

Allies Launch Coordinated Offense

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Weather

Maximum temperature Tuesday 89 degrees; minimum 62; no rain; river -3.5 ft.

Partly cloudy west of Cascades and clear east; little temperature change.

Yankees, British Strike

Americans Hit West of St. Lo In Heavy Attack

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS A. L. I. E. D. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Wednesday, July 26—(AP) The allied armies in Normandy opened the greatest coordinated offensive of the western invasion Tuesday as the Americans smashed west of St. Lo in their heaviest assault since Cherbourg and British-Canadian forces on the east drove south of Caen against some of the strongest German resistance of the entire campaign.

With their supreme commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, on the beachhead to confer with field commanders for seven hours as the big push got under way, the allied armies struck to end a relative stalemate of several days duration.

Bradley's Men Strike Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley sent his American First Army into battle on a front stretching all the way from St. Lo westward to the sea and centering on a five-mile sector between the Vire and Taute rivers.

The doughboys struck at noon after close to 4000 American planes had pounded the Germans for two miles and more back with a stunning aerial offensive which lasted two and a half desfering hours. Dispatches from the front said the aerial fleet, comprised of all types of bombers, was the mightiest ever hurled at a German battleline.

Nazis Confused So great was the aerial destruction to the German communication lines that allied headquarters had reason to believe the Germans were confused over where the land blow was being struck, and the locale of the offensive was kept secret for almost 12 hours in order to capitalize on the Germans' plight.

Finally in the midnight combat (Continued on Page 2)

Bernard Shaw Thinks Hitler Will Get Off

LONDON, Wednesday, July 26—(AP)—George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright who is 88 years old today, thinks Hitler will "get away with it and end up in the Viceregal lodge in Dublin."

"What will be the end of Hitler?" Shaw echoed testily to a Daily Sketch birthday eve interviewer. "Why he'll wind up in the Viceregal lodge in Dublin, of course. The Kaiser finished his days peacefully at Doorn. Hitler is almost certain to get away with it, too."

The interviewers found Shaw—freelancer but pink-cheeked—chopping wood at his Hertfordshire country home, which he said he'd give to the nation as a national trust.

He was willing to talk about anything but his birthday. "I'd forgotten about it," he snorted. "I don't want your congratulations. You know very well I hate them. To hell with all birthday wishes, I say. Who in his senses wants to be reminded that he's growing old?"

Shaw told an interviewer from the Daily Mail that the state of the world "is still plain hell."

Third Party Planned

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 25—(AP)—A group of Alabama anti-Roosevelt democrats decided here tonight to form a new political party and voted to call a state convention August 4 to name a slate of presidential elections.

Thumbnail Of War!

