

3000 American, British Planes Pound Germans

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(P)—Three thousand American and British planes, two-thirds of them bombers, cast 8000 tons of explosives on a score of enemy air bases and airdromes in Belgium, Holland and Germany today, while another powerful force of Italian-based heavyweights hopped the Mediterranean to southern France and blasted a wide path for the new ground invasion there.

A force of 1100 RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes and nearly 1000 US Flying Fortresses and Liberators churned up enemy air strips, wrecked buildings, and left flaming wrecks of 180 to 270 Nazi planes caught parked on the fields.

Fighters escorting the American bombers also destroyed a number of planes on the ground, disabled 62 locomotives, and destroyed or damaged 188 railway cars.

Moderate enemy opposition in the air was encountered, the bombers knocking down 13 planes and the fighters bagging 14 for a total of 27. Sixteen bombers and five fighters failed to return.

Negroes Raid Italian Unit At Ft. Lawton

SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—(P)—A negro soldier's raid on sleeping members of an Italian military service unit at Fort Lawton was reported tonight, and a port of embarkation statement said that "a short time following the fight the body of one of the Italian soldiers was found hanging from a nearby tree."

The military statement refrained carefully from placing responsibility for the hanging, and said an immediate investigation was launched after the incident last night.

Twenty-four of the Italians, who originally were brought to the United States as prisoners of war, were reported injured, and hospitalized. A lesser number of the attackers, who were said to have been armed with rocks, were injured. The dead Italian was identified as Guglielmo Olivanta.

Military authorities said the attackers were arrested. The army state said the possibility of suicide will be investigated.

Military officers gave no hint as to the cause of the melee. One officer said "There has been no previous trouble or appearance of ill will on the part of other personnel at the post" toward the Italians, who have been quartered there several months.

The Italian service units are composed of prisoners of war, who have pledged allegiance to the allied cause. There has been some public criticism recently of the recreational privileges extended to the Italians, but military authorities explained that they are aiding the war effort by labor in behalf of the armed forces.

Postwar Air Travel Fast

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 15.—(P)—Jack Frye, president of Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., tonight predicted post-war air transport service would bring any point in the United States within 26 hours flying time of any other part of the world.

Cruising speeds of 425 miles an hour, he said, "can confidently be expected within the foreseeable future."

Frye spoke at a dinner given by his associates in honor of his tenth anniversary as president of the airline.

This shortening of communications lines, he said, will give Americans an opportunity as well as a challenge to exert forceful leadership in world trade after the war.

Mistreatment Investigated

Child abandonment or mistreatment cases are coming to the top of the list of complaints lodged against women in Marion county, Mrs. Nona White, county juvenile officer, indicated Tuesday.

Two women who left several small children without sufficient food or clothing in the care of two 16-year-old girls while they traveled east on a visit are in line with the trend, she declared. Four or five families were listed for investigation Tuesday after telephone calls from neighbors, Mrs. White said.

Parachutes Dot Ground in New French Invasion



First American troops to land in France in the new invasion, the paratroops leave fields inland from the Mediterranean shore dotted with their collapsible parachutes. This was the first photo to reach the US showing the new landing.—(AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radio).

Bombers Fire Nip Buildings On Halmahera

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Wednesday, Aug. 16.—(P)—Low-flying Mitchell medium bombers set afire Japanese warehouses and other installations in raids upon Halmahera island and Ternate island lying just off Halmahera, headquarters announced today.

Liberators also raided Halmahera Monday, smashing at installations along the shores of Wasile bay and setting stores afire and exploding ammunition dumps.

Antiaircraft fire was intense. Headquarters also announced that air patrols sank eight Japanese sailing vessels off Ceram, south of Halmahera.

The continuous raids in this area have threatened the Halmahera-Philippine defense line, fall of which Gen. Douglas MacArthur says would imperil Japan's conquests south of China, placing them "in grave danger of flank envelopment."

Wiley Leads In Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 15.—(P)—US Sen. Alexander Wiley, administration critic apparently was assured of the republican nomination while two congressional candidates who had the backing of the CIO political action committee were trailing in Wisconsin's primary election tonight.

With nearly one-half of the state's precincts reporting, Wiley had a lead of more than two to one over his nearest opponent.

Rep. Thad Wastelowski, democrat and an administration supporter, seeking a third term from the fourth congressional district was far out in front of his nearest opponent, Anthony P. Gawronski, who had the backing of the PAC in the fifth district. Another congressional candidate backed by the PAC, Klem Kalvelage, was trailing Andrew J. Bemiller, former state senator, for the democratic nomination.

Daener Buys Bloch's Store

Sale of Bloch's Golden Rule department store, 220 North Liberty street, to Albert J. Daener, Los Angeles merchant who has farm interests in Washington, was announced Tuesday by Marcel Bloch.

With his brother, Paul Bloch, who died here this month, he had established the store more than 16 years ago. He plans to take a long vacation and will continue to make his home here. Daener, who has taken over operation of the store, is staying at the Marion hotel.

5c Class of Beer Returns to Maryland

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md., Aug. 15.—(P)—The 14-ounce glass of beer for a nickel returned to Maryland today, but only at the Ft. Meade post exchange.

