

Italian Situation Is Highly Tense

CLOSING IN ON MUNDA

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 31 (CP)—Aided by tanks and flame throwers, American troops yesterday pressed closer to the vital Japanese airdrome at Munda on New Georgia Island after hurrying back counter attacks. Allied planes in widespread attacks on shipping, sank eleven Japanese barges, it was announced.

The Americans found it necessary to resort to the flame throwers and the tanks to get the Japs out of caves, fox holes and pillboxes and thus creep closer to the vital Munda air base.

Navy bombers are still blasting heavily at Munda in support of the ground operations.

On New Guinea the Australian forces, also being given strong air support, are now but six miles from Salamaua.

AIR FORCE IS WINNER IN SOCCER

Flies so Far This Season Unbeaten and Untied—Latest Win Over Navy

Air Force, unbeaten and untied so far this year in local soccer, continues in winning stride. The Flyers, who captured the Dominion Day Cup, first trophy of the 1943 to be so far decided, almost have a stranglehold on the second half of the Gildy Cup competition after having won the first half. Their latest win was a three to one victory Tuesday night over Navy.

Outstanding player in Tuesday's game was Watson, Air Force goal-tender, to whom could be fairly given much of the credit for his team's win. His control of the greasy ball was ample testimonial of his long experience in Vancouver senior football. Another find in this game was in the person of Rae of the Navy who is a polished player. As usual, Novak was here, there and everywhere, making and breaking plays, the stormy petrel of local soccer.

The teams were:
Air Force—Watson; Biore and Dawson; Baldwin, Novak and Ormishank; Killips, Manson, Beville, Cousins and Fowler. (Berington, spare).
Navy—Johnson; Murray and Drum; Cross, Brookman and Bell; Lyons, Hanson, Rae, Irvine and Bendle (Livingstone, spare).
Half time score was two to one.
Scorers were Manson, Fowler and Melville for Air Force and Hanson for Navy.
With Navy and Signals meeting this afternoon in the next game.

POPULATION DECREASED

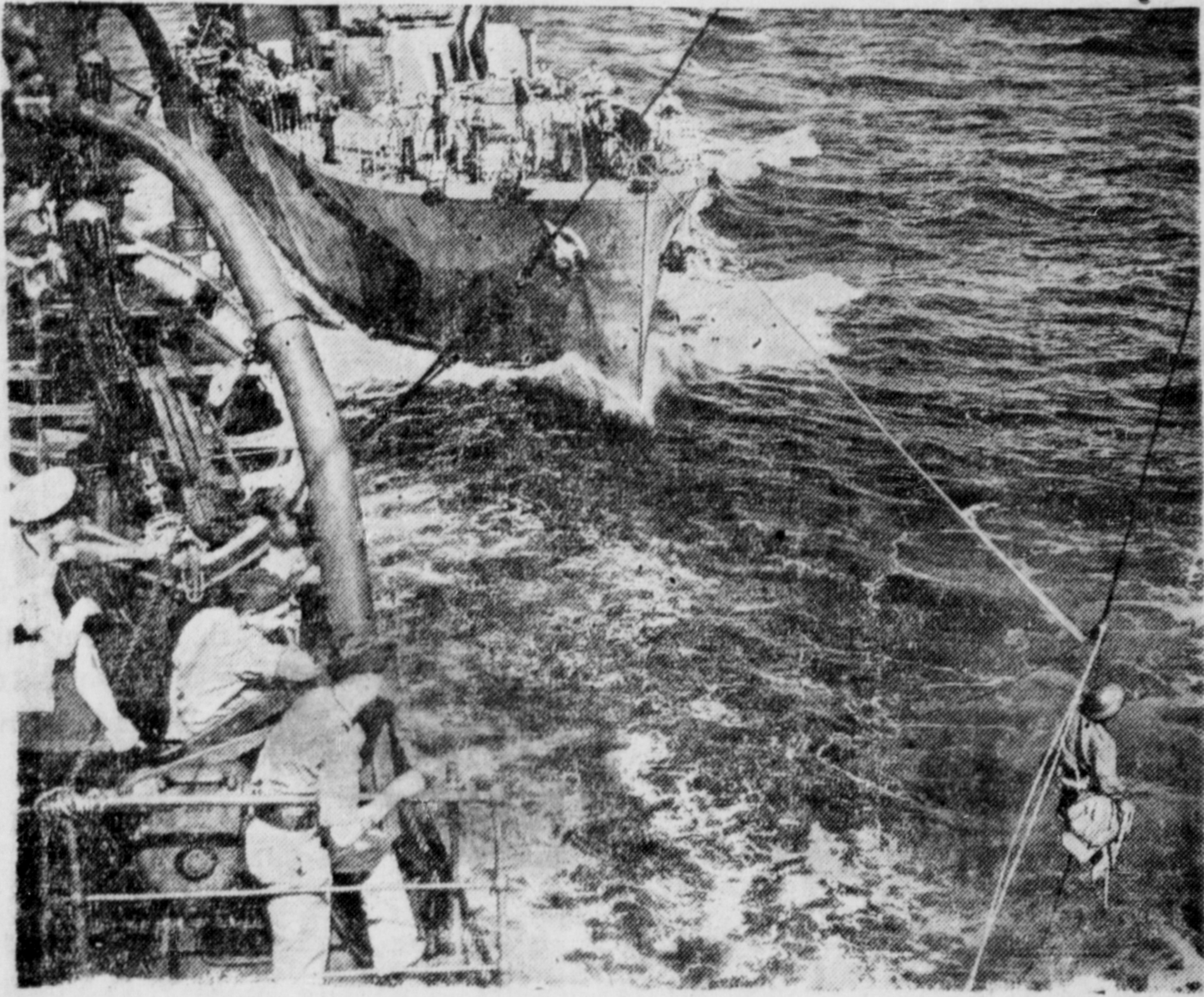
Fewer People in United States Now Than There Were Three Years Ago

