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Russians Arrive at Warsaw, Prepare to Launch Assault

Kaunas Falls East Prussia Area Entered

Drive Toward Riga Gulf Threatens Entrapment Of 30 Nazi Divisions

LONDON, July 31.—(AP)—The Germans indicated today that the Russians may have reached Warsaw proper and their communiqué acknowledged the fall of the former Lithuanian capital of Kaunas after a fateful Sunday in which other soviet forces stormed seven miles inside the Suwalki triangle of East Prussia.

A Berlin radio commentator said that the Russians were drawn up in an area six miles from the Polish capital, within sight and easy artillery range of its old spires.

The military spokesman obviously was preparing the German home front for early news of the fall of Warsaw.

Kaunas lies 35 miles east of the pre-war East Prussian frontier, and on the Nieman river. Moscow reported red troops well west of Kaunas and said the Germans were throwing in many fresh men and reserves to halt a Russian push into East Prussia itself.

The lunge into the Suwalki triangle, which East Prussia annexed in 1939 after the fall of Poland, carried within 21 miles of the pre-war boundary of that German province of the Junkers military caste, Giv, seven miles inside the triangle, was taken by the troops of Gen. Cherniakovsky, 37, a Jewish general.

Home Front Being Battered

All along the meandering front of about 1,000 miles, the Russians reported progress and said they captured a total of 1,144 localities. The sixth large pocket of German troops trapped since the summer offensive began June

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LAST week Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels made a "marines have landed and the situation is well in hand" speech to the Germans. Something big, he told them, was impending on the eastern front—and he intimated that it was SOMETHING GOOD.

TWO days later the Germans defending the eastern front LET GO ALL HOLDS, from the Baltic to the Carpathians, and seemingly start back pell-mell for the German borders. A staggering list of cities, all strong points long and bloodily defended, falls to the advancing reds, who stage such a celebration as Moscow has never seen before.

Russian tanks and cavalrymen drive through flat grain fields to within 30 MILES of Warsaw.

AS to Goebbels, remember merely that he is a PROPAGANDA minister. A propaganda minister's job is to make the people think what the big shots WANT THEM TO THINK.

AT the same time, our Americans in the Cherbourg peninsula BREAK THROUGH the German lines and fan out in the rear—typical blitz tactics.

Our fliers report the defeated Germans falling back in disorder greater than Rommel's after El Alamein.

It looks as this is written as if large numbers of them are bound to be pinned back against the sea and trapped.

WHAT we don't know yet is whether the Germans were TOO WEAK or the Americans

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GERMANS MINE GRAVES OF AMERICAN DEAD—Apparently buried by French civilians, the graves of these Yank soldiers were mined by retreating nazis on road to La Haye due Puits in Normandy. Pvt. James Scab points to a sign he placed on graves, warning of presence of mines.

Congress Vacation Ends Tomorrow, With Most Lawmakers Expected to Remain Away on Political Jaunts

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—Congress ends a five-week vacation tomorrow, undecided whether to start another long holiday or buckle down now to the job of charting the road back to peacetime economy.

The prospects are no legislative business will be transacted for at least several weeks, to give half a dozen committees time to whip into shape reconversion legislation which gained a "must" rating by the successes against Germany.

Original plans for an outright recess until after Labor day have been all but abandoned because of clamor for congress to "do something" to cushion the shock the war's end might have on the nation's employment and business. Instead, an informal recess, with semi-weekly sessions attended by a handful of members, appears likely for a while.

Less than a quorum of lawmakers is expected to be on hand when the current holiday formally ends at noon tomorrow. They probably will occupy themselves for the next few weeks filling the congressional record with campaign oratory. Most congressmen are up to their necks in election campaigns and probably will remain at home to get in a few last looks while waiting for committees to act.

How big the problem of reconversion will be is anybody's guess, but involved is the task of finding jobs for an estimated 20,000,000 war workers, many of whom will be thrown out of work when the last shot of the conflict is fired; of returning some 10,000,000 service men to civilian life, and of disposing of huge stockpiles of war supplies and billions of dollars worth of war plants.

Estimates of the volume of war supplies, ranging all the way from nails to trucks, that will be thrown on the market after the war range from \$15,000,000,000 to \$100,000,000,000.

