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Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh with fair and soft.
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Widespread Night Air Raids on Nazi Europe Indicated

Follow Heavy Blows by 6,500 Planes During Day From Britain and Italy

LONDON, May 29 (AP)—United States heavy bombers and fighters, possibly 2,200 strong, shot down 100 enemy aircraft and hammered seven aircraft factories in Poland and Germany and a synthetic oil works near Stettin today.

The blow was the heaviest dealt in a day of perfect weather which saw approximately 6,500 sorties flown from Allied pre-invasion bases in Britain and Italy.

R.A.F. night raiders began the parade of aircraft from Britain early in the morning, striking Angers in France, Ludwigshafen in Germany and other targets.

The daylight American blows cost 35 bombers and 11 fighters.

German radios later sounded warnings that bomber formations were approaching Osnabruck, Munster, air raid alarms sounded in Berlin, the Cologne radio reported nuisance raiders were headed for West and Northwest Germany, the Budapest radio issued a raid warning and the Vichy radio left the air, indicating widespread follow-up night attacks.

Smoke Generators for Invasion



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British Forces Occupy Arce As Via Casilina Cut; Battle for Rome Rages On Furiously

Allied Wedge Driven Deeply Into Nazis' "Last-Ditch" Defence Line

LONDON, May 30 (Tuesday) (CP)—British forces occupied Arce on the South Italian front at the junction of the Via Casilina and Highway 82 at 9 a.m. Monday, a dispatch by Reuters, British news agency, said today.

The Vichy radio said today the Allies had cut Italian Highway No. 6—the Via Casilina which is the main avenue of retreat for the Germans on the centre of the Italian front.

The report did not give the location of the break, but the Allies are threatening Valmontone, 22 miles southeast of Rome, and have had this route under artillery fire. It might refer to the section between Arce and Pisonum, already severed by Canadian capture of Ceprano.

Quoting Berlin military quarters, the radio said that German fighting in the Lati Valley still would be able to make their withdrawal over mountain paths.

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Canadian Invasion Troops Get Praise; Tension Soars in Reich

LONDON, May 29 (CP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, inspecting invasion-trained Canadian troops, praised their battle fitness, it was disclosed today as a civilian British, in a London broadcast, observed a surge and spoke with "Mudras." The invasion commander returned to England after inspecting the First Canadian Army headquarters today.

1st Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, commander of the First Canadian Army, accompanied Gen. Eisenhower on his inspection tour.

At the Channel, a Nazi radio commentator declared that the Canadian invasion would be a disaster for the German people, and that the Allies already had won a decisive victory when they landed on the beaches of Normandy.

German broadcasts reflected increased tension in Munich. Von Goebbels' radio broadcast today said that the invasion of the Channel was a disaster for the German people, and that the Allies already had won a decisive victory when they landed on the beaches of Normandy.

New Drive By Japanese

CHUNGKING, May 29 (CP)—A new Japanese drive southward from Yunnan (Yachow) in the widespread Hunan Province offensive is threatening Chungking, 200 miles north of the Canton-Hankow Railway city of Chungking, Chinese field dispatches said today.

Japanese tanks would protect the right bank of the main Japanese body advancing toward Chungking from newly-landed positions south of the Han River, crossing Saturday night by the Japanese in a 20-mile drive.

The main body was reported to have advanced more than seven miles from its base position toward Chungking, as other groups of the offensive pushed forward toward Chungking from the north and west.

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Sale of Jap Property in B.C. Opposed

OTTAWA, May 29 (CP)—A. A. MacLennan, of Vancouver, is leading a group of Japanese property owners in B.C. who are opposing the sale of Japanese property in the province.

Mr. MacLennan, who is president of the Japanese Property Owners' Association, said that the sale of Japanese property in the province would be a disaster for the Japanese people, and that the Allies already had won a decisive victory when they landed on the beaches of Normandy.

To Consider Petition If Men Resume Work

WASHINGTON, May 29 (CP)—George W. Taylor, acting chairman of the United States War Labor Board, today promised to take up "as soon as the men have returned to work" the petition of C.I.O. and A.F.L. leaders which called for reconsideration of its refusal to grant wage increases in the Pacific Northwest.

In a telegram to W. L. Rorer, international president, International Woodworkers of America (I.W.O.A.), and Frank Crofton, who formulated the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (A.F.L.), Taylor said:

"Your petition for reconsideration has been received and is in accordance with the board's policy of procedure will be given the most prompt consideration as soon as the men have returned to work."

From Europe Day by Day

THE TIMES, London

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Forest Fires in Five Provinces Rage Unchecked

OTTAWA, May 29 (CP)—Forest fires raged unchecked in parts of five provinces yesterday as thousands of weary fire-fighters looked in vain for rain—only hope of halting the widespread series of outbreaks.

In Ontario alone 10 fires raged out of control, one of them having already spread over an area of 94,200 acres. In Alberta four new fires were reported out of control in the Peace River area, while new outbreaks also were reported in New Brunswick and have still burned in parts of Quebec and British Columbia.

Soviet Planes Raid Romania

LONDON, May 29 (CP)—Soviet fighters were reported to have raided Romania today, according to reports from Bucharest, said the Associated Press.

The raid was reported to have taken place in the northwestern part of the country, near the border with Yugoslavia.

Chinese War Situation Serious on All Fronts

WAS GRATEFULLY TO THE EQUIPMENT received in the past year? The war situation in China was very serious, although Chinese soldiers were fighting valiantly with their limited resources.

The American military mission in China, led by General Stilwell, was reported to be in a very serious situation, and that the Chinese war situation was very serious on all fronts.

Nazi Says Allied Prison Camps Full

LONDON, May 29 (CP)—A German radio report today said that the British Prisoners of War Commission, which is in charge of the British prisoners of war in Germany, had reported that the camps were full.

The report said that the British prisoners of war were being held in a very poor state of health, and that the German government was refusing to provide them with adequate food and medical care.

Synagogue Burns

TORONTO, May 29 (CP)—Fire of mysterious origin today destroyed the interior of a Jewish synagogue on Huron Street in West-End Toronto, with damage of over \$100,000.

The fire broke out at about 10:30 p.m. and spread rapidly, burning for several hours before being brought under control.

Partisans Attack German Garrison

LONDON, May 29 (CP)—A broadcast today said that partisans in the Balkans had attacked a German garrison, and that the fighting was very fierce.

The broadcast said that the partisans had killed several German soldiers and wounded many others.

Fogo Resigns Post

OTTAWA, May 29 (CP)—The Minister of the Interior, Fogo, has resigned his post, it was announced today.

The resignation was accepted by the Prime Minister, and Fogo is expected to leave office in the near future.

Japs Stubborn In Defence of Biak Airdrome

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS New Guinea, May 29 (CP)—The Japanese were stubbornly defending the Biak Airdrome, it was reported today.

The report said that the Japanese were using heavy artillery and machine guns to defend the airdrome, and that the Allies were having difficulty in capturing it.

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Highlights of World News

ITALY—Allies advance to German borders in Italy. 250,000 Italian POWs taken. Canadian troops advance in Sicily Valley from Capriate.

AMERICA—Allied bombers hit targets in Germany and Italy. 100 German planes shot down. 100 German planes shot down.

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