



TWO ITALIAN ISLES SURRENDER

Berlin Hit As Allies Continue Air Attacks Against Europe

LONDON (AP)—Fast British Mosquito bombers again attacked targets in Berlin Thursday night while fighters struck at airfields and railway targets on the continent, it was announced Friday.

Search Continues For More Victims In Factory Blast

KEARNY, N. J.—(AP)—A mass of rubble hid the fate Friday of at least eight persons believed buried in the ruins of a three-story brick and concrete building at the Congoleum-Nairn, Inc. plant after an explosion and fire which left three dead and 10 others injured, eight critically.

King Attempts To Halt Separatist Plan Of Sicilians

LONDON (AP)—King Vittorio Emanuele told Sicilians in a proclamation broadcast by the Rome radio Friday that the present isolation of Sicily from the rest of Italy "will not last for long" and he made no mention of continued prosecution of the war.

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Two Colonels Given Congressional Medal

CAIRO (AP)—The Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest decoration, has been awarded to Colonels John Riley (Killer) Kane of Shreveport, La., and Leon William Johnson of Moline, Kans., for their participation in the August 1 raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania.

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Red Army's Twin Drives Slowed By Rugged Terrain

MOSCOW (AP)—Difficult going in terrain naturally lending itself to defense was reported slowing down the Red Army Friday as it pressed twin drives on the Nazi bastions of Bryansk and Kharkov.

Denmark Citizens Using Systematic Plan Of Sabotage

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A determined, country-wide campaign of sabotage, apparently aimed at destroying land and sea transport facilities used by the Nazis to supply their forces in Norway, was reported by travelers arriving here from Denmark Friday.

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Officials At Quebec Meeting



Pictured at the war conference at Quebec are: seated, left to right, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill; standing, Gen. H. H. Arnold, Sir Chas. Portal, Sir Alan Brooke, Admiral E. E. King, Field Marshal Sir John Dill, Gen. Geo. C. Marshall, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, and Admiral Wm. D. Leahy. (NEA Telephoto)

Plans For Tremendous Operations Against Japanese Under Discussion At Conference Of Allied Leaders

QUEBEC (AP)—The Quebec war conference, driving forward to advance the zero hour for invasion of the European continent, produced Friday a strong, official indication that tremendous new operations against Japan also are in the making.

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Stromboli And Lipari Fall To U.S. Navy Units

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Lipari and Stromboli islands, in the Tyrrhenian Sea northwest of Messina, have surrendered to a United States naval expedition, it was announced Friday.

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Sugar—Book one stamp 13 expired Aug. 15; stamp 14 become valid Aug. 16 for five pounds through October; stamps 15 and 16 worth five pounds each for home canning.

Coffee—Unrationed, stamps no longer required.

Gasoline—Number seven "A" coupons worth three gallons; "B" and "C" coupons worth three gallons.

Sunset Provides Adequate Freight Service In State

Daily freight service from West Texas to the principal cities of the state is provided by the Sunset Motor Lines, one of the major truck lines serving this area. Service is provided on lines from El Paso to Houston and other South Texas points, and from San Antonio to Lubbock.

Calling attention to the recent expansion of its service to Lubbock, R. B. Riddle, manager of the Midland office at 307 South Marenfeld Street, said that Sunset now can provide freight service throughout West Texas. The company recently purchased the Lang Motor Freight concern which operated from Big Spring to Lubbock and has begun operation of the line.

Adequate State Service

Freight moves daily by Sunset and connecting lines both east and west from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific Coast. Three trucks are operated through Midland each 24 hours.

Within the state, Sunset provides service west to El Paso, southwest to Crane, McCamey, Iraan, Fort Stockton and other points; south to San Angelo, San Antonio and Houston, and east to Fort Worth and Dallas, in addition to Lubbock, Lamesa and Tahoka.

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Large Government Business

Sunset's convenience, speed and safety provide shippers the type of service they need, and the government also is taking advantage of the line. A tremendous tonnage of war freight is moving via Sunset, with some of it going to Army camps and flying fields along its lines and other consignments to firms that are supplying military establishments.

In spite of this vast volume of war freight, the Sunset Motor Lines still provide adequate facilities for moving

Soft Water Service Plant

Soft water units are shown here being recharged in the plant of the Soft Water Service at 1313 West Tennessee Street in Midland. These units transform the hard water found in this area into soft water for household tasks. They are installed by the Soft Water Service and are changed periodically to insure maximum results.

Soft Water Service Supplies Units To Aid Midland Women In Overcoming Many Housekeeping Drudgeries

Among the greatest boons to housewives in the Midland area are the water softener units furnished by the Soft Water Service, managed by Steve Vaughan. Work is done easier and quicker and the results are better when soft water is used in the home.

Soft water not only helps make tasks easier, however, Vaughan points out. It keeps hot water heaters free of lime and helps hold repairs to a minimum. When soft water is used, almost 70 per cent less soap is necessary and fats and oils which go into the making of soap are vital materials now.

