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China Gate To Burma A Boom Town Now

By CLYDE A. FARNWORTH (Substituting for Hal Boyle) KUMING, China.—(AP)—This city, China's Burma gateway, situated on one of the world's strategic military roads, a road still blocked by the enemy, has become a get-rich-quick boom town. Oriental version, without equal. This capital of Yunnan Province has the highest cost of living of any city in Free China.

It happens on the Yunnan Road will develop after Kuming. It is difficult to imagine Kuming's return to the quiet, obscure, simple life of provincial capital. The opening of the Burma Road before the end of the war might picture the inflation bubble for consumer goods, depending on how much non-military imports are granted passing thru and the stimulus of such commerce may be only what Kuming needs to become a better, juster boom town.

GOOD CLIMATE Kuming lies at high altitude, east of the Burmese Mountain passes, in the pleasant fertile valley whose climate, winter and summer, combines all the virtues that could be claimed by a California or Florida climate of commerce. The population of the last census was about 300,000.

Woods where rubber trees and rubber third party cars squeak and left into town from the fields, laden with over-ripened vegetables. Kuming's sewage, laded onto these fields, keeps them rich.

The city is a veritable street swarm with foreign cars and often parked on the roads, the famous yellow, in blue denim boots, jackets and pants.

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Japs Attack In Burma

NEW DELHI.—(AP)—The Japanese have counter-attacked in the Kachin State, near Khamti, 46 miles north of Aizawl in Burma, while West African soldiers in the valley are making stiff resistance on the border of Assam, a Southeast Asia command said today.

Aizawl is 39 miles north of Aizawl. Meanwhile, British forces in the Kachin State area continue to mop up the Japanese units left over from the recent offensive in the north.

A large body of Japanese troops discovered in a valley northeast of Kachin State are being held in the Kachin State in northern Burma. Chinese troops are attacking on the Japanese side, surrounded a small Japanese force in the Tawang River bend.

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THE GERMAN AIR FORCE

American Fighter Planes Make Offensive Sweep Over Berlin

Giant New RAF Weapon: 6-Ton Bombs Hit Reich

LONDON.—(AP)—Bombs weighing 12,000 pounds are now crashing down on German targets with enormous destructive effects, the Air Ministry disclosed today. The largest previously-announced bomb used by the RAF was a four tonner. This new giant weapon of destruction was invented by British scientists for attacks on special targets.

Its destructive effect on a big factory is already proved to be enormous, the Air Ministry said. "A few of these bombs brought down the greatest part of the very large Gotha-Flonze Aero Engine works at Limoges on the night of Feb. 8."

The gigantic missile was carried in the bellies of Lancaster bombers which attacked a German aircraft factory at Gernsbach, in Northern France, last night. The photographs showed the 12,000-pounder hit the factory "fair and square," the announcement continued. "The crews had been given strict instructions to bring the bombs back if there was the slightest doubt about identifying and hitting the target."

The announcement continued: "To produce a bomb of this size was a remarkable feat of engineering. There was far more to it than merely enlarging an ordinary bomb."

Many problems of technical development had to be solved. Describing last night's operations, a squadron leader said he "made a very careful search for the factory buildings."

"They were well camouflaged by the German crew," he said. "When I was absolutely certain my deputy leader put the bombs right in the middle works. The rest of the crews bombed and the 12,000-pounder went off after another within a very few yards of the aiming point. The whole attack took about a quarter of an hour. Each bomb was deliberately and carefully aimed."



NATIONAL SECRETARY — First woman secretary of the Democratic National Convention is Mrs. Dorothy McElroy, 27, of Albana, a native vice president of the Young Democratic Club of America.

More Troops Put On Admiralties

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.—(AP)—Headquarters disclosed today that the initial Admiralty Islands landing was a scouting expedition in force to probe Japanese strength but, after a first day in operation by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and a gallant stand later by outnumbered troops, a full-fledged invasion is in progress.

Strong reinforcements have been put ashore from a beachhead in this long and thin island. The Japanese are engaged in the land Japanese still holding the link of Lae Negroas Island.

The elastic offensive shifted from rearmament to invasion after Allied command learned the Japanese were caught flat-footed and unprepared to do anything in the island.

The island's key positions, the 5,000-ft. long Aude and adjacent Hange beaches, were overrun quickly Tuesday by the reconnaissance force led by the Fifth Cavalry Regiment. While enemy snipers still presented a menace, Gen. MacArthur looked over the situation and said "Hold on to what you take."

