ROMANIA JOINS ALLIES, STRIKES AT NAZIS, HUNGARY

Move Perils Bulgaria, Jars Hitler's Clutch on Balkans

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Action Means Freedom For Slavs, Greeks

LONDON, Aug. 24—(AP)—Romania began marching against Hungary today after her sudden exit yesterday from the war against the allies in an about-face which direly threatened the whole German position in the Balkans.

Bucharest broadcasts said Romania in fact had turned co-belligerent and there were reports of spreading fighting in the rich oil and wheat kingdom between Romanian and German troops.

Bulgaria, already outflanked in the south by Turkey's severance of relations with Germany, now was periled from the north as well and in an entirely untenable position.

Yugoslavia and Greece, where patriot armies have waged long and bitter guerrilla war against the nazi yoke, were in positions for quick liberation.

Russian armies driving swiftly toward the heart of Romania signaled the punch which finally blew down the house of cards which deposed Premier-Marshal Antonescu had built in Romania.

Nazis Plan Counter Blow

The Germans announced that Romania's capitulation had been expected. The Berlin correspondent of Aftonbladet of Stockholm cabled that "German counter measures can be expected." This Swedish report said Berlin circles blamed Romania's move on the Russian offensive, Turkey's break with Germany, Bulgaria's peace overtures and the sustained allied bombings of the Ploesti oil installations.

(Former King Carol, now living in exile in Mexico abdicated in 1940 in favor of his son, Mihai).

Berlin broadcast an official DNB dispatch giving the Germans their first news on the Romanian armistice insisting that King Mihai's new government actually was a "communist regime." The broadcast said rioting had broken out in Romania.

The Germans were plainly in panic as the Balkan crackup seemed to be repeating the history of 1918 when the collapse of Bulgaria shocked the Kaiser's generals into a quick plea for peace.

Hitler Faces Dilemma

Even before Romania's announced acceptance yesterday of armistice terms, reports reaching London told of German troop withdrawals from southern Greece in apparent preparation for a large scale contraction of their lines in southeastern Europe. A quick, grand withdrawal now is even more imperative. Bulgaria faces the choice of capitulation or invasion, and Hitler must concentrate on holding Hungary in line or the battlefront may jump all the way from Iasi to Vienna.

King Miahi's proclamation said

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is an answer to the question that is uppermost in your mind:

"ONE good sledgehammer blow by the Russians, coupled with our efforts in the west, WILL FINISH THE WAR WITH GERMANY."

IT comes from a British headquarters officer, who has ACCESS TO INFORMATION. It passes the British censorship, indicating that the officer didn't speak out of turn.

HE continues:

"The days of great battle in France ARE ENDED. The rest of the war for Germany is merely a fight for time—time for Hitler."

He concludes:

"NEVER AGAIN can Germany put into the field an army of armor such as von Kluge's 7th army which General Eisenhower's forces have BROKEN UP."

IT is disclosed officially that since June 6 we have COUNTED, behind our lines in France, 1200 destroyed or fatally damaged German tanks. Try to visualize 1200 tanks. The effort will give you confidence in the British officer's statement that NEVER AGAIN can Germany put into the field such armor as she had before Normandy.

We have killed, wounded and captured 300,000 Germans in western France since D day. They, too, will be hard to replace.

THE remnants of von Kluge's army are hemmed in between Falaise and the Seine (see map). Three allied armies are driving them TOWARD the bridgeless

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Finland Still Sparring In Hope of Easier Peace Conditions From Russia

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Finnish minister to Sweden, G. A. Grippenberg, suddenly departed today for Helsinki in a journey ob[illegible] connected with efforts to [illegible] out of the war.

Opinion [illegible] that Romania's exit [illegible] war might hasten actio[illegible] Manner-heim, preside[illegible] marshal of Finland.

Finnish sou[illegible] the old leader has be[illegible] ring the decks" for an[illegible]." Reactionaries, Germ[illegible] the former Finnish [illegible] to the United States F[illegible] were reported taking ad[illegible] of inactivity by pushing a "go slow" propaganda campaign regarding peace.

