

Renew Fierce Cassino Fight; Foresee End of Anzio Lull

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 8 (U. P.)—Savage night fighting has broken out in the battered streets and buildings of Cassino, it was disclosed today, as reports from the Anzio beachhead indicated that the German high command has begun moving up troops and armor for a fourth major offensive.

Headquarters spokesman said a fierce street battle flared up inside Cassino Monday night for the second straight night, as American units already holding one-third of the ruined town, fought to dislodge the Nazis.

Allied and German guns massed in the hills above Cassino rocked the town with shelling, while both sides exchanged mortar and gunfire in the streets at close range.

Fighting from house to house through the blacked-out town, American and Nazi combat patrols repeatedly broke into the opposing lines in an effort to smash each other's strong points with hand grenades and rifle fire.

Headquarters spokesman said there had been no decisive change in the battle lines inside the town, but it was indicated that fierce fighting still was in progress.

YANKS STEP UP DRIVE IN PACIFIC

Marines Make New Landing On New Britain Near Rabaul Base.

Increased allied ground offensives were reported today from three scattered sections of the Pacific, with U. S. marines effecting a new landing on New Britain while other allied forces were gaining control of Los Negros in the Admiralties and expanding a new foothold on New Guinea.

The land drives were co-ordinated with the ever-growing aerial offensive, focused on Japan's big base at Rabaul and the enemy's central Pacific holdings in the Carolines and the Marshalls.

Make 110-Mile Jump

The marines made a 110-mile jump from their Cape Gloucester base to land near Talaesa on Willaumez Peninsula Monday morning, establishing positions less than 170 miles from Rabaul. On the southern coast of New Britain, other marine units pushed their lines to Amorgong, 24 miles east of the original landing point at Arave.

In New Guinea, allied troops operating from newly-won Yalau plantation, reached the villages of Bibi and Ganglau in the Rai coastal area.

American dismounted cavalrymen won control of Los Negros in the Admiralty islands after securing the beach on the west coast at Seadler harbor and occupying Porlaka, west of Monote airfield, which already was prepared for flight operation.

Air and naval units also joined in the Admiralty fighting with American planes ranging as far as Rorongau, while naval units bombarded Hauwel Island, west of Los Negros.

Rabaul Raided

Solomon-based planes continued their assaults on Rabaul, dropping 98 tons of bombs which destroyed five parked enemy planes, wrecked six barges and hit two small merchant vessels.

The Wewak base on New Guinea was hit again by allied airmen who shot down three enemy bombers, while U. S. naval vessels sank four enemy barges in an attack on Ambile island off the Madang coast.

In the Central Pacific, American fliers completed two months of non-stop operations with new attacks on seven enemy bases in the Carolines and Marshalls.

Planes from the seventh army airforce and fleet airwing two dropped 65 tons of bombs on Ponape and Kusadai in the Carolines, Nauru, 400 miles west of the Gilberts, and four unidentified eastern Marshall atolls.

YANKS AND CHINESE TIGHTEN BURMA TRAP

WITH CHINESE FORCES IN THE HUKAWNG VALLEY, Burma, March 6 (Delayed) (U. P.)—Chinese troops, fighting beside American infantrymen for the first time in this war, captured the village of Shinghan today in a push southward along the main Hukawng road that tightened the trap they and the Americans have closed around more than 2000 Japanese.

The Chinese, trained by Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, advanced eight miles along the jungle road from Malinkwian, largest village in the Hukawng valley which they captured last Sunday in one of the steepest battles of this campaign.

Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's Americans withdrew meanwhile from the small village clearing of Walawbum after capturing it in their first attack and took up positions where their guns could cover Japan bases still occupied in this area.

RUSS SCORE BALTIC DIPLOMATS TO U. S.

MOSCOW, March 8 (U. P.)—The three Baltic diplomats to Washington were accused today of being "agents of Hitler" by the Russian publication War and the Working Class, which said it was surprising they were able to continue to take advantage of diplomatic immunity "to carry on activity hostile to the Soviet Union."

The publication singled out Dr. A. Stilwell, Latvian minister to the U. S., for circulating a booklet on "Nazi and Bolshevik atrocities in Latvia," which devoted one page to German atrocities and 27 to alleged Russian atrocities.

VALLEE, BETTYJANE CANCEL SEPARATION

HOLLYWOOD, March 8 (U. P.)—Coast Guard Lt. Rudy Vallee and Starlet Bettyjane Greer changed their minds about a separation and today announced that everything is fine again.

Two days ago Bettyjane said she and the curly-haired crooner were going to end their three months' marriage, although they were "very much in love." Vallee was in San Diego and confirmed the report by telephone.

