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ITALY SILENT AS TARANTO NAVAL BASE HELD BY ALLIED FORCES

Reds Capture Mariupol, Vital Sea of Azov Port

Soviets Cleaning Up South Ukraine

LONDON (AP)—Russian troops have captured Mariupol, important Sea of Azov port about 55 miles west of Taganrog, Moscow announced today in a special order of the day.

The order, broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded by the Soviet Monitor, also announced the capture of Barvenkovo, Velnovka and Chaplino in a general cleanup of the southern Ukraine.

Chaplino, westernmost point of the four newly captured cities, is barely 50 miles from the great Dnieper River, major center of Dnieperotrans.

Velnovka is on the Stalino-Mariupol railway about 25 miles north of Mariupol and Barvenkovo is about midway between Stalino and Kharlov.

50-MILE ADVANCE The fall of Chaplino marked a racing 50-mile advance in two days since the capture of Stalino and threatened to trap the great Nazi to the north and the south by cutting the roads to Dnieperotrans and Zaprotov.

Deny Italian Monarch Has Abdicated Throne

Umberto Was Said To Be Successor

LONDON (AP)—The Rome radio today denied reports originating in Switzerland and broadcast by the Berlin radio that King Vittorio Emanuele had resigned and that Crown Prince Marie Jose, wife of Umberto, had arrived in Switzerland last night.

All these reports are untrue, declared Stefani, Italian news agency, in a broadcast recorded by Reuters.

Earlier Reuters had quoted Swiss reports as saying that King Vittorio Emanuele had resigned and that Crown Prince Marie Jose, wife of Umberto, had arrived in Switzerland last night.

The Associated Press, meanwhile, interpreted a Berlin broadcast which reported that King Vittorio Emanuele had resigned.

This was not the first time in recent months that there had been talk in the air of abdication by the Italian monarch. Last May the Moscow news announced that Umberto was said to be successor.

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Gen. Rommel Commanding Germans In Italian Zone

Nazi To Fight To Hold Nation

LONDON (AP)—The Germans announced tonight that Rome had capitulated to a German assault and that the Nazi Army would assume protection of Vatican City.

The German radio announcement said that the attacking force led by Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring.

Rommel, in command. The announcement, designated as coming from Hitler's headquarters, said Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, whose forces were pummeled by the Allies in North Africa, had been placed in command of German troops in Northern Italy.

(A broadcast from the Rome radio at 11:30 A. M. Eastern War Time, took up Nazi propaganda bulletins, indicating that the Rome radio had fallen into German hands. The broadcast was recorded by the OWL.)

The Rome radio in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said an accord had been reached with the German military authorities which would permit them to enter the Italian capital except for the occupation of the German Embassy, the radio station and the telephone exchange.

The broadcast added that Gen. Rommel would remain in charge of the military garrison with all divisions of infantry and all the German forces under his command in a public order.

Royal Navy Makes Bold Oversea Push

American Fifth Army Smashes German Resistance in Naples Area and Sweeps Inland

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA.—(AP)—The great naval battle of Taranto on the Italian heel was in British hands tonight after a bold overseas thrust by the Royal Navy, and the American Fifth Army was driving inland in a vast development of the Naples area after loosening the German grip by smashing the strong counter-attacks.

A German army attacked Rome, precipitating unexplained warfare with Gen. Badoglio's regime, in a desperate effort to salvage something from the Allied Italy's unconditional surrender. (Berlin said "the commander of Rome" had capitulated under an attack launched by Nazi Field Marshal Albert Von Kesselring.)

Taranto lies on the inside of the Italian heel on the Gulf of Taranto, 80 miles from the tip of the Italian heel and 270 miles southeast of Rome. The speed with which the heavily fortified base capitulated indicated scant, if any, opposition. Landing started last night under protective British warships.

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Fear Premature Balkan Explosion

Allies Want Inside Outbursts To Be Timed With Thrusts From Outside

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Balkan powder-keg appears perilously close to explosion today and the main concern of Allied strategists is that the blow-up should not occur prematurely.