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31—The Bureau of Statistics places the population of the United States as on March 1 at 128,200,000, a drop of 3,100,000 from 1940. The decrease is held largely to the shifting of men to the armed services.

The population of the Pacific Coast states has gained by 706,000. There is also a slight gain in the south but the east and central states are down.

The population of the District of Columbia is increased by 27 per cent.

SHIP-TO-SHIP TRANSFER FOR CANADIAN



Just before Canadian forces started their assault landings on the beaches of Sicily it became necessary to transfer Major J. M. Robinson of Ottawa from the ship in which he had travelled from Britain to the destroyer H.M.S. Wheatland. This picture was taken as the transfer was made—by means of a "bo'sun's chair" slung on lines between three vessels. Even in calm weather transfer at sea from one ship to another is a hazardous operation. This operation took place while the convoy was steaming in waters where enemy attack was a possibility at any moment. (Canadian Army Overseas Photo).

HIMMLER IS IN HAMBURG

Chief of German Gestapo Putting Down Peace Move

LONDON, July 31—Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Nazi Gestapo, is reported to have arrived in hard-bombed Hamburg to put down peace demonstrations and anti-Hitler displays.

WARNING BY REDS

Must Offer no Haven to Fleeing Fascists Neutrals Are Told

LONDON, July 31 (CP)—The Russian government backed up President Roosevelt today in warning neutrals not to give asylum to "Mussolini, prominent Fascists, or other war criminals" in notes being presented to Turkey and Sweden. A Moscow broadcast said that granting of such asylum, or any help or assistance to Fascists is a violation of the principles for which the United Nations are fighting.

Lady Astor Given Fine

Endeavoured to Break Rationing Regulations by Smuggling Fur Coat

LONDON, July 31—Lady Astor was fined \$240 in Bow Street police court yesterday for violation of the rationing regulations. She endeavoured to purchase a fur coat from the United States.

BONUS TO BE PAID

All Shipyards Must Make \$4.25 Weekly Payment to Employees

OTTAWA, July 31 (CP)—The National War Labor Board announced last night that effective immediately all shipyards under its jurisdiction which are paying less than the full \$4.25 weekly cost of living bonus must pay the full amount.

