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NAPLES:

In the worst eruption since 1906 Mount Vesuvius sent three big streams of smoking lava rolling several miles down it's slopes Sunday, wiping out 100 feet of it's famed scenic railroad. There was speculation that some of the villagers living on the mountains south slopes might be evacuated if the action continues.

WASHINGTON:

Paramushru, near the northern end of the Japanese home islands, was attacked by American airplanes on Saturday for the third consecutive day, the Navy reported Sunday. Far to the south the air war against enemy bases was continued with new attacks on Donape, Lusale, and bases in the eastern Marshalls.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES:

Mediterranean heavy bombers Sunday raided the Klagenfurt airdrome and factories near Graz, in Austria, it was announced Sunday night.

STOCKHOLM:

Associated Press writer Edwin Shanke reported Sunday that Finland's last chance for peace with Russia appeared to have slipped away after weeks of hesitation whether to accept the terms of the Moscow armistice. Shanke said "this is the

CHICAGO:

Gil Dodds preached a sermon at Goshen, Indiana Sunday and to him that was a greater milestone in his career than setting a world's record in the mile run. After 13,500 spectators cheered him on to a sensational 4.06.3 Banders mile victory in the Chicago relays Saturday night, the Boston student stepped to the public address mike and nervously said in effect that he was more excited about his sermon at Goshen than he was in his mile race. Unbeaten in seven consecutive mile races, Dodds capped the indoor season by breaking a world's competitive indoor record, which only a week before he had posted in the Knights of Columbus meet at New York, with a time of 4.07.3. Bill Hulse, of the New York athletic club was second, 20 yards behind.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.:

.. cold wind driven rain caused postponement Sunday of the final 36 holes of the \$10,000 Charlotte open golf tournament. Weather permitting the field of 43 pros and 15 amateurs will resume play Monday with Sgt. Dutch Harrison of the Army Air force out in front with 136 at the half-way point. Only Harold "Jug" McSpadden of Philadelphia, chief money winner of the winter tour, Byron Nelson of Toledo had much chance of heading off the flying Harrison. McSpadden was two shots off the pace at 138 and Nelson was two strokes further back with a pair of 70s.

NASHVILLE:

Terry Morton Beazley, four week old son of Lt. John Beazley, 1942 world series hero, has received a contract from the Cardinals and intends to accept terms. I am enclosing a St. Louis contract for 1962 calling for a salary of \$400 a month which please have player sign." The president of the cards wrote to Beazley's day, "be sure to get the parents consent. I would have to see another competitive club to get this player, and I am depending upon you to get his signature. If you are able to land him please send one signed contract to me for my files and keep a copy yourself." Lt. Beazley here from Memphis where he is station said what's good enough for me is good enough for Terry Morton. He's gonna sign with the Cards now, but I guess he'll have to write with a safety pin.

NAPLES:

Madeline Carroll the former movie star has returned to Italy, not as an actress on vacation, but in the uniform of the American Red Cross to work in Army hospitals. She said she hoped to be assigned as a staff aid to evacuation hospitals. Before the war Liss Carroll had an Italian villa Lake Como.

HOLLYWOOD:

..n eight and one half pound son was born Saturday night to Cleatus Murray, wife of comedian Ken Murray. The child was named Cort Rily. The Murrays have another son,

The Allied airborne offensive behind the Japanese lines in Burma is part of operations planned last autumn when Lord Louis Mountbatten, supreme commander in southeastern Burma, held his first war conference in New Delhi, it was talked about here Sunday. Little can be said about the intentions of the present airborne attack, but it includes in its objectives the destruction of communications and supplies to the 18th Japanese division which is opposing General Stilwell's forces in the Imphal valley. This crack Japanese unit, known as "Singapore" division, is already in a bad way militarily. It is being attacked by General Stilwell's forces from the front, threatened by General Merrill's forces from the flank and the rear, and the new airborne force is established across its communications far in the back area.