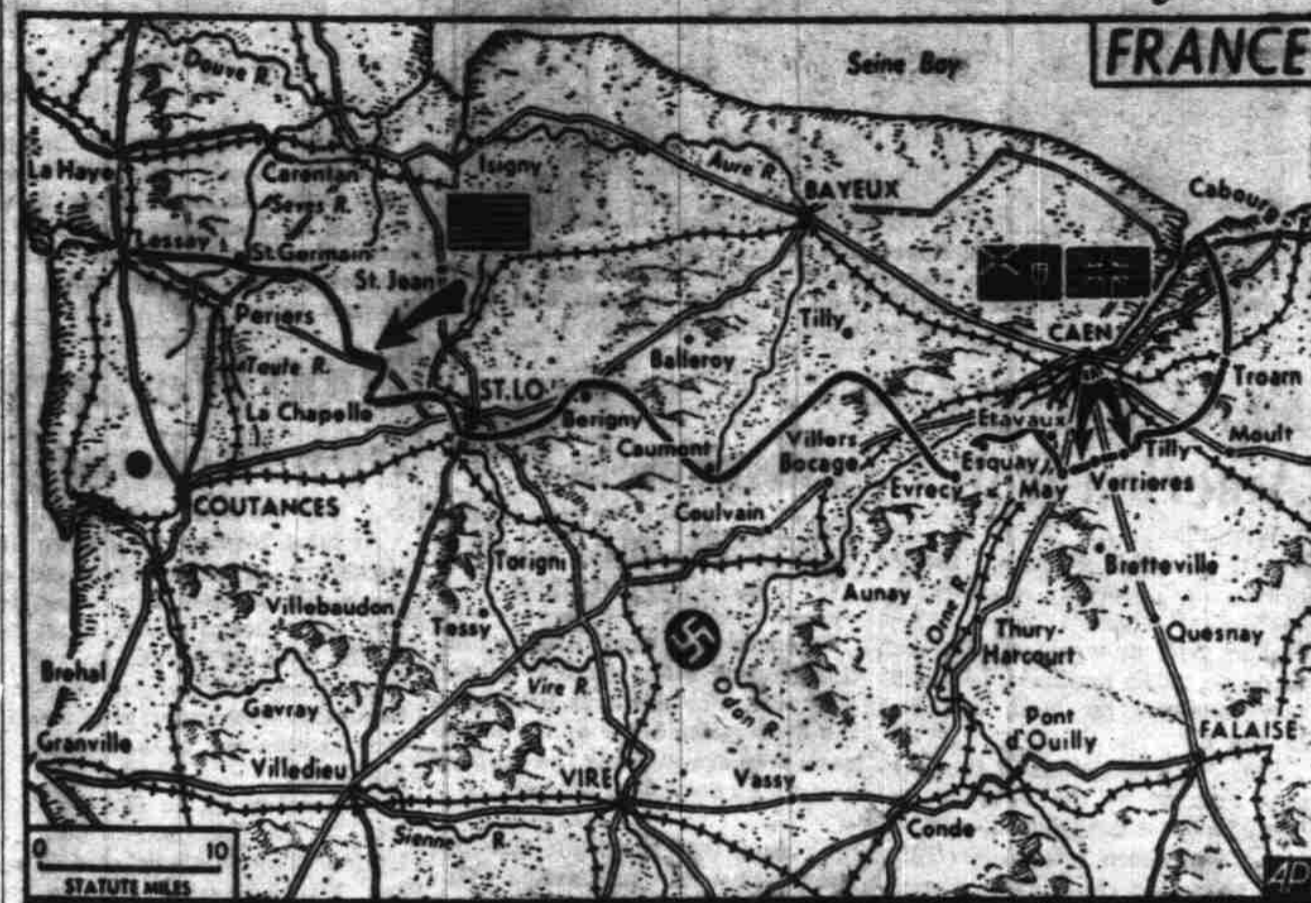
Invasion Front—Allied armies in Normandy open greatest coordinated offensive of the western invasion as their supreme commander, General Eisenhower, confers with field commanders on the beachhead; mightiest air assault since D-day paves way for American troops.

Italian Front—British infantry fight to within 10 miles of Florence from south. Americans within 18 miles from west.

Russian Front—Red steam roller only seven miles from Wisla river, nazis last natural defense line before Germany; threaten to outflank Warsaw on south.

Pacific—Yanks hammer forward on both Guam and Tinian islands; Japanese drive off Chinese relief forces at bloody Hengyang.

Twin Drives Launched in Normandy



American forces opened a new offensive in the western sector of Normandy, located only as northwest of St. Lo (arrow, left), as British and Canadian troops resumed the offensive south of Caen along the Caen-Falaise highway (arrows, right). (AP Wirephoto.)

Adolf Hitler Gives Goering, Goebbels Sweeping Powers

LONDON, July 25—(AP)—Adolf Hitler tonight invested Marshal Hermann Goering and Propaganda Chief Paul Joseph Goebbels with sweeping powers over German public and private life and in effect placed Germany and the occupied territories under an arch-nazi quadrumvirate.

In a move apparently exterminating any conservative influence which had remained in authority, Hitler produced a blueprint for crumpling Germany's death battle, a last fanatical struggle to be directed by the "big four" of nazism—Hitler, Goering, Goebbels and Heinrich Himmler, the gестапо chief appointed last week to be an all-powerful commander in chief of the army at home.

