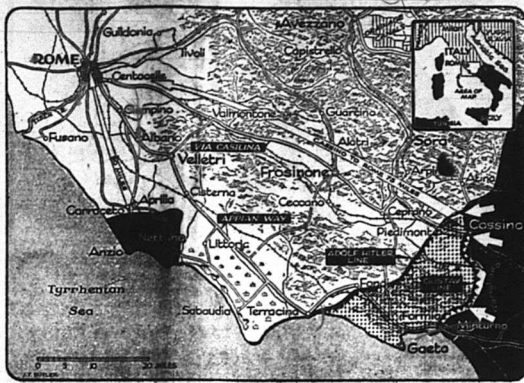


Hour Centies Bombed In Night Raid

Berlin Reports Vast Sky Fight Near Dusseldorf LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—The Luxembourg radio warned at 8:04 a.m. today that Allied planes were approaching.



TODAY'S WAR MAP—Position of Allied armies, smashing at the wall of German defences in southern Italy, and of the Anzio "beachhead" forces behind the main Nazi line.

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—R.A.F. bombers struck at targets in Germany and occupied territory during the night, the air ministry announced today and though the specific targets were not identified, the Berlin radio hinted the main blows had been aimed at the industrial Ruhr Valley.

A German broadcast reported that a great aerial battle had been fought near the key rail junction and manufacturing centre of Dusseldorf, which is situated in the Ruhr.

Later the German radio identified Dortmund, which also is in the Ruhr area, as one of the targets of the overnight assaults, which carried the Allies' renewed pre-invasion aerial offensive into its fifth straight day.

The action, indicating the R.A.F. was keeping up a round-the-clock assault on Fortress Europe, came after a strike by perhaps 3000 bombers and fighters by daylight Monday at the German submarine base at Kiel, at Pas de Calais and at widespread targets in occupied France and Belgium.

The Berlin broadcast, recorded by Reuters News Agency, claimed Nazi night fighters shot down 25 four-engined bombers in the first 15 minutes of battle and said the aerial struggle still was raging at 2:25 a.m.

RAIDS WIDESPREAD Berlin did not identify targets but various broadcasts said the daylight attacks upon Kiel and Pas de Calais. These followed up an R.A.F. saturation raid Thursday night on industrial Duisburg.

Monday's night raid cost five American bombers and eight fighters while escorting American fighters destroyed 22 German planes.

Canadian Spitfires also were in action in the city of Cologne during shooting down five German aircraft after a French train-busting sortie.

RAILROADS DESTROYED The 10th death in five days of tornadoes and floods was reported but not definitely established. Five persons died Thursday and Friday and four drowned Sunday.

Damage has been occurring so rapidly there has been no opportunity for a statewide estimate of the loss, but the storms have covered a belt equal to more than half the area of the state and extending from the northwest to the southeast.

'Thousands Escape' Nazi Prison Camp ZURICH, May 23.—(CP-Reuters)—Nearly all the several thousand English prisoners who escaped from a German prison camp near Inpin in France in the confusion caused by a recent R.A.F. raid have reached Switzerland.

German civilians are also reported fleeing across the frontier. The majority of the inmates of the prison were awaiting the opportunity to cross into neutral territory as the chance came during a heavy storm Saturday night. Special trains had to be run to convey the escapees into the interior of Switzerland.

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Radio Reports Yanks '18 Miles Off Anzio'

(Compiled from Late Dispatches to The Associated Press) Reports of important Allied advances, unconfirmed by official Allied sources, came from the Morocco and French Brazzaville radio stations early today.

The Morocco radio said in a broadcast recorded by Reuters News Agency that the British 8th Army had captured Piedmonte, a Polish objective four miles west of Cassino.

The Brazzaville radio said that American forces advancing north of Terracina are now "only 18 miles from the 'Allied beachhead' at Anzio." (British American forces were officially reported to have been driven back from Terracina itself.)

Meanwhile Canadian infantrymen backed through 20 feet thick barbed wire entanglements into the inner defences of the Hitler line northeast of Pontecorvo as the German High Command threw all the reserves at its immediate disposal into a desperate counter-offensive against the Allied advance.

Fierce fighting raged along the entire front as the last 17 Nazi divisions (perhaps 170,000 men) south of Rome and immediately north of the Italian eighth were pushed into what may prove the climactic struggle for Italy. An Allied spokesman declared the enemy had "nothing left in reserve."

POLES ADVANCE While the Canadians pierced the outer defences at two points, Polish troops forced their way into Piedmonte, five miles to the northeast, and British forces in the Liri Valley smashed against the Hitler Line on both sides of the Aquino airfield, six miles west of Cassino and just south of Highway 6—the road to Rome.

French troops, fighting on the Canchian's left, recaptured Monte Leucio, four miles west of Pontecorvo, on the road to Pico, and brought Pico under heavy attack. Pontecorvo and Pico are principal strongpoints on the Hitler Line where it crosses the Liri Valley.

INDIAN SIGHT An Indian wanted by the B.C. Police at Port Coquitlam on a charge of abducting a 14-year-old girl is being sought by police following a report that the pair are believed to have left for Vancouver.

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New Four-Year Bacon Agreement With Britain

OTTAWA, May 23.—(CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner said last night in Commons that a four-year bacon agreement had been negotiated with the United Kingdom. The minister said the agreement had not been signed and might be some minor changes, but the plan was that the United Kingdom should take as much bacon from Canada in the next four years as she did in the last four years.