Following a four-day drive, the Japanese counter-attacked and were repulsed. This might not early during the Fifth Cavalry Regiment's advance on the island. Japanese troops were seen in the Tawang River bend.

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Red Army Pushes On

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Despite a frenzied counter-offensive, the Red Army is continuing its smashing drive toward Berlin. It has captured more territory between Lake Peipus and the Finnish Gulf and is pushing forward in fierce fighting, front-line advisers said.

The Red Army forces were reported driving down the twelve-mile-long front line in the direction of the city. The latter city, 12 miles south of Pskov, is a junction of the Pskov-Warshaw railway.

Send Boys To College

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A broad expansion of short-term specialized college training for boys under 18 is being authorized by the Navy, navy officials said today.

The training, headed at the seventeen-year-olds, would be in the nature of preparation for induction into the military service, and would be limited to those who have completed high school work, while they are not yet registered for Selective Service.

100,000 MAY ENTER.— A similar program was announced today. It would provide an estimate of how many will thus be sent to institutions of higher learning. However, college officials who have urged the expansion as a means of relieving the school-going backlog, estimated possibly 100,000 might be eligible. Tests for acceptability will be held throughout the nation on March 15.

The announcement said the program was authorized by the War Relocation Authority. See SEND BOYS on Page 11

Red Navy Will Get Italian Warships

BY D. HAROLD OLIVER WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that discussions were about half completed for transferring roughly one-third of the surrendered Italian fleet to Russia.

The President also told a press conference that Edward R. Stettinius, Acting Secretary of State, would go to London soon to discuss with British officials a dozen or more questions awaiting the President's decision. USING SHIPS NOW He disclosed that the United States and Great Britain already

Finn Views Due To Come

STOCKHOLM.—(AP)—An indication of the Finnish attitude toward counter-proposals to Russia's article 10 of the Moscow armistice terms came today from the Finnish newspaper Suomen Uutiset, multiple for the Finnish Parliament's strongest political party.

Declaring that at first glance the conditions for peace outlined by the Soviet Government are "not unattractive," the newspaper expressed the opinion that they were "neither too harsh nor too lenient." It said that Finland will have a chance to express its own views on the subject.

VOYE OF CONFIDENCE.— The article, informed Finnish sources said, was favored by the majority view of Parliament which gave the Finnish Government a vote of confidence at a secret session Tuesday. The newspaper speaks authoritatively for the Socialist Party, the largest and most influential in the country.

"It is to be believed we will try to move along the road of reconciliation with the Soviet Union, but possibility of going to war with Germany and independence preserved," the newspaper said.

"These expressions dovetailed with opinion in informed London quarters, which expect Finland will accept Russia's price, although reluctantly and only after lengthy and protracted negotiations to surmount the difficulties arising from Nazi divisions still in the country."

The Social Democratic noted that German reaction will have an important bearing on the Finnish position. Reference to the German troops remaining in the country.

Yanks Over Nazi Capital First Time

BOMBERS MIGHT STRIKE NEXT

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—American Air Force fighter planes tonight will be the first to fly over Berlin today while the Eighth Air Force's heavy bombers were attacking targets in northwest Germany, it was learned authoritatively tonight.

It was the first time that formations of the American Air Force ever had flown over the German capital. There was no indication in radio broadcasts that the fighters had sought to attack targets in Berlin, which up to now has been considered inviolate by the RAF.

This disclosure may presage a sweep by American heavy bombers over the German capital, which recently considered too distant from British bases for daylight bombing because fighter planes accompanying the American Air Force would be unable to cover the flight at targets so distant from England. A round trip to Berlin from the British coast is 900 miles.

The American heavy bombers, however, over the second night, day, concentrated on unclassified objectives in the northwest of Germany. The RAF medium bombers were attacking at German airfields in Northern Germany.

RAF NEAR PARIS.— RAF formations taking to the air last night for the second successive night, had hammered aircraft factories near Paris and were reported to have entered France only a few hours before.

The U. S. bombers were reported to have been in the air for the eighth and ninth American Air Forces as well as Allied fighters, an indication that the operation was of considerable size.

The night raiders were reported to have included a "rocket" sector by RAF fighters and the RAF's operations, including Mosquito strikes at Western Germany and mine-laying in enemy waters, were carried out without loss.

Spanish Oil Ban Sticks

MADRID.—(AP)—British and American negotiations for Spain to adhere to stricter neutrality and end the export of Spanish oil to Germany were said today to have encountered no "insuperable" obstacle. The British and American governments are said to have agreed to a ban on oil shipments to Spain and oil companies will have to make full use of the Spanish cabinet's means of production of a national liquid fuel for manufacture of aircraft.

