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Allied Air Forces Attack Industrial Centres In Germany And Italy

The Allied Air Forces have intensified their day and night attack on Nazi war industries in Germany and occupied countries. More than 700 bombers of the R.A.F. have blasted an important industrial town of Krefeld in Western Germany, and left it "one solid mass of fire with a pall of smoke hanging over it like a gigantic thunder-cloud."

The North-west African Air Forces are continually bombing the islands of Sicily and Sardinia as well as targets in Italy. The city of Naples has been subjected to heavy attacks by bombers of the R.A.F. and American Flying Fortresses.

TOWN OF KREFELD IN FLAMES

The main industries of Krefeld are special steels, including crankshafts and steel armoured plate for aircraft. The area also has coal mines and important chemical works making sulphuric acid, as well as textile works making parachutes. Krefeld is also an important railway centre for traffic from the Ruhr to the west.

The town has docks on the Rhine, and the Adolf Hitler bridge connects it with Duisburg. Before the war Krefeld was the chief centre of the German silk and velvet industry.

The attack on Krefeld was the 22nd. The town was last visited in October, when six acres of the central area were wrecked by a single 4,000lb. bomb.

Naples Heavily Attacked By Allied Air Forces

While Naples was being bombed heavy Liberator bombers attacked Reggio di Calabria and San Giovanni, in the toe of Italy. Nearly 275,000 lbs. of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped, and here, too, heavy damage was done.

R.A.F. Wellington bombers began the attack on Naples last Sunday night, and about 100 Flying Fortresses continued the job yesterday afternoon.

25 FIRES

The aircraft concentrated on industrial plants. Photographs taken showed at least 25 fires burning and several new ones just starting. Bombs fell on locomotive repair shops, a torpedo factory, the Royal Arsenal, a stores depot, an oil or petrol dump and industrial buildings. Large fires were started.

A flash of flame a mile in diameter resulting from a hit on an oil dump was seen in one photograph. An American major, who went as an observer,

AXIS LEADERS DENOUNCED AS MADMEN

Sixtyseven Italian citizens of Pantelleria have signed a letter addressed to General Eisenhower denouncing "the madman Hitler and his faithful vassal Mussolini."

The letter which paid homage to the Allies for "the promptness with which they have liberated them from the evil yoke of the megalomaniac and satanic regime which has sucked like a monstrous octopus the best energies of true Italians for 20 years and is now reducing Italy to a mass of ruin and misery" appeals to the Allies "to cease their unlawful activities and disperse to their homes."

The Mayor of Detroit, Mr. Edward Jeffries, has blamed the riots on what he calls an "organised fifth column conspiracy to break our national unity and disrupt the home production front."

Negro leaders have urged the arrest of all well-known Klu Klux Klan members and other instigators. They also recommended that an inter-racial committee be appointed to investigate the causes of the riots.

1,300 KILLED IN TURKISH EARTHQUAKE

So far 1,304 dead have been counted among the victims of the earthquake which rocked Ada Bazar, in Turkey, last Sunday, it was learned here on Wednesday. Many bodies have still to be recovered from the wreckage.

The small town of Hendek has also been almost destroyed by the earthquake.

Desolation reigns throughout the Ada Bazar area. The people are camping in the surrounding fields and orchards.

It is feared that the whole area of Ada Bazar has been destroyed.

BRITISH FARM HANDS' CHARTER

Britain's farm workers' charter, which gives them the best working conditions and the highest wages they have ever had, came into force on Monday.

It provides a stabilised working week of 52 hours in the eight summer months and 48 hours in the winter. The present weekly minimum wage for farm workers is £3. An increase to £4 is considered likely next month.

TWO YEARS AGO GERMANS INVADED RUSSIA

Two years ago this week on June 22, 1941, the German Army invaded Russia on a 1,500-mile front, stretching from Finland in the north to the Black Sea in the south. Hitler described the attack as "the greatest march of all time," and, later in the year, announced that "operations for the decisive defeat of the Russian Armies have begun."

A year ago, on June 22, 1942, Hitler flung 150 German and satellite divisions into his historic offensive, which, after an extraordinary beginning, ended in the frightful German disaster at Stalingrad and the 300-mile retreat westwards from the banks of the Volga to the Dnieper approaches.

Twenty-five Axis divisions which clawed the mountain ranges around Mozdok in a desperate effort to reach the open road to the Grozny oilfields finally turned tail and fought their way out of the northern Caucasus, leaving only a small bridgehead behind.

This year there has, so far, been no German offensive.

GERMAN TROOPS IN ITALY

Reports from Switzerland estimate that there are 200,000 German soldiers, exclusive of airmen, at present in Italy.

Six hundred thousand civilians will be moved from Southern Italy during the week to Central and Northern Italy. Additional authority, it is added, has been granted to local governors to deal with "defeatists and peace-mongers."



Major P. van der Byl, Minister of Native Affairs, is inspecting a guard of honour of the Native Military Corps prior to his address to the Bunga at Umtata.

SOUTH AFRICANS CHEER THE KING

Continuing his tour of the Mediterranean, the King visited the island fortress of Malta. His Majesty left for Malta last Saturday night in a heavy cruiser. The vessel was heavily escorted by cruisers and destroyers and the voyage passed off without incident.

No gesture could have met with greater appreciation from the people of Malta, and wherever the King went he was received with much jubilation.

When the King landed at an aerodrome in Tripolitania on Saturday morning many South Africans cheered him as he left the plane, and as he drove along the road towards Tripoli the troops which lined the road practically all the way included representatives of the advanced Union Defence Force Headquarters, South African Motor Transport Units South African Medical Corps and South African Engineers.

Wearing their distinctive topees, the South Africans were among the smartest troops at the various parades, and they made a fine impression. Many Non-European troops from the Union and the Protectorates also attended the parades.

10 YEARS PLAN FOR NATIVE EDUCATION TO BE DISCUSSED

A conference to discuss a 10-year plan for Native education in South Africa has been arranged by the Institute of Race Relations and will be opened at Witwatersrand University, Milner Park, Johannesburg, on July 8 at 9.30 a.m. Local authorities and various organisations will be represented.

The Executive committee of the institute feels that early representations should be made to the Government to adopt such a plan, so as to bring all Native children into school and place the finances of Native education upon a sound footing. One of the tasks of the conference will be to arrange such representations.

Pretoria City Council will be represented by two delegates to be appointed at the next Council meeting on June 30.

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