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BOMBERS ROAR INTO ANZIO FIGHT

REDS DRIVE AT 3 NAZI STRONGHOLDS

Bury Men Of Three Faiths In China Soil

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
(Substituting for Hal Boyle)

HEADQUARTERS, 14TH AIR FORCE, CHINA.—(AP)—They lived together, fought together and died together, but their funeral here under a Chinese sky had to be conducted in three religions—Jewish, Catholic and Protestant.

There was one of the five, who because of his own past indecision, was buried as one of three Protestants. He may not have been one.

On the day when he filled in his personnel card he made check marks against all three religions. Maybe he felt sincerely that freedom and religion includes freedom to profess none at all, and that to check all three was to claim none—or it might have been all. But whatever the faith of these five men, the flags that draped the heavy, hardwood Chinese-style caskets were all the same.

They died in a Mitchell bomber just returned from a sweep against Japanese shipping. They got safely to base but an air raid alarm sent them roaring off again to protect their plane from the enemy.

Circling, they ran into a storm and their plane crashed. With them died a Chinese lieutenant and a Chinese sergeant, for their squadron was part of the Chinese-American composite wing of the 14th Air Force.

CHECK MADE

Their end was an eventuality that Capt. Charles L. Wanish, 30,

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Lepke Reported "Singing"; Sixth Reprieve Possible

ALBANY, N. Y.—(AP)—A possible sixth reprieve for Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Murder, Inc., chief condemned to die tonight, was indicated today by Governor Dewey's counsel, who simultaneously declined to affirm or deny a report Lepke had "sung" on nationally known figures.

Charles D. Breitel, the Governor's counsel, said at a press interview:

"If court proceedings should be pending, this obviously would call for further action by the Governor."

Breitel manifestly referred to a statement of Buchalter's attorney that he was considering appealing from a Federal Court ruling yesterday denying the gangster leader a habeas corpus writ.

DEWEY CHURCHILL?

Possibility of another respite for Lepke and two aides, Louis Capone and Emanuel Weiss, convicted of killing Joseph Rosen, Brooklyn gangster in 1936, reminded observers that one of Dewey's pet political objectives was to get Lepke to talk.

Breitel declined to comment on whether Lepke had made an "offer" to talk, saying he had "no information" on the subject.

LEPKE

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Key Enemy Bastions Threatened

Roll On Narva, Pskov, Vetebsk

LONDON — (AP) — Red Army forces are closing in relentlessly on the three great German strongholds of Narva, Pskov and Vitebsk, key defense bases on the 350-mile-long northern front, Moscow declared today.

In Estonia units of Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad army threw a bridgehead across the Narova River south of Narva, cut the only German escape railway loading westward to Reval, and are threatening the city from all four sides, a Russian communique announced.

One hundred and ten miles to the south, another Russian army smashed closer to the Baltic gateway city of Pskov, capturing several heavily fortified strongpoints covering the approaches to the town, the Moscow bulletin said. More than 70 towns, including Nevadlitsy, ten miles to the southeast of Pskov, the advancing Soviet troops, who cut the railway leading south from Pskov to Polotsk at Bezsuki, 35 miles below Pskov, the bulletin added. Other Red Army forces previously had been reported less than six miles from Pskov on the north.

VITEBSK MARCH

Two hundred miles southeast of Pskov, Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's First Baltic Army was marching on the White Russian base of Vitebsk. The Russians said they had captured more than 20 towns and villages in a converging movement which drew a noose tighter around the key German-held fortress city. Towns captured included Selvitsy, six miles south of Vitebsk, Sinilychi nine miles to the east and Pekary, twelve miles to the north.

Vitebsk has been under siege by Bagramian's army since late last year, when all rail lines into the city except one running to Orsha, 50 miles to the south, were cut.

Acknowledging the increased tempo of the Russian attacks, German broadcasts advanced the suggestion that the Red Army was striving to achieve its objectives, especially Pskov, before the expected thaw turns the front into a morass.

