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FALL OF CHERBOURG IMMINENT

REPORTS CONFLICTING

VICTORY FOR MONTGOMERY

TOO SOON FOR DE GAULLE GOVERNMENT SAYS ROOSEVELT

Reports this morning of the American attack on Cherbourg are conflicting. While one said that the main body of the attacking column was not yet in sight of the city and that the main German line still stood, another spoke of the imminence of the fall of the city, the cracking of enemy defences and a two mile penetration. Both communiques are agreed, however, on the strength of German resistance, one going so far as to title it "Panatic." An earlier communique, issued yesterday, said that the Americans had reached the coast on both sides of the naval base; but this has not been mentioned again.

A tongue in the cheek report from the London "Evening Standard" that Allied artillery is pounding German defences but leaving the city itself alone for "humanitarian considerations", can be discounted. If the Allies are sparing the city it is through a desire to leave the port and its installations as intact as possible.

MONTGOMERY'S VICTORY. The fall of Cherbourg will be Gen. Montgomery's victory. The American drive is his plan and was made possible by the dogged fighting of British and Canadians holding and driving off four German Panzer divisions in the Caen sector. When German armour was well tied up Gen. Montgomery thrust forward his right wing enabling the Americans to move forward, cut the peninsula and advance to the outskirts of Cherbourg in three days.

TOO SOON FOR DE GAULLE. In a statement from Washington President Roosevelt said that more French territory should be liberated before the question of Gen. De Gaulle and his provisional Govt. should be raised.

• WORLD ITEMS •

RUSSIANS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE INTO WHITE RUSSIA

It was announced from Moscow this morning that Red army had begun a drive to liberate the last sector of the Soviet Union still in German hands. Attacks have been launched N.W. and S.E. of Vitebsk. North of Vitebsk, Soviet forces have advanced 9 miles on an 18 mile front, south, 6 miles on a 15 mile front. The Germans admit the truth of claims about this newest offensive and add that a similar one has begun along the Dnieper.

Details so far are few and it can't yet be determined whether this is the commencement of the Russian summer drive or merely another diversionary attack. Most immediate observation, however, indicates a threat to Polotsk.

U.S. NAVY VICTORY. Following Japan's ignominious cut and run defeat in the Pacific, the U.S. Navy has released details of the force that consummated the victory, task force 58. This task force, he said, is the most powerful, destructive naval unit in history. It can launch a thousand planes and has a fire power equal to that of 70 standard artillery units. Task force 58 has been given as its stamping ground the whole of the Pacific to the gates of Japan, said the Admiral.

U.S. Secretary for the Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, says that the Navy will not be satisfied until the Japanese navy is destroyed. The difficulty of replacement is the latter's Achilles Heel, he continued. They are forced to husband ships. Since December 1941 the U.S. fleet has sunk or damaged 2,443 Jap vessels including 3 battleships, 57 cruisers and 141 destroyers.

U.S. planes destroyed 2 Jap barges attempting to escape from Bink.... Other forces abandoning Nowak and retreating up the Sapik river are being hounded from the air.

ITALY. The Germans are resisting the 8th Army's thrust north of Perugia, but the 5th Army is pushing ahead along the coast and is 22 miles beyond Grosseto. Italian based bombers yesterday raided Floesti oilfields in Rumania and rail junctions in Yugoslavia.

BURMA. All the Kohima-Imphal road is cleared of Japanese. British troops driving south from Kohima have met up with an Anglo-American force moving north from Imphal. 14,000 Japs have died in this area.

PILOTLESS PLANES. The Home Sec., Mr. Herbert Morrison, says that Robot raids might not have reached their peak. Further attacks caused damage and casualties yesterday.

NEWS from HOME

STRONG ARM DUNSTAN

Although all other capital cities are holding race meetings today, Victorian Premier Dunstan has banned the Moonee Valley races under an N.S.R. order. Transport difficulties was the reason given by Mr. Dunstan, who decided on Friday to issue a special Govt. Gazette at 7 o'clock in the evening banning the meeting, after the Race Club, claiming the Govt's decision should have been made days earlier, had declined to cancel the fixture. The Premier's action in publishing an issue of Gazette confined to this one order regarding a race meeting was unique.