The possibility reported from London of Allied invasion of Albania which German troops may already have occupied, serves to emphasize further the explosive forces generated in Europe's unsteady southeastern corner by the outbreak of Italy. At the same time this possibility complicated the problem of timing any great offensive against Axis forces from the outside.

It was by no means certain that an Albanian thrust, if one develops, would commit Allied armies to deeper Balkan invasions at this time. The aim could be to gain control of the Eastern shores of the Adriatic entrance and to rest content with that beachhead.

Nazi Forces Rule Genoa

Italians Urged To Sabotage Communications

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA.—(AP)—An Allied broadcast today declared that the Germans have taken control of Genoa, important port on the northwestern coast of Italy.

The broadcast, made from the United Nations radio at Algiers to warn Italians in sabotage all communications which aid the German army marching in Italy to meet the Italian invasion, declared that the German invaders in Genoa, but only for the moment, if you give him time, he will recover and strike back with his barbaric cruelty.

"I'll tell you, already he is in control of Genoa, but there is still time. The broadcast declared further that the Germans are massing their main forces in Northern Italy and added:

"There they are preparing their main line of defense. There they are heaping up supplies for the German armies around Naples and in Calabria." The main forces are expected to be immediately every communication line between the Naples area where the Allied forces landed and Northern Italy, where the main Nazi forces are massed.

Germans Occupy Albanian Ports

Swiss Reports Say Strong Allied Fleet Bearing Down on Adriatic Country

LONDON (AP)—The German news agency DNB said today that the Albanian ports of Valona and Durazzo and the important town of Elbasan have been occupied by German troops.

Meanwhile Swiss dispatches said a powerful Allied fleet was en route to the little country opposite the heel of Italy on the Adriatic Sea.

Valona and Durazzo are Albania's two most important ports. The Swiss radio said that the Swiss-Italian border, said that a Great Britain-American dispatch quoted by a spokesman of warships had split the sea port and had begun moving toward Albania under cover of "important" air force.

Reuters also reported a large Allied convoy underway in the Ionian Sea. Previously, a Reuters dispatch quoted by the Associated Press news agency said that German troops had already occupied Albania and the whole of the east Adriatic coast.

Both the Chinese dispatch and the Swiss radio said that an Allied landing was imminent. Albania, a rugged, mountainous area bordering Greece and Yugoslavia, lies to Italian invasion forces in 1939 and King Zog was forced to flee his throne. He is now in England.

Hitler Ends Long Silence

Says Italian Collapse Was Foreseen

LONDON (AP)—Adolf Hitler, speaking in the midst of the crisis of the Italian end of the Axis, told his people in a broadcast tonight that the capitulation of his southern partner had been foreseen and was due to an "absence of will."

It was the Fuehrer's first speech in six months. "The day of a heavy load which has been upon us since a long time and from pressing expectations, the moment has come now that I can talk to the German people without degrading myself or the people," he said in a speech which was recorded from the Berlin radio by the Associated Press.

"The battle with this naval formation still is in progress. Earlier, the Berlin radio declared today in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press that units of the German Navy have joined the German army in the Naples area. A subsequent German broadcast, heard by Reuters, said that Nazi bombers now have bombers in the Naples area. Italian warships in the area were destroyed when they attempted to leave out yesterday.

Allied Field Guns Start Pounding Japs Entrenched In Base At Lae

By OLEN CLEMENTS

Associated Press War Correspondent. WITH THE AUSTRALIANS OUTSIDE LAE—Allied field artillery today began pounding the Japanese who are entrenched in their northeastern New Guinea base at Lae.

Berlin Claims Italian Battleship And Cruiser Sunk By Nazi Bombers

DNB said in the broadcast that the warships reported sunk were the Italian battleship and cruiser were sunk yesterday by German bombers between Sardinia and Corsica.

The Rome radio was quoted by Reuters as saying that 35,000-ton Italian battleships had left the Italian base at La Spezia and were heading toward Allied ports along with a fleet of cruisers and destroyers. The German news agency DNB said in the broadcast that the warships reported sunk were the Italian battleship and cruiser were sunk yesterday by German bombers between Sardinia and Corsica.

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