German commentators said that temperatures on the northern front were averaging less than 5 degrees above zero Fahrenheit, and that "the Russians are trying to cross with tanks and heavy transport while the advancing forces regions east of Pskov as quickly as possible."

It has been much warmer in the south, the Nazis declared.

WHAT FINNS FACE—Probable basic provisos for a Soviet-Finnish armistice are indicated on map above, according to London reports. In addition, problems of demobilization of the Finnish army and questions of war damage would be settled later by Moscow and Helsinki.

Intervene To Help American Ground Forces

Forts and Liberators Smash At Nazi Troops; Yank Counter-Attack Gains

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES — (AP) — American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, swinging into the renewed battle on the Anzio beachhead, smashed heavily at Nazi troop concentrations today, raining thousands of fragmentation bombs on enemy forces.

The great bombers roared into action as bitter fighting continued ground.

The Germans threw three divisions against the beachhead line yesterday, driving American troops back 1,500 yards, but a fierce doughboy counter-attack regained 1,000 yards and still was making progress.

Headquarters gave no indication of the size of the armada sent over the Nazi positions, but during the Germans' last big offensive, hundreds of Flying Fortresses spread a pattern of fire over the enemy.

MAY BE CRITICAL STAGE

The reappearance of the heavy bombers again on this hardfought invasion sector, emphasized the intensity of the struggle.

The Germans were said to be resisting strongly near a road junction slightly south of the midway point between Carroceto and Cisterna after having lost two-thirds of the ground they gained Tuesday in the early stages of their assault, apparently their third all-out effort to wipe out the beachhead.

More than 500 German prisoners have been taken in the battle in which the Germans rammed Mark IV and Tiger tanks at the Allied lines under heavy artillery fire from both sides.

HARDEST FIGHT

A dispatch sent from the beachhead last night by Associated Press War Correspondent Edward Kennedy quoted the doughboys as saying the battle was the stiffest they had yet encountered and that the enemy artillery fire was the heaviest laid on them since the beachhead was established. Kennedy said the situation was well in hand at that moment.

Nazi Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's forces launched their attack Tuesday morning along a thousand-yard front almost in the middle of the ten-mile stretch between Carroceto and Cisterna.

The enemy threw two battalions, supported by tanks, into the initial phase with American forces bearing the brunt of the attack. By late afternoon three German divisions were plunging against the Allied lines.

The Nazis broke through to a depth of about 1,500 yards but the rest of the Allied lines stood firm against pressure exerted all around the American-British defense perimeter. American troops launched a counter-attack Tuesday night and up to noon yesterday had won back 1,000 yards.

TANKS BOGGED

In the opening hours of the attack German infantry rode tanks into battle and helped lift Allied mines. A steady rain, however, turned open fields into a quagmire and forced the tanks to stay on the highways.

The Germans were given only minor support by their airmen. Spitfires shot down three Focke-Wulfe 190s out of six over the beachhead yesterday. A Junkers 88 was shot down Tuesday night over Anzio. No German planes appeared yesterday.

American Warhawks bombed German front line positions yesterday and other Warhawks

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Yanks Lash At Germany

LONDON — (AP) — U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators in strong force smashed at Southwest Germany today hard on the heels of a 600-bomber assault by the RAF last night upon the important war center of Stuttgart.

The American target was not announced immediately, but the direction of the attack suggested a U. S.-RAF double night-and-day punch in the Stuttgart action like the ones highlighting last week's powerful aerial drive.

RAF LOSS LOW

More than 600 RAF and RCAF bombers participated in last night's operations with a record low proportional loss of only four planes. Mosquito bombers staged a diversionary raid on the shrine city of Munich, and other formations struck targets in France and the low countries.

London newspapers estimated 1,650 to 1,900 tons of bombs were dumped on Stuttgart last night.

The Allied daylight formations headed out toward Europe at dawn, with Marauders of the U. S. Ninth Air Force bombing "military objectives" in Northern France, perhaps on the Nazis' "rocket coast."