GOING BACK HOME. More than 1500 women farewelled Lady Gowrie in the Sydney Town Hall yesterday, when warm tributes were paid to the deep interest and sympathetic understanding she has always shown for the welfare of Australia. The Gowries are returning to England this year after 16 years in Australia.

LAST OF THE OKUNGAL. Heavy seas of the past fortnight have caused the Crungal wreck at Barwon Heads (Vic.) to break up further and it is only a matter of time before it will be swept off the reef and carried into a deep section on the coast about a mile away which is the graveyard of many wrecked vessels.

ENTRY AND EXIT UNSUCCESSFUL. A man who broke both ankles and heels jumping 30 ft in stocking feet, attempting to escape the police was carried into the Sydney Court yesterday and sentenced to 12 month's gaol. The cripple was Frederick Jackson 33, who pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering. He will probably be crippled for life.

MAN CHARGED WITH HORRIBLE CRIME. Claude Lionel Flynn 30, railway workman, was charged at the Young Police Court yesterday with having raped Judith Kearns aged 4 at Bendinok Murrell on Saturday night. Flynn was arrested yesterday morning and remanded until July 4, bail being refused. The child is still in hospital in a serious condition.

FAMED AMERICAN SPEEDSTER IN SYDNEY. American Bill Millard, radio operator-air gunner who has been on many bombing missions over Newak and Hollandia in the past two years, will drive a midget car on Sunday at the Sydney Boys Town Sports Ground Carnival. Before joining the Air Force, Millard won speed car title races in New York, Chicago and Mid West.

NEWS FROM CANBERRA. To ensure an adequate supply of household materials, brooms, brushes and fibres for the making of brushware, animal hair and household maps cannot be exported in future.....**OLDER MEN** were being discharged first from the CCC and no man was discharged until the Manpower had placed him in other employment, said an AWC spokesman yesterday.....**TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY** increase in entertainment prices due to unfairly inflated hiring costs, charges for hiring halls have been brought under Prices' Regulations, said Customs Minister Keane yesterday.....**THE JAG PAICIS** to give confidence and encouragement to the hen raising industry were announced by the Prices' Commissioner yesterday. The maximum wholesale price of first class eggs will not be less than 1/7d a doz in future.

ADELAIDE SELECTIONS

Hurdle 2M 3/4 1.20p	PONDELA	1	MALACHITE	2	TUFF PRINCE	3
Juvenile 6f 1.50p	VANCRIS	1	DUKE OF AVON	2	MEDARLIN	3
Steeple 2M 12/4 2.20	CATAULT	1	FRYARS HOPE	2	MY BLARNEY	3
Handicap 10f 2.55	VAGARIE	1	CUPID	2	QUEEN CAND	3
Trial 3.30pm	NAUTICAL	1	PERCY'S PRIDE	2	COUNTERFEIT	3
Sprint 6f 4.05	MIDDLESMAN	1	SILVALL	2	BLUE STONE	3
Walter 1M 4.40	RETINUA	1	DARTAN CHIEF	2	TRAFFIC	3

- AROUND THE AREA -

PICTURES. Camp: "Battle of Broadway" with Victor McLaughlin and shorts plus "Music While You Wait". Capital: "Hail Sucker" and "Saboteur". Pioneer: "Suicide Squadron" and "Four Jacks and a Jill". **EVERYMAN'S MUSIC.** This A.M.S. feature will not take place this week but will be held at usual next Sunday night.

AREA BAND will play on the Hospital Lawns tomorrow commencing at 1500 hrs.

CLUB THEATRE TOMORROW NIGHT. A new "Music While You Wait" programme will be presented. The feature of the stage show will be a **COMMUNITY SINGING CONDUCTOR QUIZ** for ACP prizes. **WANTED** Plays by or biographies of **BERNARD SHAW**. Would anybody possessing same please contact Amenities H2.

CHURCH NOTICE The Anglican Bishop of Carpentaria is visiting Alice Springs and will celebrate Holy Communion at the Church of the Ascension at 730 hrs tomorrow. He will give Confirmation and will also preach at 1930 hrs.. There will be a Parish tea in the C of E Rec Centre preceding the evening service.

ALICE SPRINGS HAS A DANCING SCHOOL at the C of E Rec Centre where you can learn Quick Step, Slow Fox Trot, Walts, Tango and Rumba any Monday Wednesday or Friday night.. Also Saturday afternoon.

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