WILL CALL MORE MEN

Extension of Age Groups for Compulsory Service in Canada Being Extended

OTTAWA, July 31 (CP)—Definite ceilings will be placed on fresh peaches, plums and pears as soon as the main crop comes on the market, it was announced last night by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Steps will be taken to ensure that some portion of the crop is canned. This is one of the principal objects of the ceiling, the action being taken because of acute shortage of fresh fruits and high retail prices. The Board said it was also considering controlling the price of apples and is planning during periods of shorter supply in winter and spring to put a ceiling on storage root crops such as carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips and cabbage, the outlook for supply of which is improved.

INCREASE IS DENIED

United States War Labor Board Refuses to Pay More to Million Shipyard Workers

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31 (CP)—The War Labor Board yesterday denied a general wage increase to more than one million employees of 188 shipyards throughout the United States. The board declared that no general increases could be granted under wage stabilization politics.

SMUTS IS GIVEN GOOD MAJORITY

Prime Minister's Party in South Africa Has Lead of Sixty-Seven

CAPETOWN, South Africa, July 31—Latest returns from the South African general election give the Smuts government a clear majority of sixty-seven seats.

WAR EIGHTY PERCENT OVER

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BASEBALL SCORES

National League
Boston 3-0, Cincinnati 0-2, Chicago 12, Brooklyn 3, New York 13, Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2.

American League
Detroit 5, Boston 2, New York 5, Cleveland 4, Washington 4, Chicago 1, Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2.

American Association
Kansas City 2, Indianapolis 1, Kansas City 1, Indianapolis 0, Minneapolis 4, Columbus 2, Minneapolis 3, Columbus 2, Milwaukee 12-1, Louisville 4-4, Toledo 3-3, St. Paul 1-6.

International League
Jersey City 4-7, Buffalo 3-7. (Second game tie).
Rochester 6-8, Baltimore 1-2, Syracuse 1-2, Montreal 0-4, Toronto 5, Newark 4.

READY TO ACCEPT

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COAST IS ERUPTION

Allied Air Forces Continue Merciless Pounding of Retech Territory—New Objective

LONDON, July 31 (CP)—The Allies' rolling air offensive shifted to a new target last night when Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force bombers blasted Remscheid, German Ruhr steel centre. The massive air offensive rolled on throughout the day with bombers being shepherded over the Channel by droves of fighters. An almost unbroken rumble of explosions could be heard. The whole French coast appeared to be in a state of eruption.

ON SERVICE IN SICILY

Names of Canadian Regiments On Service There

OTTAWA, July 31—Canadian regiments serving in Sicily include Hastings and Prince Edward, Royal Canadian Regiment, Twenty-Eighth Highland (Toronto), Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Winnipeg and Victoria), Seaforth Highlanders (Vancouver), Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Western Nova Scotia, Loyal Quebec, Carlton and York (New Brunswick), and Saskatchewan Light Infantry as well as various special and auxiliary services including medicals and chaplains.

CUT ON CLOTHES

Nothing But Uniforms and Working Apparel to be Made in Germany

BERLIN, July 31—The Berlin radio says that after September manufacture of all clothing in Germany with the exception of military uniforms and working clothes will be discontinued.

ARMY AND AIRMEN ANTI-MOSQUITOS

Aiding Civilian Fight Against Pest in Prairie Gateway Centres

WINNIPEG, July 31 (CP)—Airmen and soldiers have an enemy in Winnipeg—the mosquitoes who thrive on wet weather and throw a barrage across parklands on sunny days. An anti-mosquito campaign is being carried on to blast the homes of the pest, the water holes in suburban districts which provide ideal breeding grounds. Airmen from No. 2 Command, R.C.A.F., have carried out an aerial survey, spotting from the air the mosquito puddles which later are covered with a thick coating of oil. "The survey shows us wet places that we might not discover from the ground," said L. T. S. Norris-Elye, field manager of the mosquito campaign. "We are very grateful to the air force."

Soldiers from Fort Osborne Barracks have been helping civilian oilers in suburban Tuexdo where there are infested pools. The heavy oil kills the mosquitoes before they hatch.