More Allied medium bombers flew over the strait this afternoon.

German raiders about 100 strong retaliated against Britain by night, killing several persons and causing damage at widely separated places. Five were knocked down. Many houses were smashed on the southeast coast, but only a few bombers penetrated to London.

Argentina Quiet Now

MONTEVIDEO, Thursday (AP)—Acting President Edelmiro Farrell of Argentina turned his attention today to a host of domestic and international problems which apparently were only slightly eased by his victory yesterday in quelling a minor revolt.

While Farrell, elected by Acting War Minister Col. Juan Peron and loyal troops early in the threat to his newly-delegated authority which was presented when Lt. Col. Tomas Ditre attempted a coup to restore Gen. Pedro Ramirez to the Presidency, he still is facing the fundamental decision of whether to head toward restoration of constitutional government or yield to the pressure of rabid Nationalists.

What action if any Farrell takes on such questions as the drastic press regulations now in force, restoration of political parties and holding elections may serve to indicate his future policy. He also must appoint a new Foreign Minister.

Although Farrell's Government has insisted it is only a continuation of the Ramirez regime it is bound to take into account the skeptical attitude evident in Washington and other American capitals.

BRITISH THREAT

Great Britain's assurance that it would concur in whatever policy Washington adopts could not help but give even the most extreme Nationalists pause in view of Britain's economic importance as Argentina's best customer.

Possibly weighing the scales in favor of a more liberal policy was the Argentine Navy's apparent decision to lend its support to the Farrell Administration. The Navy, while generally aloof from politics in Argentina is considered a moderating influence opposed to extremist trends.

Woman Victim Of Cathedral Murder

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A basement pit in the library of the magnificent Washington Cathedral yielded the bludgeoned and scantily clothed body of a young woman librarian today, confronting police with a bizarre mystery.

The body of Miss Catherine Cooper Reardon 37, clothed only in a slip was found by co-workers in a 6-foot pit. Police said they had been in the same place yesterday when the body lay nearby. One was looking on for a while.

MAN SUSPECTED

Police disclosed they were hunting an unknown man who had been employed as a handyman at the church. Friends of Miss Reardon had complained to Cathedral officials that he was sacrilegiously lazy.

The Cathedral employees questioned police to inquiries told of the same woman's complaint, police said.

Rev. Chase Ingraham, Mrs. Helen A. Young, assistant and John Hatch, curator discovered the body after noting Miss Reardon's hat, coat, pocketbook and gloves in a hall when they returned for work.

Police said the pit was five feet deep and a ladder was required to remove the body. Inspector Ira L. Keck said Miss Reardon had been "brutally beaten."

The mystery was heightened by the circumstances in which the word of the case reached police. An anonymous informant called reporters and police headquarters by telephone saying:

A young woman has been murdered in Washington Cathedral. You'd-you had better get here."

The caller refused to identify himself.

Deputy Coroner Christopher C.

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Working On Turk Nerves

By WILLIAM R. KING

ANKARA—(AP)—Reports were current here today that Britain has halted the delivery of both military and civilian supplies to Turkey as a result of the recent collapse of British-Turkish military talks.

While there was no confirmation from Turkish officials, it was obvious that they were disturbed by the reports which were interpreted in some quarters as part of a campaign to high-pressure Turkey into entering the war on the side of the Allies.

In London, the Ankara reports were interpreted as meaning Allied efforts to obtain Turkish military bases against Germany had come to an abrupt end.

Arms had been sent to Turkey to bar Germany one responsible source said. "They haven't been used for that purpose and we have other uses for them."

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has made a statement in Commons denying any relation with Turkey.

It also was reported without confirmation that American Lend-Lease material was landed in the Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean. If the report concerning the British action is correct, however, this might be a way of getting substantial shipments to Turkey active in British hections and the overland routes are under British control.