Hitler issued a decree naming Goering and Goebbels to extract from the peoples of "the greater German reich and the occupied countries the last ounce of strength for the German army and the arms industry," and he empowered them to "issue instructions to even the highest reich

Generals Ask Hitler Break

MOSCOW, July 25—(AP)—A statement printed over the signatures of 16 captured Nazi generals appealed today to German officers and soldiers to break with Hitler and end "this senseless bloodshed" immediately.

Germany and German-held territory were bombarded by leaflet and short wave radio with the text of the statement, and officers said that by tonight a large portion of the German army should be aware of it.

The statement, which was attributed to Lt. Gen. Baumler, commander of the 12th infantry and former chief of Norway occupation forces, said a conclusion that the struggle now was now hopeless had been reached.

Superforts Equipped With Two Bomb Bays

SEATTLE, July 25—(AP)—The war department permitted disclosure today that the Boeing B-29 Superfortress is equipped with two bomb bays to accommodate the bomb loads of the big ships. One is forward of the wing and the other aft, with a provision for dropping bombs alternately from the two bays to avoid throwing a bomber off balance.

Dawson Creek Camp Hit by \$500,000 Fire

DAWSON CREEK, B.C., July 25—(CP)—Half a million dollars damage was caused by fire here last night which destroyed a United States engineering department post garage containing 25 assorted vehicles, three bulldozers and 100 sets of mechanics tools valued at \$150 a set. Cause of the blaze has not yet been determined.

Sherwood Man Held Without Bail in Slaying of Daughter

(Picture on Page 2) OREGON CITY, July 25—(AP)—Winfield L. Henderson, 48, farmer and ex-school teacher, was held without bail today after arraignment on a first degree murder charge in the fatal shooting of his 17-year-old daughter, Donna.

The accused to enter a plea, asked time to obtain an attorney and was returned to the Clackamas county jail where he was taken last night after the shooting at his farm, home two miles south of Sherwood.

Officers said they found Henderson riding a horse in front of his

Pacific Invasion Goes Well

Yankee Forces Make Good Gains On Guam, Tinian

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 25—(AP)—Substantial gains on invaded Guam and Tinian islands, deep in Japan's inner defense arc, with American forces affecting a junction on the eastern shores of Guam's strategic Apra harbor, were announced today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

American forces that invaded Guam only last Thursday still controlled all of Apra harbor's shorelines with the exception of a portion of the Orote peninsula, on the south.

Japs Isolated There is an unknown number of Japanese had been isolated as the southern assault forces of the third amphibious corps slashed across the base of the peninsula.

Casualties on both Tinian and Guam, through Monday, were light compared with the first few days of the invasion of Saipan, first island of the Marianas lost by Japan. They were announced by Nimitz as follows:

Guam—443 killed, 3366 wounded and 209 missing. Tinian—15 killed and 225 wounded.

Jap Losses Heavy At least 2400 enemy dead had been counted on Guam and 1324 on Tinian.

Patrols from the northern and southern assault forces on Guam established contact yesterday along Apra's shoreline, on the west-central side of Guam. Apra is one of the better harbors of the western Pacific and will offer anchorage facilities not available on Saipan, 125 miles northward.

Ray Deneke Dies in Action

MT. ANGEL, July 25—Raymond Deneke, US marine corps, was killed in action in the South Pacific, according to information received Tuesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deneke.

Raymond Deneke enlisted in the marine corps, June 16, 1941, and went overseas January 6, 1942. He was born May 15, 1919, at Deloit, Kan., and came with his family to Mt. Angel four years ago.

Besides the parents, two brothers and two sisters survive: Harold Deneke, US army paratrooper overseas; Francis Deneke, US navy; Katherine Deneke, Mt. Angel, and Florence Deneke Berry, now with her husband, Cpl. Berry at Camp Phillips, Kan.

Requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's church Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

China Troops Attack Japs

CHUNGKING, July 25—(AP)—Chinese troops east of Liling, 75 miles northeast of the Hunan province rail junction at Hengyang, have developed a successful attack against the Japanese and have occupied several strong-points, the Chinese command announced tonight.

