

MARSALA FALLS IN SICILY MOPUP

Yanks Take 60,000 Axis
Prisoners as Ships
Shed Catania.

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said that all airfields in Sicily now had been captured or neutralized with enemy air resistance now "ineffective."

Allied torpedo bombers joined in the parade of successes, sinking one enemy merchant ship, heavily damaging two others and leaving a destroyer in flames.

Two allied destroyers, one of them Greek, damaged three German torpedo boats Tuesday night. (British planes wiped out an entire convoy of small barges ferrying supplies to Sicily, radio London said today.)

British military observers in London said that military operations in western Sicily could be considered at an end and indicated that an all-out assault on axis positions in eastern Sicily was imminent.)

British warships steamed up the east coast of Sicily and turned their big guns on German troops holding off Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 8th army on the approaches to Catania, Sicily's second largest port, where the bloodiest fighting of the entire campaign was under way.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's communique spoke of fierce resistance below Catania.

(An Italian communique broadcast by Rome radio acknowledged the fall of Palermo, captured by the Americans Thursday, and said that enemy pressure had necessitated other retreats.)

'SLAIN' WIFE, CHILD ARE FOUND ALIVE

JOLIET, Ill., July 24 (U. P.).—Police skepticism at Harold Webb's "confession" that he murdered his wife and 2-year-old son turned out to be justified last night when the two were found at Linton, Ind., alive and well.

Arrested for vagrancy last Tuesday, Webb, 24, told police he had killed his wife, Rosemary, 20, and son, Harold Jr., after bringing them here by bus from East Chicago, Ind. Having received no report of the deaths, the police held Webb while they instituted a two-state search. Sheriff Hubert Servier of Sullivan, Ind., who found the mother and baby, said Mrs. Webb's suitcase contained letters from her husband accusing her of romances with other men.

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Allies Force Axis Into Northeast Coast



The axis has been pushed into the northeast corner of Sicily by the allies, who after capturing Palermo and Marsala, are busy mopping up the enemy in the western section.

Harsh Words, But Lewis Is Ready to Eat 'Em for WLB

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"I'd hate to have his standard of living fixed by this man Davis and the men who do his dirty work for him—Davis, a corporation lawyer, a millionaire practitioner who is on the make in a business way."

The time for softer talking in the long coal row this is officially ushered in—perhaps because the board was made into a statutory agency by the Connally-Smith law; perhaps because Mr. Lewis is anxious to get the essential board okay for the proposed Illinois contract and thus force the other bituminous operators into line.

On June 4, addressing the union's policy committee, Mr. Lewis remarked that "this jealous and vindictive body (the board) has again demonstrated that its members place their own vanity above the national interest. This piously arrogant attitude is consistent with their earlier unlawful directives forbidding collective bargaining negotiation except under their pompous and capricious auspices."

Board Also Speaks

At that time, and for many months before, the United Mine Workers had been a litigant before WLB—but through its district 50. What was repugnant to the coal miners apparently was acceptable to the heterogeneous membership of district 50. Recently Yelverton Cowherd, counsel for district 50, suggested to the board that its orders are no good unless they are enforced. He was asking for enforcement in a case in which district 50

PRAISES RECORD OF MERCHANT MARINE

NEW YORK, July 24 (U. P.).—Cmdr. William J. Cackley, commanding the naval armed guard center, predicts "the war will be over by the end of 1944 if the merchant marine keeps up its present record of delivering 80 per cent of its cargoes."

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CAPACITY OF CITY DOG POUND TAXED

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she has sold approximately 1000 homeless pups.

BUT IN the past few weeks the sales have been falling off and the pound's population has been increasing. To aid in the sale, a pet shop has been proposed which will open in about two weeks in the entrance to Tomlinson hall. The dogs will sell for \$4 apiece regardless of size or breeding.

And they are not all mutts of doubtful value. Between 15 and 20 have been given to the army for training as war dogs and some have been taken by war plants to be trained as guards.