Some quarters hold that if the British have stopped shipments of war material to Turkey it might mean that they have given up hope of bringing Turkey out of the neutrality and that they are planning a campaign against Southeastern Europe as an alternative.

It seemed unlikely at this late hour that British action could be taken to prevent the reported stoppage if that were Britain's intent.

Turkey consisted of negotiations that the might be Britain's plan, one highly placed Turk said.

It looks as though they are trying to work out our nerves, but they must remember we are people with strong nerves."

Bulletin

Bombs Reported Dropped In Vatican City

LONDON— (—)—The Vatican radio said today that bombs were dropped in Vatican City last night.

British Subs Hit Jap Carrier And Cruiser In East

LONDON — (AP) — British submarines ranging "far Eastern waters" torpedoed and probably sank a Japanese aircraft carrier or cruiser, and scored torpedo hits on a Japanese cruiser, the Admiralty announced today.

The Royal Navy submarine first sighted the carrier, escorted by five submarine chasers. In the northern approaches to Malaya Strait, and fired a salvo of torpedoes. No hits were observed, and the sub chasers drove the submarine off temporarily.

The British ship returned to the attack, scoring a hit and stopping the flattop.

A further torpedo which struck the enemy minelayer caused a violent explosion. The ship heeled over and is believed to have sank, the communique said.

The cruiser was successfully attacked in the same area, but full results were not observed.

British submarines also torpedoed and sank a medium-sized supply ship and destroyed a smaller supply ship by gunfire.

Finns Cold To Terms

STOCKHOLM — (—) — Russian peace terms, published in Finnish newspapers for the first time this morning, fell like a "cold shower" on the people, the Helsinki correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet reported.

Even circles opposed to a "wait and see" policy of the Government regarding armistice terms took the view that the conditions were impossible of acceptance, the correspondent wrote.

He added that recent developments in the move for peace were clothed in such secrecy the people were under the impression that there were grounds for hope for a settlement. The correspondent said there was evidence of great disappointment today.

Russian terms called for retreat of the 1940 boundaries, immediate evacuation of hostilities, no occupation or change in the Finnish Government, internment of Germans still and seven Nazi divisions with or without Red Army help.

Even a Swedish issue was disturbed at the 1940 boundaries.

Moscow Radio said Finnish troops had begun to retreat in the fighting on the western sector of the Karelian Isthmus.

The Russians had seized Koivisto Island. Day after a brief Allied carrier raid.

Nippon Admiralty Attack Repulsed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC —(AP)—Japanese troops were bloodily repulsed in a predawn counter-attack yesterday against entrenched Americans in the Admiralty Islands, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today.

The enemy, recovering from the surprise of the invasion and quick seizure of Momote airdrome on Los Negros Island Tuesday, hit the American line around 4 A. M., but before daylight came they had been hurled back leaving nearly 100 dead.

MacArthur's communique said that American losses for the entire operation so far have been negligible. The dismounted units of the First Cavalry Division which made the landings have successfully consolidated their positions, the commanding general said.

JAPS REINFORCED

A headquarters spokesman said the enemy counter-attack apparently was "pretty sharp." The Japanese possibly are receiving reinforcements from Manus Island, which lies across a narrow strip of shallow water west of Los Negros.

American heavy and medium bombers blasted Japanese rear positions in support of the ground fighters.

Momote airdrome was described by the headquarters spokesman as 4,000 feet long and located that enemy troops would have to come down a narrow front.

MacArthur said the field, which was captured so quickly with little damage was done it would start to be put into full use by Allied aircraft.

No reports have yet been received of any Japanese sea craft lost against the invasion, which has put the American open in the side the perimeter of the enemy's South Pacific defenses.

This probably has been due to action of Allied aircraft which continued hammering the weakened Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, and other enemy installations on the northeastern New Guinea coast.