But yesterday Vallee came home, and the two decided to continue their marriage.

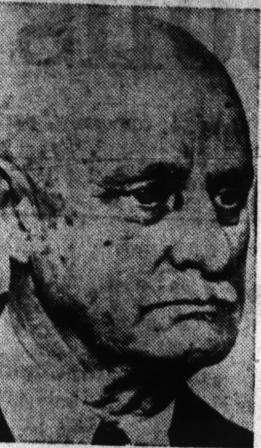
"She's still my favorite pin-up girl," said Vallee, who originally met Bettyjane after seeing her picture on the cover of a national magazine.

OFFICER KILLED IN CABARET HOLDUP

EMERYVILLE, Cal., March 8 (U. P.)—Two men armed with a sub-machine gun shot and killed a special police officer early today while attempting to rob the operator of a night club.

The two gunmen, who had forced a taxi driver to take them to the Oaks club, opened fire with their machine-guns on Special Officer George Haas, 62, Oakland, Calif., when he interrupted the hold-up.

Sect Leader



Joseph W. Muser, 71-year-old leader of "The Fundamentalists" and husband of four wives and father of 20 children, runs afoul of federal law.

SET POLYGAMY TRIAL MARCH 20

20 Being Arraigned Today After Federal Roundup In 3 Western States.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 8 (U. P.)—Trial of 20 fundamentalists, leaders, members of a group of self-styled "saints" who practice and preach polygamy, arrested yesterday in a three-state roundup, will be held March 20, Federal Judge Tillman D. Johnson said today.

The men, two of whom were reported to be the father of "at least 33 children" each, were seized in widespread raids in Arizona, Utah and Idaho following their indictment by a federal grand jury which charged them with violating the Mann act and the Lindbergh kidnapping law, and for conspiracy and mailing obscene literature. They will be arraigned today.

Seized with the 20 leaders were 30 other members of the sect who face prosecution on state charges of conspiracy and cohabitation with as many as six women.

Church Ties Severed

The fundamentalists once were members of the Mormon church but they now have no connection with the organized Latter Day Saints church which outlawed polygamy more than 50 years ago.

"Polygamy is a hard thing to live and anyone who thinks it's fun ought to try it," one of the leaders declared. "Polygamy is the only path to celestial glory; without it, many women are driven into prostitution."

Included among those arrested were farmer John Y. Barlow and salesman Charles F. Zitting, each reported to be the father of 33 children; Joseph W. Muser, sect leader and editor of "Truth," the sect's monthly publication, and Rulon C. Allred, "naturopathic physician."

Muser was the only one of the group named in four separate complaints. He was charged with conspiracy by both the federal and state governments, and with mailing obscene literature and cohabitation with five different women.

The white-haired and soft-spoken Muser said his people "did not fear persecution" and that their cases would be carried to the supreme court of the United States, if necessary, on the grounds of freedom of worship.

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53 MORE FRENCHMEN KILLED OR EXECUTED

BY UNITED PRESS

Fifty-three more Frenchmen have been killed or executed and 46 have been arrested in continuing clashes between French patriots and Nazi controlled police forces in occupied France, according to German and Vichy press and radio dispatches reported to the OWL.

Forty-one of the Frenchmen were killed in a fight between police and the patriots in the district of Perigueux in central France, the Nazi DNB agency said in a wireless dispatch to the controlled European press.

Three more Frenchmen were slain and five were arrested at St. Marie de Chignac when patriots ambushed German soldiers in an automobile, the Vichy domestic radio broadcast.

In a second wireless dispatch, DNB reported nine Frenchmen described as "Communists" were executed at Lille.

Japan Heard in Urgent Plea To Bolster Home Defenses

BY UNITED PRESS

Radio Tokyo has issued an "urgent" warning to the Japanese people that all air raid defenses in the home islands must be strengthened immediately, U. S. government monitors reported today.

The Tokyo announcement, coming in the wake of a series of jittery Japanese broadcasts suggesting that American bombing raids may be imminent, said new air raid defense regulations are being distributed to the public and must be put into practice this month.

"As you well know," the broadcast said, "a part of our land has already changed into a battlefield. We, making the hearts of the officers and men on the fighting front as our own, must prepare our determination, without the slightest slackness, to meet the enemy planes whenever they come."

The Japanese cabinet met today at the imperial palace, apparently an hour earlier than usual, accord-

ITALIAN NAVY 'DEAL' STUDIED

Senator Brewster Says Russ Fear U. S. Development of Petroleum.

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U. P.)—

Senator Ralph O. Brewster (R. Me.) said today that the special Senate petroleum committee would review the proposed division of the Italian fleet and its relationship to the entire question of petroleum development in the Mediterranean.

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