Soldiers seeking mascots can have a dog for nothing, and many are availing themselves of the opportunity. Two of these pets are ready to go overseas with their masters. . . one will go by plane for his owner is a pilot.

AND WHILE the animals are well treated and fed at the pound, it is a pathetic sight to see them crowded around a visitor, pleading with their eyes . . . their tails wagging.

Since Jan. 1 more than 3358 dogs have been impounded. A few hundred have been sold, others claimed by their owners. The fate of others has been death.

Red ration points notwithstanding . . . a dog loves a home and will not turn up his nose at scraps.

What's a Word For 'Rollback'?

WASHINGTON, July 24 (U. P.).—Both President Roosevelt and Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown are looking for a new word.

At his press conference today, Mr. Roosevelt said he did not like the word "rollback," as in rollback of food prices. Brown said last week that he disliked the word, too, but couldn't think of a better one.

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BLUE, BEEKER SETTLE FEUD

Agreement Reported on
Policies for City Law
Enforcement.

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ture" has been agreed to by all concerned.

Mr. Blue said the agreement was reached at a conference attended by Police Chief Clifford Beeker, Sheriff Otto Pett and himself at the prosecutor's office.

For many months friction has existed between the police department and the prosecutor's office over methods of making raids and arrests and the prosecution of the cases in court.

The conflict, which has a background of Republican party factionalism between the city administration and the regular G. O. P. organization, reached a climax two weeks ago when Prosecutor Blue charged that police had made more than 700 illegal arrests since Jan. 1.

Involve Vice Raids

He subsequently refused to approve any more affidavits in police cases where he considered the arrests illegal.

Most of the alleged illegal arrests involved the police department's vice raids over a period of five months.

Police made many of the raids without search warrants which the prosecutor said should be stopped. On July 12, Mr. Blue called a conference with city officials and other enforcement agencies, seeking an agreement on policies.

Mayor Robert Tyndall and Police Chief Beeker refused to attend and instead sent Sidney Miller, city corporation counsel.

Deals Directly With Beeker

Mr. Miller let it be known that the police department would not be told by the prosecutor how to run its affairs.

Mr. Blue then dealt directly with Mr. Beeker in a series of private conferences and the agreement last night was the result. Mr. Beeker made no public comment following the meeting, apparently agreeing to permit the prosecutor to announce the agreement.

"We have received assurance of the police department that every effort will be made to eliminate illegal arrests and illegal searches and seizures," Mr. Blue said. "The prosecutor's office will continue to co-operate with police in the preparation of affidavits and search warrants."

Set Memorial Services for Lt. W. H. Carr

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Richard Goldbach and Thomas W. King of Indianapolis.

TWO INDIANA MEN, both formerly reported prisoners of war, have been reported dead today by the war department.

They are Raymond Anthony Dierking, chief electrician's mate, son of Mrs. Eva Dierking of New Albany, and Gilbert E. Palmer, seaman 2-c, son of Mrs. Christella Palmer, Evansville.

Wounded

T. SGT. JOHN E. WRIGHT, aerial engineer and crew chief on a four-motored bomber, has been wounded in the North American area, according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. H. Russell Eby, 1447 Montclair st., from the war department.

A resident of Indianapolis five years before he entered the service, Sgt. Wright is a graduate of Arsenal Technical high school and was employed by the Roecco Turner Aeronautical Corp. when he enlisted in the army air forces on Jan. 22, 1942.

His wife, Mrs. Doris Wilson Wright, is a civil service employee at McCord field, Tacoma, Wash.

Honored

AWARDS TO personnel of the army air forces in North Africa recently included several cases of eighth and ninth oak leaf clusters to the air medal.

Among those honored were the following men from Indiana: Ninth bronze oak leaf cluster to air medal to Capt. James E. Pate, Terre Haute, and 1st Lt. Walter J. Eisenbrow, Lawrence; fifth oak leaf, 1st Lt. Richard E. Hougham, Franklin; first oak leaf to 2d Lt. Fred J. Wolfe, Hammond; Sgt. Carl W. Toole, Evansville, and Sgt. Robert William Brink, Michigan City, reported as missing in action since Feb. 8.