Two Trustees Walk Away From Oregon Prison

SALEM, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—Two state prison trustees who walked away from the state penitentiary yesterday were still at large today.

Bruce T. Anderson, 32, who worked at the prison flax sheds, disappeared about noon. He was received at the prison Dec. 1, 1939, from Gilliam county to serve three years for auto theft. He was paroled in July, 1941, but was returned last Feb. 2 as a parole violator.

William J. Newman, 63, received from Multnomah county Feb. 5, 1941, to serve 10 years for check forgery, disappeared from the state prison farm late Sunday afternoon.

Wreckage of 3 Planes, Bodies of 3 Pilots Found

LUKE FIELD, Ariz., July 31.—(AP)—The burned wreckage of three army training planes missing since March 25 and the bodies of three of four officers aboard had been found smashed against the same wooded mountainside 30 miles southeast of Prescott, Ariz.

The bodies of three second lieutenants were removed by a ground party, and a search for the fourth is in progress.

The dead airmen were: John L. Hesse Jr., 20, Eugene, Ore.; Harold E. Brinkman, 20, Clarksville, Iowa; and William T. Johnson, 23, Little Rock, Ark.

The fate was not known of a fourth second lieutenant, James M. Akridge, 19, Memphis, Tenn.

Lamb Ration Continues Despite Market Glut

SEATTLE, July 31.—(AP)—The plea for a "lamb holiday" for lamb and grade C beef cuts, which are currently glutting the Pacific northwest market, continued today despite announcement by Charles R. Baird, western regional OPA administrator, that a reduction in lamb points had been refused.

B. J. Fotheringham, OPA food rationing officer, announced Saturday he had urged the national OPA to take action to prevent the meat from spoiling and having "to be used for fertilizer instead of table meat."

The OPA representative was joined in his plea by the Washington State Retail Meat Dealers association.

Two Killed, 5 Injured In Collision of Trucks

EUGENE, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—Authorities today investigated a truck collision that killed Doris Russell, 8, and Beverly Rolan, 12, both of Junction City, and injured seven others.

The accident occurred on the Siuslaw highway two miles west of Triangle Lake yesterday. One truck, carrying 23 Junction City residents on an outing, was driven by Edgar Rolan, father of the victim. The other was driven by Elmer Rust, Triangle lake farmer.

In a hospital here were Mrs. Nancy Rolan and Mrs. Willie S. Russell, mothers of the dead girls; Betty Jean Rolan, sister of one of the girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Whipple.

Ex-Officer Kills Himself

PORTLAND, July 31.—(AP)—A retired Portland police bureau detective, Raymond A. Ripley, 54, shot himself fatally in the head as he stood on a street corner yesterday. A passing motorist witnessed the suicide, police reported.

Yanks' Secret Weapon Deals Woe to Japs

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 31.—(AP)—A secret weapon gave American forces a new advantage in their invasion of the Marianas today as their spearheads hammered a widening wedge across Guam and swept past Tinian's largest town.

"One of the most fearful instruments of death from America's arsenal of secret weapons aided the Tinian invaders," War Correspondent Clinton Green reported as Adm. Nimitz announced that Guam's main harbor and airstrip already were in American use.

Security prohibits even a hint as to the nature of the weapon, Green said, but its effectiveness has been proved.

"It is truly fearful and it is extremely doubtful whether any human being within 100 feet of its action would be able to survive," he wrote. "It is easy to foresee the devastation and death which would result from its use on such targets as the crowded cities of the Japanese homeland."

New Guinea Japs Raided

While the Yanks speeded their Saipan-born envelopment of key Marianas islands, the far eastern air force, struck significant blows 1,300 miles to the southwest. Lt. Gen. Kenney's fliers hit Japanese bases in northwest New Guinea and Halmahera island, Gen. MacArthur's stepping stone to the Philippines.

American warships dramatically reentered Guam's Port Apra, onetime U. S. naval base and the best harbor in the Marianas, after soldiers and marines cleaned the Japanese out of the harbor's south arm, the Orote peninsula.

