing

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE... LONDON.—(AP)—Immense formations of British bombers said by coastal observers to be the greatest force ever sent over Germany bashed Nuernberg last night, throwing down hundreds of tons of explosives on that Southern German industrial city and center of Nazidom.

The Nazi-controlled Vichy raid reported the RAP was over Northern France again this morning, but there was no confirmation of this.

The Nuernberg attack was the RAF's second major assault of the week, Berlin having been blasted on a colossal scale Monday night, and with fire and bursting steel last night's raid subjected the declaration by Nazi Labor Chief Robert Ley.

Owing to its formidable pasteurized Nuernberg is well-protected against air attacks. It was a round-trip flight of about 1,100 miles—an operation of such taxing hours as to tire the whole of England and particularly coastal watchers who heard the unbroken, muted growl of bomber engines for more than two hours. There was wide unofficial agreement that the RAP never before had thrown so much of the enemy across the Channel at one time.

VITAL NAZI BASE... Nuernberg, which has great diesel plants and motor and electrical works, plainly had joined Berlin on the list of German cities to get the Hamburg treatment. It was last hit Aug. 10 and after that attack it was estimated that 45,000 had been made homeless and 2,500 killed.

In the Aug. 10 raid about 1,200 tons of high explosive and incendiaries were dropped on the city. There was every indication that last night's tonnage was much greater.

A Canadian group formed part of the Nuernberg force and two Canadian bombers were reported missing. Canadian Mosquito planes also participated last night in sorties over the city and the Low Countries.

The German radio in a second broadcast claimed that 43 British planes were shot down over Nuernberg, and that "this number is expected to be increased." It added:

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It's Willie In California Poll

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—Wendell Willie is the first choice of California's Republican county committees for President in the 1944 election, the San Francisco County Republican Committee has disclosed after a poll of the state. Willie received 152 votes, Gov. Earl Warren, California, 132, and Gov. Tom L. Blanton, New York, 104.

The ballot carried eight names, together with spaces for write-in choices.

Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo

By Captain Ted W. Lawson... CHAPTER 2... In the middle of December, some of us were ordered back to the states for a short period. I was ordered back to the states for a short period. I was ordered back to the states for a short period. I was ordered back to the states for a short period.

Young Lieutenant Wins Battle Against Jungle, Made Captain

By VERN HAUGLAND... SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA... (Delayed)—Legand Kneass believed the oldest elephant in captivity, young Alice suffered thrombosis in her right hind leg in late January, for the second time and yesterday, for the second time, decided it would no longer be able to pick Alice up with the motor crane had lighted her back to the ground. He wrote this account of his experience:

Chinese Repulse Japanese Force

CHUNGKING.—(AP)—Chinese troops have thrown back a Japanese attack from the coast-town of Tientsin in North China Province with heavy losses, and successfully raided enemy positions near the same line of the terminus in Lanchow in Chinese Province, a High Command communiqué announced today.

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WEATHER... Not quite so warm tonight and tomorrow.