M. Sgt. Alfred E. Sexton, Crawfordsville, has been awarded the air medal. He is with the army air forces in the Southwest Pacific area.

WITH 12 OTHER members of his group, somewhere in the South Pacific, T. Sgt. Carl M. Amsden Jr., Goshen, was awarded the air medal for meritorious achievements. He participated in 25 operations, flight missions, including bombing of enemy airbases, installations, naval vessels and shipping, and armed reconnaissance flights.

LEAH BARNES TO PRESIDE
Leah Barnes of Lafayette, department auxiliary president, will preside at the quarterly council of administration meetings of the ladies auxiliary to the department of Indiana, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, tomorrow in the war memorial.

A closed session will be held at 10 a. m. and the regular afternoon open meeting at 2 p. m.

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington
Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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making 20 per cent of the peacetime output, nearly half the machine tool industry, 8 per cent of the magnesium industry.

Will the government stay in business, operate these plants? Or scrap them to remove competition? Or sell them cheap to private operators? Jesse Joffe, whose RFC owns the 1500 odd war plants, warns they mustn't be used to destroy private initiative. Others worry about latest German home-front propaganda telling mothers to produce babies for soldiers 20 years from now, urge necessity of keeping plants ready for national defense.

BALANCING OF GASOLINE rations is likely to stabilize A, B and C coupon values at three gallons each in all states east of the Rockies. This would mean 25 per cent cut, or one gallon on each coupon, to motorists in states outside the eastern shortage area. For easterners it would mean doubling the present allowance on A coupons (1½ gallons) and adding half-a-gallon to value of B and C coupons (now worth 2½ gallons).

Note: Many housewives drove home in their own cars when congress recessed; OPA, following general appeasement policy, gave them all the coupons they wanted, even, in some cases, enough for return trip. Question is what constituents, unable to drive on vacations, will think about it.

LOOK FOR an armistice in that Nelson-Wilson-Land row over types of ships, engines. They've reached the amicable discussion stage.

NRA LIVES again—after a fashion. Its files constitute one of the best sources of industrial and business data for OPA and WPB officials, struggling with price and production control. Files were transferred to national archives three years ago, take up 13,000 linear feet. Archivists say they probably are the largest collection of industrial data ever gathered.

CURRENT LEVELING off of industrial production is described officially as "only temporary," with manufacturing change-overs necessitated by new weapons partly to blame.

Commerce department says wartime peak is still to be reached, though rise will be at slower rate. Civilian economy, it adds, will be "deeply affected" by transfers of workers.

War manpower commission estimates its requirements for fiscal year just begun at 3,900,000 persons, including 2,000,000 more for armed forces. Other estimates: Munitions factories, 1,600,000; government war agencies, 200,000; food processing industry, 100,000.

WMC says it must have 1,300,000 new recruits to help make up the pool, must draw 2,600,000 from less essential occupations. It counts on getting 600,000 from construction and building materials industry, 700,000 from trade and service occupations; 1,300,000 from other activities.

Portal-to-Portal Again

LOOK FOR the war labor board to refuse approval for the portal-to-portal settlement reached by John L. Lewis with the Illinois coal operators.

Also look for a blow-up from the board if the president doesn't move soon to enforce some of its orders against disobedient unions and corporations.

ARMY DOESN'T want to be responsible for government of occupied areas for more than four months. This means, in Sicily, that our civilian agencies, headed by the new OFEC, will soon be in operation; that United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration, still the subject of a senate controversy, might be functioning by Christmas.

It also means that by the first of the year Sicilians who have been screened by AMGOT, should be running their own local governments, under direction of one of the other agencies.

OLD-LINE Republicans spread a report that the record-breaking sales of Wendell Willkie's book are due to mass purchases by corporations interested in his candidacy—despite contrary statements from his publishers.

STATE DEATHS

BLOOMINGTON—Charles Lincoln White, 78. Survivors: Daughters, Mrs. Thomas A. Cookson and Mrs. Hays Burkirk; granddaughters, Mary Ellen Burkirk, Ruth Cookson, Louise Cookson and Katherine Cookson.

Mrs. Mary E. Davis, 71. Survivors: Son, Loney Blake; daughter, Lula Blake; William Elsworth Johnson, 36. Survivors: Wife, Mrs. Elsie Johnson; sons, Wayne, Lane, Jerry and Robert; daughters, Joan and Mary Jo, mother, Mrs. Josephine Borcharding; brothers, John Johnson, Fred Johnson and Frank Johnson; sisters, Mrs. Helen Hoffman and Mrs. Mary Knox.

COLUMBUS—Mrs. Nancy L. Meyers, 75. Survivors: Husband, Frank Meyers; daughter, Ruth; brother, Albert Ormsby; sisters, Mrs. Della Guidin and Mrs. Nellie Hall.

EVANSVILLE—Charles Edgar Anderson, 56. Survivors: Wife, Lottie; son, Charles Meredith Anderson; daughter, Mrs. Mary Margaret McCullough.

CLYDE JOHNSON, 65. Survivors: Wife, Betty; brother, D. Johnson; sister, Mrs. Mina Perry.

Margaret Garner, 44. Survivors: Husband, Andrew J. Garner; mother, Mrs. Ida Rosecrance; sons, Albert and Donald Garner; brother, A. J. Rosecrance.

FT. WAYNE—Mrs. Anna Selts, 61. Survivors: Husband, Samuel Selts; daughter, Mrs. Theima Selts; stepson, Harry; stepdaughter, Mrs. Ina Mae Johns; brother, Calvin Griffin.

TECH CHOIR TO SING

The summer choir of Tech high school will give a program at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the Centenary Christian church, 11th and Oxford sts. J. Russell Paxton will be the director.

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OPA HAS FAITH IN PRICE PLANS

It's Confident That FDR's
Substitute Program Is
Not Necessary.

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bureau of labor statistics showed that drops in fresh vegetable and butter prices cut the cost of living for city workers by 0.2 per cent from May 15 to June 15. It was the first time the bureau's cost of living index has dropped since a year before Pearl Harbor.

Believe Spiral Halting

OPA officials believe they have halted the upward spiral in food prices and that the downward trend will continue.

But labor apparently will be satisfied only if the cost of living is cut back to last September's levels. The overall cost of living index of the bureau of labor statistics now stands at 124.8 per cent—seven percentage points above the 117.8 of Sept. 15, 1942.

But virtually all of that change has been a result of rising food costs. Other cost of living items have remained almost stable, while the labor department's food index has risen from 126.6 last September to 141.9 on June 15. The 1935-39 average was 100.

President Roosevelt revealed no details of his substitute stabilization plan other than to say that it would require money from congress. That suggested a new subsidy plan.

However, some sources said he might be thinking about a plan to stabilize prices at the present level, rather than hold the line as of Sept. 15, 1942, and adjust upward the "little steel" formula to meet the higher cost of living.

Will 'Hold the Line'

The latter course would require a change of mind among war labor board members. Only yesterday they reiterated firm intention to fight any attempt to break the "little steel" ceiling in a case denying Los Angeles transit workers a wage increase. The board said it did not plan to retreat from its anti-inflation line even though "other divisions of the anti-inflation army may weaken."

Points on which OPA spokesmen based their optimism that a reconvened congress would see the cost of living greatly reduced include:

1. The recent substantial roll-back in cabbage and lettuce prices not reflected in the latest cost-of-living index.
2. The roll-back of fish prices, estimated at approximately 100 per cent in some instances. Also not apparent in the June index and which will not be fully evident until Sept. 15.
3. The projected subsidized roll-back of canned vegetables.
4. Reductions in butter and meat prices which will not be fully reflected in statistics before another month.
5. Early roll-back of the remaining five of the seven "major" fresh vegetables.

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