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Japanese Finally Get Into Hengyang

CHUNGKING, July 31.—(AP)—The Chinese high command admitted tonight that Japanese forces have broken into the city of Hengyang proper. It said brisk fighting was in progress both in the city and its outskirts.

The Chinese have been holding the invaders on the rim of the encircled Canton-Hankow railway junction for weeks, while other Chinese forces fought the Japanese on an outer perimeter. For more than a month the Japanese have been storming the city desperately in what by this time amounts to a face-saving drive.

The Hunan province city has been regarded as the most important goal of the Japanese since their capture of Canton and Hankow in 1938, and its seizure would remove one of the last stumbling blocks to their campaign to control 1,000 miles of railway from the north to the south of China.

Senate Committeemen Called Back on Job

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—Majority Leader Barkley, Kentucky, and Senator Reynolds, (N. C.), telegraphed absent members of the senate military committee today to return to Washington at once to act on reconversion legislation.

The telegram was made public by Reynolds, chairman of the committee, soon after Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) disclosed to newsmen that republicans would insist on early action on bills to chart the postwar business and employment programs.

Ward Employees Lose in Suit for Compensation

PORTLAND, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—Nearly 400 Montgomery Ward & Co. employees here had lost their fight today for state unemployment compensation from May 3 to July 26, 1941, when the store was closed by labor troubles.

Circuit Judge Hawkins upheld the Oregon unemployment compensation commission in denying payments to the workers. Employees who voluntarily refused to cross picket lines automatically disqualified themselves as compensation claimants, he ruled.

Returns to Duty After Recovery From Wounds



Arland Bender, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bender, Portland, formerly of Roseburg, has returned to active duty, following wounds suffered in action on Biak Island, June 8, according to word received here by Miss Betty Strong from Mrs. Bender.

Bender was a member of the Roseburg national guard company called into active service prior to Pearl Harbor.

"Hunger" Strike of Japs at Tule Lake Proves Fraud

TULELAKE, Calif., July 31.—(AP)—Fourteen recalcitrant inmates of the Tule Lake Japanese segregation center remained in the isolation stockade today, their 13-day "hunger" strike labeled a fraud by War Relocation authority officials.

There is evidence the Japanese have been living on cached food that disappeared from the isolation kitchen just before the strike began, said a statement issued by the WRA.

Man Burned in Futile Attempt to Save Home

SILVERTON, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—T. W. Jordan, who narrowly escaped death in the burning of his home, was in a hospital today suffering from severe chest, face and arm burns. He had retired when the blaze was discovered. He extinguished it, was burned, and went for help. It broke out anew in his absence and the home was destroyed.

Labor Disputes, Involving Wages, Production Rates, Asserted Abuse, Idle 20,000 Men in Eastern Cities

(By the Associated Press)

The number of workers idle because of labor disputes climbed to about 20,000 today when a strike among employees of five Detroit plants producing parts for Pratt & Whitney airplane engines virtually shut down the factories.

Seven thousand men were employed in the five plants of the Chevrolet Gear & Axle division of General Motors corporation. In other disputes throughout the nation approximately 13,000 were away from their jobs.

The Detroit plants were in a group of six where an original walkout in one plant last week extended to four others. Officials of local 235, United Automobile Workers (CIO), said workers complained they could not meet new production rates which the company said had been arrived at through studies with the union.

Other Walkouts Listed

A dispute at the General Steel Castings company's Common-wealth plant, Granite City, Ill., kept about 4,300 workers off the job. The stoppage, which arose when 300 chippers claimed abuse by a foreman, was termed unauthorized by the CIO United Steel Workers union.

A walkout of 3,500 wire plant employees of John A. Roehling's Sons & Co. plant at Roehling, N. J., spread today to include 400 aircraft department workers at the company's Trenton, N. J., plant. The employees quit work in a dispute concerning the "take-home" pay of nine workers, and that the Trenton workers joined

Dewey Raps New Deal For Economic Sag

PITTSBURGH, July 31.—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey, today promised organized labor a cabinet post if elected and told business men foreign trade is a two-way street.

He plunged into a series of meetings with business, labor, farm and political leaders, all aimed at setting in motion what he said had been "the too-long delayed preparations for reconversion."

