

# Front Line Closing Gas Past Here Allies Sweeping Toward Hitler Line

## Fall Of Cassino Is Believed To Be Imminent

Germans Throw Out Of Entire Gustav Line South Of Liri Valley

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, May 17 (AP)—British units drove northward into the Liri valley toward the Highway No. 6 behind Cassino today and the fall of that stronghold at last appeared imminent.

Front line dispatches said crack German parachute troops which long had defended that bloody bastion appeared in danger of winding up their careers in the forsaken town.

The Germans have been three in the main, their positions across the pillbox and gun-studded Liri Valley in swirling confusion and the entire Gustav line south of that avenue toward Rome has been overrun.

Allied headquarters announced the Fifth and Eighth armies are plunging on close to the Hitler line, the main defenses barring the way to the Anzio beachhead below the Italian capital and Allied commanders appeared to have won the change at which they aimed the destruction of German forces in Italy.

The Liri Valley floor spread out westward and south reaches northward for 20 miles before it tapers through a bottleneck in the mountains at Caprano, 55 miles from Rome.

The enemy was said to have fled in the face of a 25-mile front stretching inland from the Gulf of Gaeta.

In the Liri Valley the enemy has now been evicted from most of its original positions by British and Indian troops, said the Allied communique.

The enemy was said to have advanced from further prepared positions in the rear. South of the Liri Valley all positions in the Gustav Line have been overrun, it added.

The German communique declared a great "battle of attrition" was raging and admitted that German troops were falling back before the onslaught.

The communique said Allied troops were intensifying the Anzio beachhead below Rome and predicted a large scale attack in the area, either from the sea or from the main front.

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## Where Allies Smash Nazi Lines



HIGHLIGHTED by two terrific French drives south of Cassino, as the map shows, the breakthrough of the Allied Spring offensive in Italy continues to crush the Gustav Line, head for the Hitler line and gain strategic positions.

## Dr. R. H. Maloney President Sends Guest Speaker Note To Scouts Sunday Morning On Anniversary

Palos Council, Knights of Columbus, will sponsor its annual communion breakfast on Sunday, May 21, at the 8 o'clock Mass in St. Joseph's Church.

At present he is vice-president of the Hartford Lecture Series, a member of the Peace Education Committee of the National Association for Inter-Governmental Peace, a director of the Get-Together Club of Hartford, and an incorporator of the Catholic Lenten Library of Hartford.

## Jalut Target For Aerial Blow

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, May 17 (AP)—A "steedhammer" blow by Army, Navy and Marine units is requested to assemble the 4,400-mile-long Washington mop-up of bypassed Japanese garrisons in the Marshalls—stood out today in the pattern of the new strategy.

The 2400-ton bombing occurred during the same 24-hour period that Japanese on Dutch New Guinea were undergoing their third straight day of heavy aerial attacks.

## RAF Mosquito Bombers Again Blast Berlin

Heavier Craft Rest Up For Renewal Of Attack On Europe

LONDON, May 17 (AP)—RAF Mosquito bombers blasted Berlin last night, the Air Ministry announced today, as the British-based heavy bomber fleets rested up for a renewal of their smashing offensive against Fortress Europe.

The raid, which was carried out without loss, was the first attack on Berlin since the night of May 9th, when a great fleet of 77 British bombers smashed at both the German capital and Paris.

Britain, meanwhile, had a raid from night to night. German air force remained at home after two successive sharp night stabs at the London, south of which one swarm of Canadian Mosquitoes bagged seven enemy planes over northern Germany.

## Athletic Club Will Sponsor Drafee Party

Affair To Be Held Monday, June 5th At Barco Hall

The West End Athletic Club will sponsor a farewell dinner for a group of about 40 drafee boys convening in New York for the organization's national council meeting today.

The achievements of the Boy Scouts of America over the past 34 years are marked by the devoted service of its volunteer leaders who give so generously to the growth of the scout and aid the movement.