At besieged Hengyang itself, bitter fighting continued, the Chinese communique said, both inside and outside the city. The Japanese were said to have beaten back Chinese attempts to send relief columns to the encircled garrison.

Col. Edmund Starling Ill With Pneumonia

NEW YORK, July 25—(AP)—Col. Edmund W. Starling, head of the white house secret service for 10 years and traveling companion of the last five presidents, is critically ill of pneumonia in St. Luke's hospital, it was learned tonight. His wife said Colonel Starling had been ill for two weeks.

Goebbels to Speak

LONDON, Wednesday, July 26—(AP)—Nazi propaganda minister Paul Joseph Goebbels will address the German nation by radio at 8:15 p.m. (2:15 PWT) tomorrow, a Berlin broadcast announced today.

Court Denies Re-hearing of Folkes' Case

The case of Robert E. Lee Folkes, 22-year-old Los Angeles dining car cook, apparently was headed for the US supreme court today.

The Oregon supreme court, which interrupted its summer vacation for a brief session Tuesday, denied Folkes' petition for a re-hearing on his conviction of murder in the "lower 13" death of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, wife of a naval ensign, who was killed in her berth on a south-bound passenger train in Linn county January 23, 1943.

The denial constituted the last judicial recourse in Oregon except for a stay of execution pending outcome of an appeal.

Folkes' conviction previously was upheld by a 5 to 2 decision of the state supreme court. The split was occasioned by the defense's contention that a memorandum was introduced at the trial in a manner to indicate it was a confession. Two of the judges believed a new trial in order.

Folkes is under sentence of death. His attorney, LeRoy L. Lomax of Portland, has announced he will appeal to the US supreme court.

Night Air Raids Follow Biggest Bombardment

LONDON, Wednesday, July 26—(AP)—For the second night in succession RAF heavy bombers battered Stuttgart and Mosquitos hit Berlin last night while other British formations pounded flying bomb installations in northern France.

The announcement said the night bombers were out "in great strength," indicating that at least 1000 took part in the raids.

The assaults followed the greatest aerial bombardment ever concentrated on 10 square miles of land as allied warplanes spearheaded the new American drive along the western flank of the Normandy front yesterday.

Blasting a hole five miles wide and two miles deep, more than 1500 heavy bombers and an equal number of medium and light bombers and fighters cascaded thousands of fragmentation and high explosive bombs on the enemy ahead of the doughboy advance.

It was unquestionably the mightiest air assault since D-day and supreme headquarters asserted, "the volume of bombing over such a small area was unprecedented."

RAF Mustangs simultaneously battered German positions south of Caen to clear the way for the British and Canadian offensive at the eastern end of the 100-mile front and it was estimated that the combined allied air armadas amounted to more than 4000 planes.

US to Be Non-Partisan

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—The United States intends to pursue a strictly non-partisan course in the Russo-Polish dispute over the administration of liberated areas of Poland, it was reported on high authority tonight.

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7 Miles To Warsaw For Reds

River Last Big Block Guarding Nazi Homeland

LONDON, Wednesday, July 26—(AP)—The conquering red armies thrust within seven miles of the Wisla (Vistula) river yesterday, immediately threatening to outflank Warsaw on the south and confront the harried nazis command with a smash due west across that last big waterway guarding the German fatherland 150 miles distant.

(A dispatch from a Reuters correspondent in Moscow said early today soviet forces already had reached the Wisla.)

This sudden maneuver, catching the enemy off balance and posing the most terrifying prospect for him, was but one of a series of victorious advances announced by the soviet midnight communique for the seven great armies now on the offensive.

Advance Everywhere On other sectors of the 800-mile-long front the Russians reported they had furthered their frontal drive now between 40 and 50 miles east of Warsaw, surrounded and broke into the city of Lwow, Poland's third largest, fought into the outskirts of virtually-encircled Bialystok, cut the last Nazi escape railway between Riga and Daugavpils in Latvia, and three deadly nooses around Brest Litovsk and Stanislawow.