Meeting behind closed doors with each group, the New York governor was said authoritatively to have stood firmly behind the G. O. P. platform pledge to fill the secretary of labor post with an organized labor union member.

(By the Associated Press)

Touching off verbal fireworks at the start of a week of intense political activity, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey told a Pittsburgh news conference today that as he sees it "the United States simply cannot face another period like the Roosevelt depression which lasted for eight years."

Asserting that more than 10,000,000 men were "unemployed continuously from 1933 through 1940," the republican presidential nominee declared that the new

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J. A. Zimmerman Ends S. P. Service

J. A. Zimmerman, Southern Pacific engineer, who started his service with the company at Roseburg, Dec. 21, 1899, has been retired after 44 years and six months of railroading. His last run, from Klamath Falls to Eugene, was made on the date of his 65th birthday.

Starting as a student fireman at Roseburg, he became an engineer in 1906. It was while he was serving as fireman that two carloads of dynamite which composed a part of the train travelling from Ashland to Roseburg exploded in Cow creek canyon, fortunately without injury to any member of the crew.

In recent years Mr. Zimmerman has made his home near Eugene, while working the passenger run between Eugene and Klamath Falls.

He is retiring to a small farm at Coburg, where he and his wife will operate a filbert orchard.

Granville is Captured in New Lunge

6 Nazi Divisions Erased; British Match Plunge With Eight-Mile Gain

(By the Associated Press)
The American offensive on the western end of the Normandy line gathered speed today and spearheads plunged deeply into Avranches, German pivotal point at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula, as the German radio proclaimed U. S. forces had captured Granville, coastal town 16 miles below Coutances.

Six German divisions of perhaps 60,000 men had been practically eliminated from combat by the American drive, most spectacular of the Normandy campaign.

The remnants of at least eight divisions were being rapidly ground up by the American machine, which appeared to be rapidly completing a 105-mile arc across the base of the Normandy peninsula whence to break into central France.

The American thrust in the west threatened ever more strongly to turn the German flank and break fully into the plains of Brittany some 160 miles west of Paris.

A new British offensive in the center of the Normandy line matched the American drive with a gain of eight miles, sweeping six miles south of Caumont.

Vital Advantage Won
"The situation has immense possibilities," exulted a qualified observer, foreseeing the turning of the Germans' west flank. A clean breakthrough at Avranches, in the right angle junction of the Cotentin and Brest peninsulas, would cut off the Brest peninsula. A turn to the east would speed the Americans into central France. An inward swing from the allied eastern anchor at Caen could threaten a pincers movement against thousands of Germans in a 70-mile salient.

At least 600 tanks were engaged in the American thrusts. The

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More Spent for Liquor Than Education, Charge

PORTLAND, July 31.—(AP)—William D. Upshaw, former Georgia congressman and the prohibition party's presidential nominee in 1932, charged that Oregon spent \$5,000,000 more for liquor than for education and religion in 1942-43.

"The figures show Oregon's liquor bill was over \$48,000,000," Upshaw told a church congregation yesterday, compared with \$42,000,000 spent for schools and churches.

Higher Wages Slated For Portland Bakers

PORTLAND, July 31.—(AP)—Members of the Portland Bakers' union will receive wage increases of five and 10 cents an hour if the War Labor board approves an offer made by the Master Bakers' association and accepted in principle by the union.

The union had asked 20 cents an hour extra compensation for work done between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. The bakery owners offered 10 cents an hour to bakers and five to miscellaneous workers from 7 p. m. to 5 a. m.

Submarine Production Program Is Reduced

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—The navy announced a cutback in the submarine building program today and attributed the step to two factors—the loss of fewer submarines than was expected and the need for at least eight other types of ships or weapons.

On the basis of submarines known to be building or in commission, the American undersea fleet apparently is in excess of 200.

Fire Damages Mill

FOREST GROVE, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—Damage to the Stimson lumber company mill from Saturday's fire was estimated at more than \$35,000 today by Elmer Crocker, manager. Only resaw and sizer operations will be shut-down pending repairs, he said.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Perhaps Jewish antipathy to Congressman Hamilton Fish is based less on political grounds than on his nickname of "Ham."