Information from Finland said the Germans were spreading propaganda that they were giving up France in order to launch a tremendous offensive against Russia. Finn reactionaries were reported cooperating with the argument that "we had better wait because once the Germans have launched their counter-attack, we will be in a better position to negotiate with the Russians."

The U. S. ordered Procope to leave Washington for actions inimical to the United States.

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Nazis' Resistance In Italy Waning

ROME, Aug. 24—(AP)—British and Indian troops of the Eighth army have made a considerable advance on both sides of the upper Arno river in Italy, in the face of lessening enemy resistance, and have captured a number of important points including Mt. Foresto, headquarters announced today.

Minor gains were reported in the Adriatic sector, where Polish and Italian troops established themselves firmly on the banks of the Metauro about 12 miles from the coast.

Allied headquarters disclosed that "indiscriminately aimed enemy shells fell in most of the central and southern portions" of Florence yesterday. The extent of damage and casualties were not announced.

The Poles in the Metauro sector have taken nearly 800 prisoners in 10 days.

Livestock Shippers Get Overlength Truck Permit

COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Permission to use overlength trucks and trailers for livestock transportation to Oregon and California points has been granted to the Coos County Livestock Shipping association by the state highway commission, County Agent George Jenkins said today.

A regulation forbidding use of the overlength vehicles had previously held up shipment of considerable stock, Jenkins added. A flagman must accompany all of the oversize carriers.

Liberty Ship Sunk Off Naples, Another Damaged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The loss of the Liberty ship James Guthrie off Naples "a few weeks ago" was reported today by the war shipping administration.

The James Guthrie, built at Portland, Oregon, and another liberty ship, the Alexander Graham Bell, had discharged military cargoes at Naples and were starting home when they struck mines. Although extensively damaged, the Alexander Graham Bell has reached a home port. There were no casualties.

Ralph Loomis On Mend From Battle Wounds

Ralph Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis of Roseburg, is making satisfactory recovery at an Hawaiian hospital for wounds suffered in the recapture of Guam, according to word received by his parents. Corporal Loomis, serving with the marine corps, was a tank driver in the Guam campaign. He suffered a shrapnel wound in the ankle but reports in a letter to his mother that he is making good recovery, is now able to walk again and expects to be back in action within a few weeks.

Motor Vehicle Accident Fund Payments Shown

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24(AP)—The state department paid out $29,074 from the motor vehicle accident fund in the year ended June 30.

The fund was created by the 1941 legislature to pay for care of indigent accident victims, and was financed by a tax of 25 cents a year on each motor vehicle driver.

Claims paid in the past fiscal year include $27,173 to hospitals, $1805 to doctors, and $95 to ambulance companies. There is a balance of $209,320 in the fund.

Reds Advance In Romania to Oust Germans

MOSCOW, Aug. 24—(AP)—Captives reported hostilities spreading between the troops of Germany and Romania today while two great Russian army groups swept toward the heart of the oil and wheat kingdom in drives apparently aimed at trapping any nazis still in their path.

Companion offensives in south and north Poland continued apace.

Troops which seized Debica were declared overrunning hundreds of German war factories, 150 of them in Debica alone. Red Star said the Lwow-Krakow railroad bristled with German war plants of all kinds. The advance moved within 17 miles of Tarnow. Further north, Russian columns were within 35 miles of Krakow and 75 of German Silesia itself.

Northeast of Warsaw, the Red army drove within five miles of the important communications hub of Lomza, 20 miles below the East Prussian frontier, in an offensive gradually splitting German armies defending that reich province and Warsaw.

Nazis Gun Romanians

Captured Romanians said the Germans had trained their guns on them, seeking to block their retreat in some places. Many Romanian units were reported raked by machingun fire.

Soviet troops galloped within 167 miles of Bucharest and 140 of the Ploesti oil center, and less than 50 from the mouth of the Danube—a principal transport artery for Hitler.

