

Renew Fierce Cassino Fight; Foresee End of Anzio Lull

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 8 (U. P.).—Savage night fighting has broken out in the Cassino area, 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 spokesmen 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 spokesmen 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.

ENGLAND STUDIES ARGENTINE REGIME

LONDON, March 8 (U. P.).—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told commons today that Britain was confining its communications with the Argentine government to routine matters "in view of the obscurity surrounding the circumstances" in which the new Farrell regime is operating.

"This attitude will be maintained pending developments in Buenos Aires," Eden said.

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 Talasea on Wilaumez 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 Angoring, 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 Ganglun 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 Seidler harbor and occupying Porlaka, west of Monote airfield, which already was prepared for flight operations.

Air and naval units also joined in the Admiralty fighting with American planes ranging as far as Lorengau, while naval units bombarded Hauwei 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 Wevaka 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 Ambitle 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 Kusale 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 Maingwan, largest village in the Hukawng valley which they captured last Sunday in one of the stiffest 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 Japanese posts 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. Bilmanis, 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.

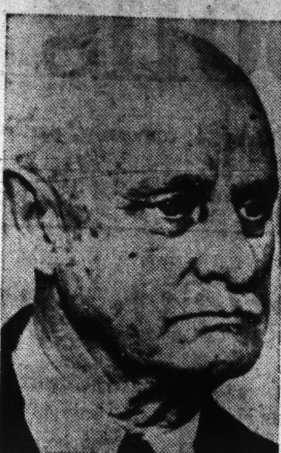
"She's still my favorite pin-up girl," said Vallee, who originally met Bettyjane after seeing her picture on the cover of a national magazine.

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-gun on Special Officer George Haas, 62, Oakland, Cal., when he interrupted the hold-up.

Sect Leader



Joseph W. Musser, 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 fundamentalist 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 kidnap 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. Musser, sect leader and editor of "Truth," the sect's monthly publication; and Rulon O. Alred, "naturopathic physician."

Musser 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

Musser 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.

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 OWI.

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.

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.

Many congressional observers believed that Russia demanded a third of the Italian navy because she "viewed with alarm" rising Anglo-American strength in the Mediterranean area, where the United States is proposing to construct a 1200-mile oil pipeline.

See Fear Motive

The observers who attributed Russia's demand for the Italian ships to her fear of Anglo-American strength expressed the opinion that Russia was determined to create a powerful naval force in the Black sea. They pointed out that Russia now was receiving much of her lend-lease material through Basra at the head of the Persian gulf, some 750 miles from the nearest Soviet territory.

"All these things points to Russia's pressing interest in the Near East and when viewed in the light of probable implications, the Russian demand for Italian naval ships, indicate clearly the development of a situation that bears watching," they said.

RATION FOE FILES IN CONGRESS RACE

T. Ernest Maholin, Indianapolis criminal lawyer, who has announced that he wanted to be known in the campaign as "anti-rationing Maholin," today filed with the secretary of the state his declaration of candidacy for the Republican nomination for congress from the 11th district.

Among those filing late yesterday were Forrest W. Littlejohn, 750 W. 25th st., for the Democratic nomination for state senator; Paul G. Moffett, R. R. 2, Indianapolis, for the Republican nomination for senator; Mrs. Margaret L. Wyatt, 4500 Allisonville rd., for the Republican nomination for state representative, and Congressman Charles M. La Follette, for renomination on the Republican ticket in the 8th district.

CITIZENS' SLATE WINS KANSAS CITY VOTE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 8 (U. P.).—The citizens' ticket, headed by Mayor John B. Gage, who was swept into office in the cleanup election of 1940 when the Pendergast machine was defeated, headed toward the March 23 run-off election today on the crest of a 2-to-1 majority in yesterday's primary.

Gage led his slate with 34,000 votes compared with 16,382 for J. Stephens, Democratic "draft" candidate. In addition to the majority post, the Citizens' currently hold seven of the eight council seats and two municipal judgeships.

On the War Fronts

(March 8, 1944)

AIR WAR—Yanks attack Berlin in one of greatest fire raids of war.

RUSSIA—Red army outflanks Tarnopol, closes in on junction town against stiff German resistance.

PACIFIC—U. S. marines leapfrog 110 miles along north coast of New Britain for new landing 170 miles from Rabaul; allies again bomb Rabaul; Americans win control of Los Negros Island in Admiralties; U. S. planes batter seven enemy bases in Carolines and Marshalls.

ITALY—Germans reported regrouping for new assault on Anzio beachhead under constant allied fire; sharp patrol and artillery duels in Cassino.

3 Italian Parties Protest Badoglio, Emmanuel Rule

NAPLES, March 8 (U. P.).—A spokesman for the three left-wing Italian political parties said today a mass meeting to be held here Sunday would challenge the right of Premier Pietro Badoglio's government and King Victor Emmanuel to pose as the leaders of anti-Fascist Italy.

The mass meeting was called to protest British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's statement that the Badoglio government is the only organization which presently can command the loyalty of Italians.

It was scheduled as an alternative to a 10-minute general strike which the three parties canceled under pressure from the allied control commission 12 hours before it was due last Saturday.

By UNITED PRESS

Radio Rome has acknowledged that 208,549 workers struck in Ger-

20 SHIPLOADS OF NAZIS LEAVE OSLO

By NAT A. BARROWS
STOCKHOLM, March 8.—Rumors that the Germans are evacuating troops from Norway to reinforce the Estonian front around Narva have now been confirmed by Norwegian underground sources.

It is definite that as many as 20 troop transports have left Oslo in the past two weeks for the Baltic port of Riga from which German soldiers have been transferred overland, through Latvia, to the Narva front.

Norwegian patriots, however, see no signs at present that Gen. Nikolaus Von Falkenhof, Nazi commander in Norway, is under any orders to make a wholesale evacuation of Norway. Instead, the Germans are known to be increasing their defenses extensively all the way from Kristiansand on the Skagerrak to Hammerfest in the north.

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