Japs 'Ride' Babe Ruth But 30 Are Struck Out

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain—(Delayed)—(—) — This will be news to the Babe, but Staff Sergeant Jeremiah A. O'Leary, a Marine Corps combat correspondent, reports that Japs, evidently eager to display their improvirished English vocabulary, charged Marine lines here shouting the strange battle cry, "To hell with Babe Ruth!" The charge was scored as an error. Thirty Japs were struck out for good.

In New York Babe Ruth replied: "I hope every Jap that mentions my name gets shot—and to hell with all Japs anyway."

MacArthur's Visit To Beachhead Described

(Author's note: After watching the invasion of the Admiralty Islands Feb. 29 from the bridge of an aircraft carrier ship Gen. Douglas MacArthur at personal risk went ashore for an inspection. Here's the story about it.)

By MURLIN SPENCER
Associated Press War Correspondent

AN ADVANCED NEW GUINEA BASE — (Delayed) — (AP) — Word reach that MacArthur was coming ashore but we that looked at each other and then he came. Said Capt. Bill North of Fort Worth, Tex., press relations officer:

"He was the first one off the Higgins boat and there had been heavy firing up to within a few minutes of the time he reached the beach. He was ashore for some time, inspecting everything there and even viewed two dead Japs who had been shot just shortly before he arrived. Then he returned to his warship and it left immediately."

Nogh went ashore with others and walked on the landing and was walking along the beach in midafternoon when "a sergeant came up to me and said 'don't tell anyone but MacArthur is coming ashore soon.' He's on a warship."

WORD RECEIVED

As eighty ashore in a few minutes was the official word shortly afterward from MacArthur.

"That was about 3.45 P. M.," Nogh said.

"Just five minutes before, cavalry

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Want To Spare Rome But Hand May Be Forced

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Allied military policy respecting Rome is to spare those portions of the city which the Germans themselves refrain from using for military purposes, Secretary of War Stimson said today. But he emphasized that "American lives must be safeguarded, whatever the cost in material things."

"As in the question of the destruction of the abbey of Monte Cassino," Stimson told a press conference, "the policy of the War Department is definite and clear: every possible precaution is to be taken against the destruction of cultural, historical and religious property.

"Should it become obvious, however, that the enemy is making use of such monuments for military purposes, and that the lives of American soldiers are thereby endangered, there can be no alternative. American lives must be safeguarded, whatever the cost in material things."

So far as is now known, the Secretary said, there are no large concentrations of German troops in the city itself, but Rome's rail lines and yards make it an important communications center through which most of the enemy forces pass on their way to the Allied beachhead and the main front in Southern Italy.

"For these reasons," said Stimson, "bombing attacks have been concentrated on the rail lines leading in and out of Rome and on the railway yards of Rome itself as well as on the suburban airfields, while every attempt has been made to spare religious and cultural shrines and to respect the neutral status of Vatican City."

Philanthropist Dies At N. Y. Country Home

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. — (AP) — Louis Nathan Littauer 85, a shoe manufacturer and former Republican Congressman from New York who had contributed at least $1,200,000 to educational objectives died unexpectedly today of heart ailment at his country home here.

Littauer, who was in Congress from 1905 to 1907, contributed $2,000,000 for establishment of Harvard University's graduate school of public administration and $500,000 to the Littauer Foundation for promotion of "Better Understanding Among All Mankind."

Coal Industry For Guffey Act

WASHINGTON—(—)—The Post-war plans of the bituminous coal industry—at least a substantial part of it include restoration of the Government regulations combbord in the peacetime Guffey Act.

Legislation already prepared will be supported in principle by the United Mine Workers of America. Heart of the proposed bill is a floor under prices which, as far as the UMW is concerned, means a floor under wages.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight, with temperatures near freezing. Friday, partly cloudy and warmer.

Today's Temperatures
2:30 P. M. 49
Sunset Today 7:20
Sunrise Tomorrow 7:50
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 5.

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But whether you return this loaned copy of The News through the Junior Commandos, deliver it to the bins at the fire stations or through dealers direct, it must be returned.

It is destined for front line service.