Newspapers told of the new government formed in Romania but printed nothing of King Mihahi's decision to quit Germany and cease fighting.

The Second Ukranian army has captured 6,000 square miles of Romanian territory in a push from Odessa and thundered on toward the Galati gap. Two Russian armies appeared to be throwing a great noose around enemy forces clustered about the Bessaarabian capital of Chisinau.

Foe Plans New Retreat

North of the Carpathians, the First Ukranian army was overrunning swiftly the arsenals where thousands of Polish and Russian war prisoners were put to work in 1941 and 1942. The Red army here was actually getting into vital German industries, factories upon which Hitler depended to keep Germany in the war.

(The Polish press bureau in London said the Germans were evacuating equipment from Krakow in preparation for a fresh retreat in Poland. Gen. Bor's embattled headquarters within besieged Warsaw said the German's were fighting savagely to keep open three main east-west roads thorugh the capital to

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Jap Ship Sinkings Continue Steadily

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 24—(AP)—The allied air campaign to isolate Japan's island garrisons by sinking supply ships yielded reports today of new blows on the Philippine's doorstep and in Japan's front yard.

Gen. MacArthur's Thursday communique listed successful attacks in his command area on six enemy vessels, including a freighter sunk near Mindanao, southern Philippines.

This was the tenth raid in two weeks on Mindanao, the bulk of which have been directed at supply shipping. Today's report, however, also told of large fires set by Liberators at Davao, capital of Mindanao.

Among the other ships hit was a destroyer tender, left dead in the water off Palau.

At Pearl Harbor, Adm. Nimitz announced a raid Tuesday by Liberators on a five-ship convoy off Chichi Jima, in the Bonins, a little over 600 miles south of Tokyo.

Two cargo vessels were sunk and a third set afire. One Liberator was lost.

Mindful that the Bonins have been under stready attack since American investment of Saipan to the south, Premier Koiso warned of possible homeland invasion and asked the people to increase Japan's fighting power.

He asked too for improved air raid defenses, no doubt in recollection of recent Superfortress attacks on the home islands. American bombers, Tokyo radio quoted him as saying, last night, were certain to increase their blows.

Farm Prices Protected.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The senate wrote into a bill for disposal of some $100,000,000,000 worth of surplus war goods today a ban on domestic sales of any extra farm products at less than parity or prevailing market prices, whichever is higher.

SPEAKS FOR DEWEY—Representing Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in postwar international peace conferences with Secretary of State Hull is John F. Dulles, above, a Wall street attorney and noted authority on international affairs. He is regarded as Hull's successor in the cabinet in the event of Dewey's election to the presidency.

Grange Heads Ask Exclusion of Japs From Citizenship

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from U. S. citizenship and deportation at the war's close was demanded today by the masters of granges in five western states.

A statement, ratified by grange executive committees in the five states, claimed that persons of Japanese ancestroy are incapable of becoming assimilated in American communities. The masters, who said they represent 125,000 farm people of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California, said the resolution would be sent to their congressional delegations.

In proposing a constitutional amendment depriving Japanese-Americans of citizenship, residence, and rights to own property in this country, the grange masters added that they would expect Japan to enact similar bars against Americans in that country.

The grange masters recommended also that "the United States shall not retain any rights in Asiatic territories unless willing to permit similar exploitation of its own territories."

"The basis of the whole economic problem," the statement said, "has been the exploitation of Asiatic territories without any corresponding privileges to oriental peoples who are entitled by right of race to their own resources."

Munitions Need Being Met, Nelson Testifies

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24—(AP)—WPB Chairman Donald Nelson was disclosed today to have told senate investigators that Lt. Gen. Somervell complained of manpower shortages on the eve of a recent cutback in airplane production that released thousands of workers for other jobs.

Although acknowledging the need of men to meet expanded requirements of specialized items, Nelson said in his testimony last week before the senate war investigating committee that virtually all critical munitions programs "are being met."

He added that the remaining problems would not be solved "by letting loose a blunderbuss against the whole manpower situation or by general edicts and broad limitations on the use of labor."

Youth Killed in Fall Over Mount Baker Cliff

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 24.—(AP)—A rescue party radioed today it found 17-year-old Larry Strathdee dead at the foot of a Mount Baker ice cliff over which the Seattle youth plunged Thursday in a hiking mishap.

Jack Schwabland, 16, with whom Strathdee had made the dangerous climb over ice slopes, reported his companion slipped and fell over a sheer cliff at the 9,000-foot level.

Oregon Outputs of Milk, Butter, Cheese Decreased

SALEM, Aug. 24—(AP)—Milk production in Oregon in 1943 was down one per cent from 1942, while production of manufactured dairy products was down 5 per cent, the state department of agriculture said today.

Butter production dropped 11 per cent, cheddar cheese 16 per cent, and evaporated milk 16 per cent.

BATTLE FOR PARIS RENEWED WHEN GERMANS REPUDIATE "ARMISTICE"

U. S. Bombers Hit Reich Oil, Plane Plants

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—An armada of 2,300 American planes smashed a dozen targets in Germany and on the Czech border today. The attacks constituted one of the greatest assaults ever mounted by United States air forces.

Targets included synthetic oil plants at Mersberg, Misburg and Ruhland in Germany and Brux on the Czechoslovak border. Also bombed were an oil refinery at Freital near Dresden; two airplane plants at Brunswick; German air force stations at Kolleda near Merseberg and Langenhagen near Hannover; a radio factory at Miemar and other industrial targets at Kield.

Raid From Italy Staged.

A force of bombers from Italy, probably numbering 750, attacked Czechoslovak oil refineries at Kolin, 40 miles east of Prague, and at Pardubice, 55 miles east of Prague today.

The airfield at Pardubice, the railyard at Vinkovici on the main rail line from Zagreb to Belgrade in Yugoslavia, the rail bridge at Szeged, Hungary, and the Ferrara rail bridge over the Po river in northern Italy also were bombed.

Enemy opposition was on a smaller scale than on the past two days when 102 nazi planes were shot down over Austria.

Cologne Also Hit.

Mosquitos struck Cologne in Germany last night and other planes bombed the Ruhr. Planes from Italy hammered the Vienna area yesterday, downing 45 enemy planes at a cost of 29.

Berlin reported bombers approaching northern Germany and another flight hitting from the south by daylight today.

The air forces announced today that 50 German warplanes were destroyed in operations from British and French bases yesterday and that in the first 70 days of the invasion, 3,641 German planes had been destroyed in the air and on the ground. In the same period 2,959 attacks on Germany itself

Date Set for Airing Local Rent Complaints

A meeting of the Roseburg rent control committee, recently appointed by Mayor W. F. Harris, has been called by Chairman Earl Wiley for 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at the office of the chamber of commerce.

The committee, Mr. Wiley reports, will conduct hearings on several complaints which have been filed with the OPA board and will ask complainants and landlords to be present. Complaints of overcharges will be reviewed and attempts will be made to bring tenants and landlords into agreement.

Members of the committee include Mr. Wiley, C. A. Brand, Rev. Wm. Coughlan, John Runyan and councilman Charles Snoddy.

Lt. E. V. Murphy, Former Resident of Roseburg, Killed in Action in France

First Lieutenant Edward Vincent (Pete) Murphy, 24, at right, formerly of Roseburg, was killed in action in France July 28, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Murphy, now residing in Marshfield.

Lt. Murphy, who had had two years of service in the Aleutions, arrived in England in June of this year and participated in the invasion of Normandy.

Born in Royal Oak, Mich., he came to Roseburg with his parents while an infant and attended the Roseburg schools. His father was employed in Roseburg as an automobile painter. After completing his schooling, he learned the meat cutting trade in the North Side Meat market, and went to Alaska, where he was employed as a meat cutter when war broke out. He had had previous military training as a member of the Roseburg national guard company.

Enlisting in April, 1942, he was sent to Fort Benning, Ga., for officer training and was assigned to duty in the Aleutians, where he remained until March 1944, when he was transferred from that area and was given leave for a visit with his parents at Marshfield and with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyer at Roseburg.

He then went to Mississippi and later to New York, where he was trained fr combat in the Euro-

His parents, one brother and seven sisters survive.

Oregon Allowance for Injured Workers Upped

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 42—(AP)—The State Industrial accident commission announced today it has increased the monthly maintenance allowance for injured workmen who are receiving vocational rehabilitation training.

The allowances for married men without children will be $50 a month, double the old rate. Single men will get $40 a month, a $15 increase, while married men with one child will get $55, a $25 increase. The maximum payment will be $60 for married men with two or more dependents.

The allowances are in addition to disability payments made by the commission.

"Shipyard" Wages Fail To Fill Hop Picker Need

OREGON CITY, Aug. 24—(AP)—Hop pickers are making "shipyard" wages of $10 to $24 daily, but growers are still desperately short of workers, E. L. Rader, assistant farm labor recruiter, said here today.

Only 600 of the needed 2000 pickers have registered for work in Clackamas county yards, he added.

China Battle Undecided

(By the Associated Press)

The bitter bloodletting centering on Hengyang for control of the Hankow-Canton railway continued today without sign of approaching decision. The Chinese halted two enemy thrusts and strove to halt another Japanese attempt to get rolling down the unconquered 170-mile gap in the railway.

Presidential Election Result May Be Unknown for Weeks After Nov. 7 Because of Canvass of Soldier Vote

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Because 11 states will not count their soldier votes on election day, Novembe 7, it is possible that the outcome of the 1944 presidential election will remain in doubt for several weeks after the polls close.

Should the election be unusually close, the winner might not be known until as late as December 7, when the canvass of Nebraska's absentee vote could determine whether the state's seven electoral votes would be cast for President Roosevelt or Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

These possibilities grow out of an Associated Press survey which indicates that more than two million men and women in the armed forces have applied for absentee ballots and that, by the most conservative estimates of state election officials, approximately twice that number will vote in November.

The soldier vote is likely to be decisive in most of the 11 states which do not immediately tabulate it, and the 11—including Pennsylvania with 36, California with 22 and Missouri with 15—have a combined electoral vote of 116. President Wilson's electoral margin over Charles Evans Hughes in 1916 was only 23.

In Pennsylvania, where officials expect 200,000 to 300,000 soldier ballots, the absentee vote will be counted November 22.

California, whose secretary of state predicts a service vote of 175,000 to 200,000, will not canvass it until November 24. Missouri, receiving more than 1,000 ballot applications daily, will start counting absentee votes the Friday after election day.

Of the states which will defer their soldier vote count, eight gave President Roosevelt a total of 99 electoral votes in 1940. The tther three gave Wendell L. Willkie 17.

Besides Nebraska, Pennsylvania, California and Missouri, the states which will add up some or all of their soldier votes after election day are: Colorado, six electoral votes, November 22; Delaware, three, November 9; Florida, seven, November 17; North Dakota, four, Deecmber 5; Rhode Island, four, December 4; Utah, four, November 27; and Washington, eight, November 27.

Wilson Quits War Production Board Over Differences

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24,—(AP)—The White House today announced the resignation of Charles E. Wilson as executive vice chairman of the War Production board.

In a letter of resignation to the president, Wilson said differences among subordinates on the board had resulted in unfair attacks upon him. Stories that he is opposed to reconversion, Wilson said, were "in my opinion inspired by subordinate officials of the board connected with the personal staff of Mr. Nelson."

The reference was to Donald M. Nelson, WPB chairman, who conferred with President Roosevelt about two hours before Wilson's resignation was announced.

Wilson said he has encouraged "unfair attacks and criticisms."

"Mr. Nelson has disclaimed any responsibility for these attacks," Wilson's letter of resignation continued, "asserting that they were made without his knowledge or approval. He has also repeatedly acknowledged that the staff and I have been fully cooperative in reconversion."

President Roosevelt in accepting the resignation said he did so "with reluctance" and spoke highly of Wilson's work in war production.

State Police Reports On July Traffic Violations

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—State police arrested 1787 persons and warned 3673 others in July for violating motor vehicle laws, fines and sentences for these offenses totaling $13,304 and 1667 days in jail.

There were 119 arrests for speeding and 32 for drunken driving.

There were 294 arrests for general crimes, 76 for game law violations, and 14 for commercial fishing law violations.

Thomas W. Rader Fined $100 for Drunk Driving

A fine of $100 was paid in the Roseburg Justice court today by Thomas W. Rader, who pleaded guilty, Judge Thomas C. Hartfiel reported, to a charge of drunken driving. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended. Rader's license to drive a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of one year.

Judge Hartfiel also reported a fine of $10 paid by Robert R. Gross, who pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

17 Teachers Needed.

Seventeen instructors are still needed to fill teaching positions in Douglas county schools, according to a report by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county superintendent. There has been a large turn-over of teachers, she states, and because of the openings in larger districts, rural schools have had considerable difficulty in filling their teacher needs.

Allied Troops Now Battling To Enter City

Terrific Mauling Given Nazis in "Dunkerque" Effort at Seine River

(By the Associated Press)

Allied troops battled to enter Paris today at the call of Parisian patriots engaged in renewed struggle with Germans determined on a last gasp defense of the capital.

Supreme headquarters said Frenchmen held parts of Paris, but the city could not be considered liberated. Underground leaders had reached some kind of armistice with the enemy, the Germans agreeing to leave the city, but later the nazis repudiated it and street battles again broke out. Allied forces began moving in, but there was no definite word that they had actually entered Paris yet.

Parisians, in one of the first stages, captured more than 1,000 Germans during their struggle to liberate their city, and inflicted heavy casualties in street fighting, French headquarters declared.

The "armistice" negotiations by the French street fighters in Paris apparently were made without previous knowledge of the supreme command. A directive provides that no field commander can negotiate an armistice with the Germans unless Gen. Eisenhower gives his consent.

The German commandant in the French capital tried to stall the fate of his troops by asking for an armistice, to gain temporary safe conduct for the withdrawal through Paris of German troops which still were in action against American forces in an arc west of the city.

The French said they refused and fought it out and won.

"Dunkerque" Try Lashed

Elsewhere in France allied armies rolled on—with reports they had already reached the Swiss border—and Hitler's Balkan wall

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Amusement Ban Hits Nazis in Plan To Increase Army

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A new "austerity order" by Propaganda Minister Goebbels, reich representative for total mobilization, will close all German theaters, shows, cabarets and theatricial and music schools effective Sept. 1.

Film and radio entertainment will be available only to soldiers and war workers.

Actors, circus performers and others will be drafted into the army.

Goebbels also ordered closing of all art exhibitions, art competitions and art colleges and the suspension of publication of fine art literature, fiction and most illustrated publications. The number of daily newspapers will be curtailed.

Two hundred traveling theatrical companies of the "strength through joy" movement who have been entertaining troops will be dissolved.

Professional schools, household schools and commercial colleges without direct bearing on the war effort will be closed and universities will be subjected to far-reaching restrictions.

People released by the austerity order will be employed in armament production or taken into the wehrmacht, Berlin asserted.

Goebbels also ordered those employed in public administration and offices of industry to work a 60-hour week and cancelled all vacations effective immediately.

The order will not affect women over 50 and men over 65.

Infringements of the order will be punished by imprisonment and fines, with hard labor or death for "particularly malicious" evasiors, the announcement said.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

Tragic robot bombing of England serves one useful purpose: It keeps allied nations reminded that Germany won't be "all in" until she is knocked out.