Shutdown Spreads Strikes Close West Coast Mills

SEATTLE, May 23.—(AP)—The great U.S. Pacific northwest lumber industry faced a complete shutdown last week as thousands of workmen already idle and at least 400, loaded with war orders, were closed.

Nearly all the walkouts were described by union leaders as wildcat strikes in protest of the U.S. War Labor Board's denial of wage increases.

The shutdown was spreading almost hourly at a rapidly accelerating rate. An estimated 13,000 to 15,000 workers were idle in the Puget Sound, Grays Harbor and Forked, Ore., districts.

Production in seven lumber mill and woodworking plant in Tacoma was stopped when the last of the big companies, St. Paul-Tacoma Lumber Mills, closed when 800 workers walked out.

In Portland only one mill was still full production with an other running on a part-time basis.

UNREST RIFE John Christensen, president of the A.F.L.-Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union for the five-state northwest area, declared "unrest is rising among lumber workers in Oregon and other mills are likely to follow."

Christensen and other union officials have been urging a return to work. The walkouts first started among A.F.L.-Union workers but during the weekend and today the C.F.O.-International, Woodworkers of America joined the walkout.

The walkouts thus far have been restricted to lumber and sawmill operations with loggers still sticking to their jobs. Work stoppage at the big Tacoma plant marked the first participation north of Portland of C.I.O. workers in the general shutdown.

CYCLIST INJURED Crashing his motorcycle into the side of a truck at the intersection of Bayview and Georgia streets Monday night, Cecil Jones, 33, 1027 E. 33rd Ave., was thrown to the pavement and sustained a possible fractured skull, multiple bruises and abrasions. He was taken in Kingsway Ambulance to the general hospital, where doctors described his condition as "fairly good" late last night.

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Lasted For Days Huns Massacred Allied Airmen, Says Stockholm

LONDON, May 23.—A Stockholm dispatch to the Daily Express said today a detailed account of the killing in March of 47 Allied prisoners of war by the Nazis showed the "massacre... did not take place in a clash between prisoners and guards, but was carried out by groups of guards who lost their heads and shot prisoners haphazardly in barracks, courtyards and workshops."

SIX CANADIAN army men were among those killed by the Nazis. The Daily Express correspondent, D. Masterman, said British pilots who crashed and reached Sweden gave eyewitness accounts of the affair on which the report, based on their statements, is expected within a few days.

"I understand it will be one of the most shocking stories of the war," he added, "although the witnesses' most emphatically refuse the German allegation that the prisoners were shot when rushing toward gates which they tried to force," and said neither inquiry nor trial preceded the killings.

The shootings lasted several days," he added, "although the deaths of the officers were not until March 23."

"They were apparently due to breakdown of German discipline and morale. The witnesses state: 'During the past months most of the guards at Stalagluft III (German prison camp) behaved like lunatics.'"

This Little Pig Went to Market in Flower Shop

VICTORIA, May 23.—(CP)—"Pigs is pigs" even in downtown Victoria and a year-old porker which scrambled out of a truck in the freight yards here Monday provided 20 minutes fun for a gallery of hundreds which gathered as the refuge blocked traffic along a business street.

An eyewitness stated: "The pig was seen running along the route of chase was jammed with partisans cheering for the fugitive or for the pursuers. The pig was seen running along the route of chase was jammed with partisans cheering for the fugitive or for the pursuers."

Britain To Take Berry Surplus OTTAWA, May 23.—(CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner said last night in Commons that there was a surplus in the Fraser Valley berry crop this year the surplus probably would be marketed in Britain.

Answering George Cruickshank's question, Mr. Gardiner said that Canada's home supplies had first demands on the berry crop. If a surplus remained after this demand was filled it would probably be sold in Britain.

Invasion Army Ready to Meet Gas with Gas

LONDON, May 23.—Retaliating with gas, as a unprecedented scale will follow any use of poison gas by the enemy either against the invasion ports or the Allied armies invading the continent.

Responsible opinion here is that the employment of gas as an anti-invasion measure is possible but not probable since the German general staff is aware of the Allied invasion ports or the Allied armies invading the continent.

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Honan City Won By Advancing Japs

CHUNGKING, May 23.—(AP)—The Chinese High Command reported tonight the fall of Lushih, Honan province city only 48 miles from the Shensi border, as Japanese forces appeared to be gathering either for a drive on Tungkuang, gateway to northwestern China, or to attempt to flank and cut off Chinese troops stationed in the area.

Other Japanese forces driving toward Tungkuang along the Lungshai rail line from the east, however, were reported to have been stalled at Tayan, 43 miles east of Tungkuang.

Tungkuang lies just across the Shensi border from Honan where the Yellow river begins its great loop northward. The city commands road communications to the west and northwest.

New Allied Protest On Spain Acts Near

LONDON, May 23.—Foreign Secretary Eden is expected to make a statement in Commons regarding drastic steps which Britain and the U.S. are preparing to take if Generalissimo Francisco Franco still mulls much longer about carrying out the recent pact which provided, among other things, closing of the German consulate and expulsion of German agents from Tangier, Morocco. It was stated in diplomatic circles here that the consulate still is open.

Information indicating that the German use of Tangier as the headquarters for a propaganda ring is causing anti-Allied sentiment among the A.R.A.s. Among the members of the German organization were professional Arabic and African linguists.

No Change Shown By Dr. McKechnie

No change was reported late last night in the condition of Dr. Robert E. McKechnie, 84-year-old pioneer physician and chancellor of the U. B. C., gravely ill at the General Hospital.

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