North of Bialystok the Russians (Continued on page 2)

Reds Support New Polish Committee

LONDON, July 25—(AP)—Russia concretely advanced her program for incorporating the eastern part of old Poland into the Soviet Union and compensating a re-born Poland with German lands by announcing today that she recognized the newly-created "Polish committee of national liberation" as the sole civil authority in territory now being wrested from the Germans west of the Bug river.

Administrators of this committee are moving right up with the red army and setting up civil administrations, Moscow said.

The Polish exiled government in London, with which Russia has no relations and which the new Russian-backed committee has denounced as "illegal," is ignored in the arrangements.

Formation of the liberation committee was presented to the world as a spontaneous movement with its headquarters on Polish soil, but its proclamations were broadcast by the Moscow radio, leaving no doubt that Russia looks upon it with a paternal eye.

Rubber Chief Resigns

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—Col. Bradley Dewey announced today his resignation as rubber director and said his office would be liquidated on or before September 1.

Admiral King Expects Change In Japanese War Strategy

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—Admiral Ernest J. King, navy commander in chief, confident that the new Japanese cabinet will change the enemy's war tactics, hopes the change will bring "cooperation" by the Nipponese fleet in a showdown naval engagement.

"Undoubtedly the Japanese will continue to wage war with all the power they possess," King told a press conference today.

"But we can expect some change in their method of waging war. Whether it means they will go more nearly on the defensive withdrawing to inner islands or rather become more aggressive remains to be seen."

Ceiling Prices Set For Fresh Prunes

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25—(AP)—Processor ceiling prices announced today by the war food administration and the OPA will give Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah growers an average price of \$48.50 a ton for fresh prunes and \$56 for plums.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

There is an infection of pessimism with respect to the future of this country when the war ends. Harold Laski, British professor and socialist, confesses great alarm over the possibility of another American depression. Warnings are posted in the prints that unless the economy makes adequate provision for all the people, something will happen, the something being usually that government will provide.

Against this attitude of defeatism, and against this "either-or-else" philosophy a contributor to the letter column of the New York Times, Frank Altschul, an investment banker, offers protest. He gets his stimulus to speak out from a recent bulletin of the federal reserve bank, which asserts that "maintenance of employment is the principal single economic objective that will have to be achieved if the existing economic system is to survive." The bulletin poses two alternatives:

"The choice between high production, high employment and general prosperity — and falling production, serious unemployment, widespread misery and danger to our institutions."

The contributor admits that this forecast of doom "unless" is one that "scars the wits out of me," and goes on to say:

"I share with every thinking citizen the desire to see in the United States and elsewhere as high a degree of employment after the war as it is humanly possible to achieve. Yet if this level should in spite of all efforts prove to be lower than we had hoped, or if it should from time to time recede, I would think it tragic if we jumped to the conclusion that on this account our economic system was doomed."

This rejoinder to the theory advanced by the federal reserve bulletin, which but mirrors the infection of defeatism that has been

House Group Seizes Files

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—A house committee today seized foreign broadcasts files found in the rooms of two Japanese employed by the government.

The group, headed by Chairman Leo (D-Calif.), and investigating the federal communications commission called an emergency hearing to question Fred Nitti, a native of Japan, and John Kitazaka, American-born Jap.

Nitti is employed by the office of strategic services in "highly confidential" work, he testified. Kitazaka edits scripts of radio Tokyo broadcasts in the foreign broadcast intelligence division of the FCC. Both were in a relocation camp after Pearl Harbor.

Committee Counsel J. J. Sirica brought out that Kitazaka took to his rooms four copies of foreign broadcasts which were listed as "restricted" and that Nitti had access to them.

Kitazaka said he had the copies only to "study them," to help him in his work. Nitti said they aided him also, in what he was doing for the highly-secret OSS. Both asserted they were loyal to the United States.

Ed Smith, Caraway Trail in Primary

By the Associated Press Sen. Ellison D. (Cotton) Ed Smith of South Carolina and Sen. Hattie D. Caraway of Arkansas last night appeared to have lost their campaigns for renomination to the United States senate.

Returns from the two states democratic primaries showed Smith, the 79-year old dean of the senate, and Mrs. Caraway, the senate's only woman member, trailing fast-stepping opponents.

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