Italy Elevated To Major War Front

LONDON.—(AP)—Hitler's furious attempts to smash the Anzio beachhead has elevated Italy to a major battle front, with the latest authoritative estimates placing the German forces pitted against the Allied troops at 222,000.

The German High Command is following the same tactics used last winter in Tunisia, when it poured division after division into Italy in the hope of salvaging a victory.

The Nazis have moved one division from as far away as Celesia to the beachhead and apparently are willing to take tremendous losses in an effort to drive the Allies into the sea.

MARCH CRITICAL.— March will be a critical month in the Italian fighting and it may end without any decisive ground being gained by the Allies, who are in the same position as they were last February and March in southern Tunisia, where they had to beachhead the German forces and brutally and escorted by fighters."

It was believed a sizable force struck the Italian capital's chief freight yards, through which military traffic flows to both the beachhead and main Fifth Army front.

This was the fourth time a German train had been pounded in a major Allied air raid. The military objectives are in outlying sections of the capital and in the vicinity of the city. Viterbo long has been one of the principal German Air Force bases in Central Italy.

Rome Rail Yards Raided

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS NAPLES.—(AP)—American heavy bombers again attacked Rome's railroad installations today, the Allied command said today. The American Allied Air Force announced.

"Flying Fortresses attacked Litorio and Tiburtina freight yards," the announcement said, "while Liberators bombed the main Viterbo airfield 35 miles north of the beachhead."

"Early reports" the statement said, "indicated that the raid was well covered and that the air raid bombing was good. Both Liberators and bombers were escorted by fighters."

Nazi Assault On Beachhead Costly Failure

Allies Lines Described As Intact And All Lost Ground Regained

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK —(AP)—A strong German drive into the center of the Anzio beachhead this week was described officially today as a "costly failure." Allied Headquarters said defense positions remained intact with all lost ground regained.

The enemy offensive, the third large-scale attempt to drive the American and British forces into the sea, has now collapsed. Two final German assaults with tanks and infantry late Wednesday were repulsed, it was announced, and no new attacks came yesterday.

American troops of the Third Infantry Division bore the brunt of the attack and scored "a complete defensive success," a headquarters spokesman said. Less than a week ago the Third, originally composed chiefly of troops from the Pacific Coast, was officially commended for previous exploits on the beachhead.

Whether the enemy is regrouping for a continuation of the offensive from some other point, unknown, but a blistering attack drove into the sea, has now been repulsed by flying Fortresses, and lighter aircraft served as a strong deterrent.

This latest German failure to wipe out the beachhead, Allied officers said, meant that heavy losses had been inflicted on the three divisions which spearheaded the assault, estimated to be 10,000 men, midway between Carrocce and Cisterna.

In a final attack late Wednesday in their two-day offensive the Germans were forced to cross open country and Allied soldiers tore huge holes in their ranks even before they neared the Allied lines. The German assault was wiped out by a few minor infiltrations.

Anywhere new German offensives intent as before the "offensive began" and Allied troops were ordered to be on the alert for a possible German attack on the beachhead.

The three German divisions that were repulsed in the short-range attack have now been identified as the 15th, 16th, and 18th SS Panzer Divisions, and the 29th Volksgrenadier Division.

The enemy losses included 10,000 men, including 10,000 anti-tank units at the height of the attack and an entire company of 500 men, including 100 captured by the British during a diversionary German assault near the Anzio River beachhead.

A strong Allied patrol ambushed a German force of 100 men near the beachhead, and a German company that attacked in the coastal zone southwest of the beachhead was wiped out.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the Fifth Army, said today that the enemy had suffered a serious setback. After a day-long tour of the front lines yesterday, the Fifth Army commander spoke enthusiastically of the way in which American and British units broke up the latest large-scale German attack on the beachhead.

Addressing British troops near the front line, the general said he was confident that the German attack had been repulsed. He said the German attack had been a costly failure.

The Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, including the Fifth Army, their entire strength yesterday against the Germans' assault on the beachhead. The German Air Force made an attempt to intercept the formation, but the enemy planes were scattered on occasion but failed to fight.

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New Trial Forced In Lonergan Death Case. By JAMES H. PORTERFIELD NEW YORK.—(AP)—A sensational trial to determine whether Lonergan as the bludgeoned slayer of his wife, wife ended dramatically today when Justice John J. French dismissed the special panel, forcing a new trial.

Stimson Calls For Lend-Lease. WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that he would urge the Senate to act for another year would increase the war and increase the cost to our people in lives and dollars.