Today's communique from Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters say it is now apparent that the Japanese are starting a major offensive from the Chindwin front, and have crossed the river in force at several points. The communique added "our troops which were recently landed behind the enemy lines in northern Burma have been in action and after severe hand to hand fighting have driven the Japanese from strongly held positions, inflicting heavy casualties. On the northern front the heavy Japanese opposition at Jambum is being met by our troops who advanced on the lower slopes of the Jambum mountains. In the Chin hills on March 17th our troops attacked and broke into the Japanese positions north of Tiddim. Fighting was severe and casualties were inflicted on the enemy whose main force in the area are now split into several small forces". The communique also reported Allied air attacks on Japanese supply dumps and communications.

WASHINGTON:

Two more of the Navy's far ranging submarines have been lost, presumably on war patrols against Japanese shipping in the Pacific and Far Eastern waters, this bringing the total of subs lost since the start of the war to 22.

WASHINGTON:

War food administrator Marvin Jones said Sunday that the United States will be able to meet essential military and civilian food needs, but warned it cannot be expected to carry alone the load of post war relief feeding.

WASHINGTON:

The bitter factional feud over the rights of states to levy poll taxes is on the point of being renewed in the Senate, despite the certainty of a filibuster. Advocates of the anti poll tax legislation already approved by the House 265 to 110 are becoming restless over the delaying action in the Senate.

WASHINGTON:

An ambitious plan to streamline the cumbersome machinery of Congress is being tried by the Republicans who confidently expect to win control of the house in the November election and are dreaming of a Senate majority. Because a shift from the Democratic to Republican control would mean an auto-

MOSCOW:

General Erich Von Manstein's armies have been split in two by a Soviet thrust to Dneister and Sunday night the Germans face new disasters at the deep bulge into prewar Poland. In the past 24 hours the Red Army has moved nearer to the Rumanian Czechoslovakian and Hungarian frontiers. Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces are within fifty miles of Lvov, main supply base for all of this city. The Red Army is rapidly extending it's holds on the left bank of the Dneister, following the capture of Yampol. The fall of Zherinka also opens another broad sector from the rapid advance to the river. Fierce battles are being fought for a series of key points along the whole 500 miles front. Here are the latest reports from the vital points: Vinnitsa - Russian troops are practically all around the town following the unexpectedly rapid capture of Zherinka. The only escape from the Vinnitsa garrison is now by road to Proskurov. Proskurov: the German position there is also undermined by the fall of Zherinka, from which this sector was supplied by the railway. Nikolaev: heavy fighting continues outside the town as the Russians close in from all sides. Between the right bank of the river Ingul and the Bug estuary, the Red Army stands in an arc ranging from nine to fifteen miles from the town. Pervomaisk: Marshal Ivan Loniev is bottling up the Germans here - their last big stronghold apart from Nikolaev in the plain stretching south to Odessa. To the North the Russians are less than ten miles from the town, and on the flanks they are 25 to 30 miles away. General Malinovsky's 3rd Ukrainian Army is steadily advancing towards the lower Bug along the whole stretch between Pervomaisk and Nikolaev.

CASSINO:

A large number of Germans surrendered in Cassino late Sunday. Allied tanks ploughing through the ruins of the town are now within 30 yards of Hotel Continental, the chief center of German resistance.

The Fifth Army has tightened it's grip on Cassino, where a small German force is still clinging to positions in the western corner of the town. New Zealanders who occupied the railway station area, supported by tanks, retained their position throughout the night despite heavy shelling. A small German party infiltrated into the railway station early Saturday morning, but was liquidated, and three prisoners were captured. Mopping up continued in the town, while the Fifth Army kept their hold on the two strategic points on the slopes of Monastery Hill, and recaptured a third point from which the Germans had driven them on Friday. Highway six has been cleared of ruins, and craters have been bridged, making it passable through Cassino. Further bridging of the Rapido is in progress.

In the Beachhead, the Germans lost two planes during several night attacks. German self-propelled guns were destroyed west of Cisterna, and several tanks were destroyed northwest of Jarreco.

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY: