

German Army Retreating From Russia

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Leningrad-Pskov railway where the station of Novoselye, 28 miles northeast of Pskov was captured yesterday.

Then the line swings to the southeast across the Leningrad-Pskov highway and down to the newly-captured town of Porkhov, 45 miles east of Pskov on the railroad from Staraya Russa. Then it continues south along the Novosokolniki railway to the station of Ustrugi, 18 miles west of Novosokolniki on the railroad to Riga.

That was the line as pictured by two broadcast Moscow communiqués recorded by the soviet monitor.

The communiqués also presented a picture of a swift, general Russian advance, with the Germans putting up strong fights for occasional hedgehog positions.

In the advance which captured Porkhov and Novoselye — the drive on Pskov and its four railroads and two highways — over 1500 Germans were killed, Moscow said. In this are 150 communities were taken. South of Porkhov, the last important town before Pskov, the Russians crossed the Shelon river and reached the Porkhov-Chikhachevo highway.

The communiqué said that in this area one group of Russians captured German guns and ammunition, swung them in the opposite direction and opened fire on retreating enemy troops.

On the second part of this front, the area from Porkhov south to Novosokolniki, 218 localities, were declared captured, including eight railway stations. The Germans thus were forced back to the Pskov-Idritsa railroad for north-south communications.

In this fighting a regiment of Germans was routed and 700 killed. Typical of the fighting was the attack described in the late Moscow bulletin.

"Red army men penetrated into the enemy rear and made a night raid on a village occupied by a company of German infantry. The attack was so sudden that none of the Germans had time to escape. The majority was killed and the remainder was taken prisoner."

Adolf Hitler was reported to have hurried to the northern front to investigate the causes of recent German defeats in this sector.

Quoting a Swedish source, the French radio at Algiers said that Hitler had gone to the front with staff generals to bolster the Nazi resistance to the red army's great onslaught.

Another French broadcast from Algiers, quoting a Swiss source, said that Field Marshal George von Kuechler had been imprisoned in a fortress at Königsberg for insubordination to Hitler in disobeying orders to hold his northern front at all costs. Marshal von Kuechler ten days ago was reported to have been relieved of his command.

Ex-Soldiers Face Narcotics Charge

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 26 (AP)—Two ex-soldiers were arraigned in Clark county circuit court today on charges of transporting and concealing five ounces of smoking opium. They were held in the county jail under \$10,000 bail each.

The men, Roland D. Thurber, 38, and Homer W. Galloway, 36, Seattle, were arrested here Thursday after police tallied the license plates of their car with those of an automobile reportedly driven away from Salem by two men who stole \$700 worth of jewelry from an apartment in the Oregon city Tuesday.

A. M. Bangs, Seattle, district supervisor for the federal narcotics division, said the opium was found in their automobile.

Bangs said Galloway is wanted in Spokane for sentence on a conviction for sale of gasoline coupons. Both men were discharged from the army as unfit, he said.

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McNary Rites To Be Friday In Salem

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From varied walks of life came statements concerning the life and death of the great man.

Said Ivan E. Lepley, Salem, former capital city merchant—"We knew Sen. Charles McNary as a neighbor though he lived several miles away. He was a real friendly adviser, and an appreciative customer when we were in the retail business."

Sen. Rufus C. Holman (R., Ore.)—"His passing is a great loss to the state of Oregon and the nation. He gave the best part of his life in service to the people. He was Oregon's favorite son."

Wayne Morse, former public member of the war labor board and candidate for Holman's seat—"Oregon and the nation have lost a great statesman and leader. Sen. Charles McNary epitomized in the republican party a balanced liberalism. Our party, our state and our country have suffered a grievous loss in his untimely death."

Rep. James W. Mott (R., Ore.)—"He had the high regard of the people and was loved by all of them. His death is a tragedy to the state and nation."

Rep. Lowell Stockman (R., Ore.)—"Sen. McNary was very unparagoning in his counsel and guidance to me as a new member of congress and I am deeply saddened by his untimely end."

Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R., Ore.)—"I feel his death would have been a serious blow at any time, but right now when leadership of his caliber is so sorely needed his death is a calamity to the nation."

Rep. Homer D. Angell (R., Ore.)—"Not only Oregon, but the nation, suffers loss in his passing."

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Martin, ex-governor and ex-congressman—"I consider his loss irreparable."

FDR Orders Deferment Removal

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McNutt, chairman of the war manpower commission, and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, the president said the "crucial campaigns" of this year will determine the length of the war and its costs in men and materials.

"The present allocations of personnel to the armed forces cannot be further reduced," he said, adding that "there is a very real danger in our failure to supply trained replacements at the time and in the numbers required."

OPA Token System in Use

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The OPA closed books on months of preparation today and gave the nation's housewives the "token system" of buying rationed food.

Tagged for the first use Sunday, the new plan makes the blue stamp in ration book four exchangeable for processed foods and the red for meats and dairy products, and gives each stamp a flat 10-point value.

The tokens are good indefinitely, while the stamps have limited validity as under the old system.

"Through the use of 10-point stamps and the new tokens, the work of all who handle ration currency—the public, the trade, the ration banks—will be greatly reduced," OPA said. "Almost 2,500,000,000 stamps—60 per cent of the 4,000,000,000 going over retail counters each month under the old program—will be eliminated."

Complete transition to the new system will take about three weeks, however, since the last of the old brown and green stamps of 8, 5, 2 and 1 denominations will remain good through March 30.

Here is a list of the new 10-point stamps valid through May 30:

Blue (processed food) stamps A8, B8, C8, D8 and E8.

Red (meats-fats) stamps A8, B8 and C8.

The old-style stamps good through March 30 are:

Green (processed food) stamps K, L and M.

Brown (meats-fats) stamps Y and Z.

Stop Ashes Fire
City firemen responded to a call at 10:26 p. m. Saturday from 445 Ferry street, where they found, they said, that ashes set out in a pastboard box had burned through the floor.

Red Cross Drive Opens
PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—Hundreds of volunteers will start the American Red Cross' greatest drive for funds tomorrow to fill Oregon's quota of \$1,755,806. The national goal is \$200,000,000.

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Fires Gut 14 Aircraft Factories

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be slightly less than 20,000 American tons of 2000 pounds each.)

Operations went into a temporary lull today, with typhoon patrols over the French coast as the only activity reported. These cost the Nazis two planes.

But in the week of sustained assaults, by the RAF at night and the US army air forces by day, the German aircraft industry has suffered its greatest losses of the war.

The factories no longer are believed able to make up air losses, said the American spokesman. He disclosed that since January 1 two-engine fighter production in the Reich has been cut 80 per cent and single engine fighter production 60 per cent. These figures may be revised upward as they are based on latest reconnaissance and are still only preliminary.

The greatest damage of all was probably done in the past week, he said, when the Eighth US air force alone dropped 7935 tons of bombs in Germany—a greater amount than that force dropped during its entire first year of operations in the European theatre.

With the tonnage of the Italy-based 15th US air force, the American total rose to 9425.

The spokesman expressed belief that Germany had lost her last hope of maintaining a successful air defense. She cannot prevent the strategic bombing of any target in Germany, he declared, coupling this flat assertion with a promise that allied operations would increase as the year progressed.

In yesterday's attacks by the Eighth from Britain and the 15th from Italy, the American forces threw more than 1200 heavy bombers and from 1000 to 1100 fighters against the German air force and its factories.

The climactic night attack on Augsburg by the RAF was carried out in two sections, solid blows spaced two and one-half hours apart.

The city is an important Messerschmitt assembly center and site of the great Maschinenfabrik Augsburg Nuremberg works—the most important German plant producing Diesel engines.

The RAF fliers, returning from the 1060-mile round trip, said Nazi fighters had been so exhausted by weeks of their vain defense that opposition over the target was weak. Flak was fairly intense, however, and searchlights were busy.

War-Weariness Finns Near Peace Terms

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was ceded to Russia in 1940.

STOCKHOLM, Sunday, Feb. 27 (AP)—A Russian aerial force variously estimated to include from 100 to 200 planes raided Helsinki last night and at least 30 fires were said to be blazing in the Finnish capital, reports reaching here today said.

Seven hours after the alarm sounded Helsinki's commercial communication facilities still were closed down. The Finnish city of Turku also was without telephone contact from 9:30 to 10:30 p. m. last night, indicating that an alarm had been sounded there.

Finnish informants here estimated that the Russians carried out the attack with 200 bombers. Reports reaching the Swedish press placed the size of the raiding force at approximately 100 planes. Russian planes were said to have penetrated to the center of Helsinki.

Crating Shortage Curtails Shipping Farm Equipment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Farm machinery exporters have notified the government that scheduled shipments of farm equipment may be "seriously curtailed" this year unless larger supplies of crating lumber are made available to manufacturers, the war production board reported today.

Industry representatives meeting here recently presented a resolution to the foreign economic administration requesting that the high AA-1 priority rating be applied to purchases of crating material for export purposes.

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Nazi Divisions Regrouping At Beachhead

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This summary of the month's fighting on the beachhead apparently referred to the road running due north from Anzio. Questioned concerning a discrepancy between this two-kilometer figure and previous admissions of deeper penetrations, the spokesman said that it represented the net loss after the allies had flung the German forces back.

The statement made two things clear:

1. That Nazi Field Marshal Kesselring hoped to gain "for Germany a spectacular military victory which she needs so badly," and

2. That, having failed, he now is massing more power to try again.

The landings just five weeks ago this morning represented a terrific threat to the communications of the German tenth army plus political potentialities in the danger to Rome, the spokesman said, and Marshal Kesselring therefore concentrated the German fourteenth army against the beachhead, building it up to at least ten divisions by February 20.

Farrell Names Argentine Ministers

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Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., expressed this government's concern over the developments yesterday.

Officials in Washington tonight expressed the definite impression that those who are at the moment behind the government in Argentina are trying to prevent any question of recognition arising.

However, this question is bound to arise if this government is convinced that there was a change in government in Argentina, rather than a turnover within the present regime.

Underground Seeks Arms

By TAYLOR HENRY
LISBON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Leaders of the French underground revolution against Marshal Petain and the Vichy government urgently desire that America and England send them arms and munitions to carry on the struggle, which has already reached the proportions of a real civil war.

Informants who obviously cannot be identified have told me recently that enough men already are organized, and all that is needed is for the allies to send them guns and bullets. Underground leaders express gratitude for supplies already coming in by air, but say they are needed in larger quantities.

It is estimated that at least 100,000 Frenchmen, most of them youths, have been taken to the "maquis," or woods, where they are organized into bands of varying sizes which are in open revolt against the Vichy government and its German partners.

The chief centers of resistance are in northern France around the industrial center of Lille, in central France near Chief of Government Pierre Laval's own neighborhood of Clermont Ferrand, and in the French Alps, particularly in the vicinity of Grenoble.

Jap Americans Make Demands

Japanese-Americans in the relocation center of Granada, Colo., have presented eleven demands on the war relocation authority, including a plea that they be given freedom to live and travel anywhere in the United States, Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, disclosed today.

With little comment aside from a statement that he would answer the Japanese-Americans' queries "with the best information available" and turn the others over to proper government agencies, Myer made public a letter from the center's community council.

Asking that the camp occupants be restored to their full rights as United States citizens, the letter said draft age evicuees Americans of Japanese ancestry had been responding to the call for military service and civilian responsibility to aid the war effort.

Oregonians Contribute 3882 Tons Paper

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—Oregonians have contributed 3882 tons of paper—an average of seven pounds per capita—for the war effort since the newspaper-sponsored campaign started last November, the state salvage committee reported today.

Chairman Claude I. Sersanous said the total does not include paper turned over by government and industrial units such as army camps, housing projects and shipyards.

County tonnage totals include Benton county, 108; Clackamas, 53; Lane, 85; Linn, 128; Marion, 190; Multnomah, 2181; Polk, 40; Yamhill, 37.

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GOP's Realign In Senate To Fill Gap

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sition carrying with it the authority to name at least six of a proposed nine-member steering committee which would determine the party's stand on controversial legislation.

Sen. Taft of Ohio for floor leader, a job entailing active direction of republican maneuvers in the senate and in committees, carrying with it the responsibility of speaking for the party on major issues.

4 From Valley Elected at UO

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 26 (Special)—Three students from Salem and one from Mt. Angel were elected last week into officer positions of their respective living organizations.

Elections were held by all of the university women's living groups, and the new officers will take charge spring term. Their duties will carry them through the fall and winter terms of the next school year.

Those elected were: Ruth Van Buskirk, Mt. Angel, junior in English, and Virginia Tomkins, freshman in art, president and corresponding secretary, respectively, of Alpha Xi Delta; Gene McPherson, sophomore in English, president of Gamma Phi Beta; and Mary Elizabeth Davis, junior in anthropology, freshman adviser of Hawthorne lodge.

Names were announced late last week in the 20-page spring edition of the Oregon Daily Emerald, campus newspaper.

Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Davis; Miss Tomkins of Mr. and Mrs. George Tomkins; Miss McPherson of Mr. and Mrs. C. McPherson, Salem; Miss Van Buskirk of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Van Buskirk, Mt. Angel.

No War Prisoners Delegated to Pacific Logging Camps

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Pacific northwest logging camps will not get any war prisoners, Richard Gilman, secretary of the CIO International Woodworkers' district council, predicted today.

The regional war manpower commission and the commission's labor-management committees in Oregon and Washington have joined in protest to the proposed use of prisoners as loggers, he said, and federal officials have agreed to accede to labor-management recommendations.

20 in County Jail

With 20 men as "temporary residents," conditions at the Marion county jail this morning were described as "crowded."

Fire Sweeps Coney Island

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—A four-alarm fire which flared spectacularly for an hour before it was brought under control did considerable damage to Coney Island's amusement center tonight.

Police said the fire appeared to have started in Thompson's scenic railway, and damaged the rear end of Luna park and the elevated railroad station at Eighth street and Railroad avenue.

Many subway and elevated trains were halted for as long as an hour by the fire, since the station, three blocks from the boardwalk, serves as the Coney Island terminus of the Brighton subway and Culver elevated line.

Neither the cause of the fire nor the amount of damages was announced immediately.

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US Fleet Roves Through Pacific

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—was not puzzling but dismaying to the defenders of Japanese islands, left to their own devices by its absence.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said at Pearl Harbor that the enemy fleet had lost so many destroyers and supply train ships it was unbalanced and had dodged the fight.

Power in the air — the factor that could have made up for the absence of the Japanese fleet from Japan's inner circle of island defenses — also was on the side of the attacking United States forces.

Adm. Nimitz said the battleship-escorted task force that hit the Marianas destroyed 135 Japanese planes there, losing only six, and that no United States warships were even damaged.

These 135 planes the Japanese lost in the Marianas were in addition to 201 planes destroyed at Truk during a two-day attack.

Land fighting at Eniwetok still went equally bad for the Japanese. Associated Press War Correspondent Al Dopping reported from there that Japanese bodies covered the three-mile-long island of Eniwetok, last main center of resistance, after 32 hours of close-in fighting.

All these things have added up to change the outlook for Japanese island garrisons. No longer can they go about their business, comfortable in the belief that any plane that heads their way, any ship that comes over the horizon, probably is Japanese.

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