## Knox Estate Set At Two Millions

CHICAGO, May 17 (AP)—Navy Secretary Frank Knox, who died April 28, left an estate estimated by executors at \$2,000,000, it was disclosed today when filed for probate.

The estate, including Colonel Knox's interest in the Chicago Daily News, of which he was publisher, was left to his widow, Mrs. Annie Reid Knox.

## Invasion Rumbles Heard On Many European Radios

LONDON, May 17 (AP)—European radios rumbled steadily today with talk of mighty German invasions in the offing from the west and east while Berlin announced that a "crucial" battle had completed what may be the final chapter of the German "anti-war" campaign.

## Foremen Call Off Strikes In Detroit Plants After Gen. Arnold Scores Tieup

Stilwell Forces Closing Trap About Kamaing

New Gains Scored In North Burma; Chinese Retaking Vital Railway

The leadership of the Foreman's Association of America called off a strike today at 13 Detroit war plants, which Gen. H. H. Arnold had termed "one of the most serious setbacks the air forces has had since its inception."

The national executive board might enable the German air force to "recover just when it is reeling under our blows."

The board acted within an hour and a half after the chief of the Army Air Force told the union its strike "may even affect our invasion operations."

Arnold told the hearing that the strike might require him to close down the plants for fear of destruction of critical industries in Germany and might cost the lives of thousands of American soldiers.

On the east side of the river, the other main column advanced a mile southwest from Tarongyang, widening the spearhead first extended from Mangin to within nine miles northeast of Kamaing.

Counterattacks Chinese forces in southern Honan Province of central China which widened the gap between enemy force along the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz leading army groups, Rommel previously had been reported in supreme command.

The German-controlled Paris radio said that "we are about to witness the raising of the curtain for the last act of the play."

Broadcasting from Moscow to the Soviet armies, the Russian commentator, I. Yermashevich, who was heard on both sides.

"The Red army is ready for fresh battles," ready to pursue the raising of the curtain for the last act of the play.

## Three In Hospital As Aftermath Of Accident At Plant

Patrolman E. W. Schilke, Guadacanal Veteran, And J. H. Pryor Are Victims Of Mishap At Rolling Mill Of Wallace Barnes Company

Two men were killed and three others are in the Bristol Hospital as the aftermath of a gas explosion at the rolling mill of the Wallace Barnes Company Division of the Associated Spring Corporation on Broad Street, shortly before midnight last night.

The policemen met his death when, with Deputy Fire Chief O'Neil, he attempted to rescue Pryor who was overcome by gas fumes while raising a valve that had blown down.

Those in the hospital are Deputy Chief Pryor who was badly gassed and who is to be x-rayed to determine the extent of other injuries.

By According to Police Chief Edmund S. Crowley, Pryor and Michael Formagioni, 137 Gridley Street were on an outdoor platform replacing the gas fumes when they were overcome by gas.

Patrolmen Schilke and Lozinak, who were in a police car at the scene and the former and Deputy Fire Chief Porter, who had arrived before the explosion, were taken to the hospital where it was said he was dead on arrival.

For Two Hours, Pryor stated that Deputy Chief Porter besides being gassed suffered a neck injury and a broken arm.

At the scene at the rolling mill were four ambulances including one from the life line of the police department.

Chief Crowley said "Schilke died from the gas. Even though the loss is great to his family, it is almost as much of a loss to the community as the death of the most aggressive and bravest officer ever to wear a uniform in this city."

Company officials said that there was an unusual amount of gas accumulating in the outside air stream due to the muggy weather, and pointed out that the operation of replacing a valve is a very dangerous job.

Served Two Years In War—Patrolman Schilke was born in Bristol, December 19, 1901, the son of William and the late (Continued on page 3)

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## Senator Downey Is Renominated

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 (AP)—U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey was renominated by California Democrats in the caucus yesterday's primary showed today—but he failed in a try for re-election to the Senate.

Downey will face Frederick F. Houser, 40-year-old lieutenant governor, Republican sena-

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