The advantages of having a soft water unit in the home are many. Scouring powders are not necessary when soft water is used, and fabrics last three times as long when washed in zero soft water. Twenty per cent less coffee is needed when soft water is used to make the same amount of coffee. But in addition to saving money and needed materials, the units installed by the Soft Water Service provide a measure of comfort and save energy for the housewife.

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The firm suggests that citizens consult his agency with as much confidence as they would their physician or attorney. Insurance guarantees future security and there is no policy too small for the agency to write.

The company, located in its own offices at 205 West Wall Street, has been in operation here for 20 years. It was established by Percy Mims in 1923 and Claude O. Crane became associated with the business in 1929.

In addition to general insurance the firm also handles real estate.

Legion Wants U. S. To Maintain Large Army Following War

FORT WORTH — (AP)—Texas American Legion members want Congress immediately to plan to maintain military strength sufficient to meet any probable post-war emergency.

This recommendation was adopted Thursday at the closing session of the Legion's war conference, at which Sam D. Forman of Houston was elected department commander, succeeding Marine Capt. Charles Maisel of Phillips.

These other officers were chosen: George Berry of Lubbock, judge advocate; Miss Caroline Wilcox of Houston, army nurse in World War I, re-elected historian; W. F. Spiegel of Port Arthur, re-elected treasurer; J. Russell Smith of Hebronville, sergeant at arms; the Rev. M. C. Stearns of San Antonio, chaplain.

The 1944 convention city will not be selected until the executive committee meets next spring.

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As a taxpayer, consider these facts:

Our government is currently spending 240 million dollars each day, almost all of it on war, and this figure will increase materially as the war continues. About a third of that amount is being raised through taxes. Those tax dollars are as necessary for weapons with which to defeat our enemies as are dollars raised through the sale of WAR BONDS. Hence, when you pay taxes today you are definitely and directly contributing to victory.

And, at the same time, your taxes actually help to maintain your own purchasing power *now*—and prevent disaster to your country *after the war*. Here's how:

Billions of Dangerous Dollars

Every time your cost of living advances, you are paying a tax on your income. If your cost of living should double, you would pay a tax of 50% on your salary, wages or other income. But it would be a tax that wouldn't benefit our fighting forces, our government or anyone else—except Hitler and Hirohito.

Now—to prevent such a concealed tax on your income from taking place—isn't it good sense as well as sound patriotism to pay your government taxes of 20% on *part* of your total income—or more, if necessary?

And your taxes *do* help prevent just such a price rise! How? By taking part of the billions of dangerous dollars which otherwise threaten your living standard and putting them to useful work, winning the war. Those billions of dangerous dollars, you know, represent the difference between the income the American people will receive this year and the amount of civilian goods that will be made in the same twelve months. If taxes were lower, prices would tend to rise, and your real income would be reduced by just that much.

Keeping the America He Knew

There's another reason why your high taxes help your country in wartime—and really a much more important one to you. Your tax money is helping to win the war now—but it's equally essential to winning the peace and keeping the America that boy knew before he went into the armed forces.

All the industrial power, all the inventive genius and productive capacity of this country would not bring back a busy, prosperous America that we know if a drastic *deflation* followed victory. And, as surely as the sun that rises in the morning will set at night, a *deflation* would follow an *inflation* brought about by failure to tax ourselves realistically now.

So, next time that tax burden seems heavy to you—think of these *facts*. Remember that your tax dollars are helping to pay for victory now—that they are in there fighting for your living standard now—and that they are working to keep our country's financial structure sound for that boy now in the armed service, for all your family, and for you in the years of peace to come.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL

Q. How much of my federal tax payments is being spent on war and how much on so-called "normal" expenditures?

A. About 96% of your tax payments are currently going to pay for direct war expenditures. Only one dollar in every twenty-two you pay, therefore, goes for all other federal expenses, most of which are indirectly to aid the war effort.

Q. How much of the total war bill is being paid currently out of taxes?

A. A little over one-third.

Q. Is this proportion higher or lower than in England and Canada?

A. Lower. Both Canada and Great Britain are paying approximately half of their war expenses through taxation.

Q. Is there any way other than taxes and war bonds by which the government could finance our share of the war?

A. There is. The government could borrow from the commercial banks,

which would put even greater spending power in the hands of the people—thus creating a basis for inflation.

Q. Is there any other advantage in financing as large a share of the war bill as possible through taxes?

A. Yes—and a very real one to you, the taxpayer. *All* the bills for the cost of the war must be paid sooner or later through taxation, but if paid currently, from taxes, there will be no interest charge to mount over the years and provide an extra burden for you to carry.

Q. So far, so good. But don't you think taxation is unfair in the way it distributes the burden for all this?

A. On the contrary, and we believe you will agree if you think it through, that taxes are the fairest, most equitable way to pay for the war. That's because Federal Income taxes are levied on *ability to pay* for something that all of us need and must have—victory now, a sound America later.

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