HALIBUT SALES

American
Constitution, 48,000, 17.5 and 16, Booth and Pacific.
Eldorado, 55,000, 17.5 and 16, Storage.
Atlas, 39,000, 17.5 and 16, Atlin.
Sonja, 30,000, 17.5 and 16, Whiz.
Senac, 52,000, 17.5 and 16, Storage and Royal.

Badoglio Temporarily Suits Your Week-End Emergency Anticipated By London

Bulletins

BOMBARDING KISKA
WASHINGTON—American light warships bombarded the Jap defences on Kiska again Friday.

CIANO RESIGNS
LONDON—Rome radio reports that Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law, has resigned as Italian ambassador to the Vatican.

DISARMING ITALIANS
LONDON—Dispatches report that German troops have begun to disarm Italian troops at Larizza, Greece.

CLOSING ON OREL
MOSCOW—The Red Army has advanced another six miles and, taking twenty more villages, is now only eight miles from Orel.

RIPE FOR INSURRECTION
BERLIN—It is admitted here that conditions favor insurrection in Italy. Herman Goering has arrived in Rome.

Warning Issued From Allied Headquarters That Terrible Aerial Offensive is to be Resumed—Winning Everywhere in Sicily

LONDON, July 31 (CP)—Electric tension prevails in London as Prime Minister Winston Churchill has ordered the cabinet members and heads of the fighting services to stand by for a possible week-end emergency. The Allied High Command, from headquarters in North Africa, has radioed a stern warning to the Italian people that a terrible aerial offensive against Italy is to be resumed immediately. Meanwhile the powerhouse drive of the Allies crushed more Axis defence salients as American and British forces drew a tight noose about the northwestern tip of Sicily, gains having been made by the Allies on all parts of the front.

The internal situation in Italy continues critical as the new Premier Pietro Badoglio plays for time before making his final decision for peace or continued war.

There are reports of further fighting between Germans and the Italians in northern Italy. German civilians have been advised by their consuls to leave Italy for home.

Slovene irregular troops have broken through Italian lines and reached the Udine region of Italy.

Badoglio's Peace Plan

ROME, July 31—Premier Pietro Badoglio, it became known today, has prepared a four-point plan to take Italy out of the war and intimates that he will resign if it is not accepted by both the Allies and the Axis.

SICILIAN HISTORY

History of the city of Catania in Sicily dates back to 732 B. C.

BOMBING RESULTS



Three air views which give mute evidence of the result of precision bombing as executed by Allied bombers on Palermo harbor, Sicily, recently. UPPER picture shows the harbor as the bombers came over the target. IMMEDIATELY BELOW bombs are unleashed and on way down to cause destruction. BOTTOM photo shows the results of the accurate bombings: (1) Two 120-foot vessels blasted and wrecked. (2) 270-foot warehouse wrecked and a 300-foot ship sunk. (3) Huge hole blasted in pier by explosion of munitions ship, 410-foot vessel damaged, and destroyer damaged at her berth. (4) Seaplane station damaged. (5) Naval headquarters. BELOW, damaged. (6) Waterfront buildings damaged. (7) Garibaldi barracks and port station warehouses destroyed. (8) 350-foot merchant vessel sunk. (9) 350-foot freighter sunk in harbor.

Giraud Takes Over Command

Shake-up in Administration of French Colonial Empire

LONDON, July 31—General Henri Giraud, according to word from Algiers, has been appointed commander-in-chief of all French forces while General Charles de Gaulle has been made chairman of the national council of defence.

SOLDIERS DROWNED

Two Lose Lives in Okanagan Lake

VERNON, July 31—Two soldiers were drowned yesterday in Okanagan Lake. Names will be announced after next of kin have been advised.

MORE MUST BE PRODUCED FOR WAR THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31—Donald Nelson, Office of War Production chief, announced plans today for a new production drive. There must be an increase of 30 per cent in war production during the rest of the year.

READY FOR NEW MOVE

British Cabinet Remaining in London Over Week-end

LONDON, July 31—Cabinet ministers and ranking military leaders have been advised to remain in London over the week-end in view of possible developments in the Italian situation. There were two special cabinet meetings yesterday, one at 1:30 a.m.