And there it will be only for the duration of \$15,000, excess profits which officers decided to redistribute through lowered prices.

HOLLYWOOD
STARTS TONIGHT
IN TECHNICOLOR
Maria Montez - Jon Hall
IN
"Ali Babi and
The Forty Thieves"
ALSO
Cartoon - Shorts - News

Yank Ready for Invasion



An American paratrooper attaches parachute-opening web in preparation for his jump over southern France as an opening of the new invasion thrust. This photo, received Aug. 15 by radio from Italy, was taken over France and was one of the first showing troops en route to invasion.—(AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto).

French Army of Liberation Well Equipped Modern Force

By RICHARD TOMPKINS
Associated Press Staff Writer

The French army of liberation, some of whose units landed in southern France yesterday, is a well-equipped modern force of some 300,000 to 400,000 men, with a complement of several thousand Jeanne d'Arcs, for unromantically known as French WACs.

It is a result of a renaissance which began in north Africa back in the Tunisian campaign—an army clothed and retrained mainly by the United States, which has long awaited this hour.

It is an avenging army of Pollus and their fight is more than a war against Germany. What about their parents, wives, sweethearts? What is the fate of those that were left under the Nazi rule? What of their homes, destroyed?

On Equal Terms
They are on equal terms with the Germans now, their equipment even more modern and deadly than the machinery of the 1940 Nazi blitzkrieg.

As far back as December, 1942, a mission headed by General Bethouart came to this country to arrange for the re-equipment and rearmament of the French army. Shortly after our invasion of north Africa, material started to pour in for a French army of 400,000.

Fitness Achieved
French military fitness was soon achieved and met its first successful test in the reconquest of Corsica. For the first time since the French armistice, the army,

air force and navy carried out a combined operation without assistance.

New air force pilots were instructed in England, Canada and the United States and the squadrons received American and British aircraft. The troops were unified and drilled with GI equipment in north Africa.

The Pollu is now dressed like a Yank, except that he wears a black tie and French insignia. He is often mistaken for an American, with his GI field jacket, eagle buttons still in place, GI overseas cap and trousers.

US Uniform Popular
Capt. Andre Maurois, author and member of the French intelligence corps, observes that the American uniform is very popular—"there is nothing better for the morale of the soldier than to feel himself well dressed and well shod; details of the canteen, the mess kit and cooking utensils receive nothing but praise."

Now Playing!
Two Big Pictures!
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Ann SOTHERN SKELTON
"Red" RAGLAND Ben BLUE
Co-Feature!
THE DONAT YOUNG
as **MR. PITT**
with Robert MORLEY - Phyllis CALVERT
A REPUBLIC PICTURE

Allied Troops Invading France From South Under Gen. Wilson; Organization Explained

By the Associated Press
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 15.—(P)—The Allied troops invading France from the south are under Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, commander of the Allied forces in the Mediterranean theater, but presumably will move into the jurisdiction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as they drive northward.

Gen. Wilson's position in the south of France is the same as Supreme Commander Eisenhower's in the west, it was said officially.

As the Southern France invasion force links up with Allied armies in the west, it would, under normal military procedure, come under the command of the theater of operations in which its operations are being carried out. However, nothing official was said on this point at the moment.

Headquarters disclosed today that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is the commander of the new American Third army, existence of which was first disclosed officially yesterday, and other new details of the Allied organization in the west were made public.

The newly-formed American organization has been named the 12th US Army group, and it is under the command of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley. Completing Gen. Eisenhower's team in the west is Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, who remains as field commander of all the ground forces under Eisenhower, including both the American 12th Army group and the British-Canadian 21st Army group.

Hodges Has Post
Hard-hitting Gen. Patton commands the American third army under Bradley and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges had taken Bradley's former place as commander of the American first army. A French division of armor under

Brig. Gen. Jacques LeClerc, famed desert general who pushed up from Lake Chad to join the allies in the north African campaign, is fighting under Patton.

Under Montgomery are Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey of the British second army and Lt. Gen. H. D. G. Crear of the Canadian first army.

Devers Helps Wilson
Wilson's deputy commander in the Mediterranean is US Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers and Gen. Sir Harold Alexander is in command of the allied forces in Italy. It was not officially indicated who was the commander heading the actual invasion forces in southern France.

For the time being, at least, Wilson's and Eisenhower's forces will operate separately in France, but presumably, the Mediterranean force will come into Eisenhower's orbit as it moves across France.

There is yet another great force in the west not yet in use, the allied airborne army under Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, the creation of which Eisenhower announced recently.

Warns Against Optimism
The announcement of the new commands affecting Bradley, Hodges and Patton came at a press conference at Eisenhower's command post in Normandy where the supreme commander issued a warning against expecting the end of the Germans in the west would come in a few weeks.

"This week is marking a very

Petitions Don't Change Snell's Mind on Call

Petitions bearing 25,000 signatures asking for a special one-day session of the legislature to change the soldier voting law, filed here Tuesday by the chairman of the Multnomah county democratic central committee, haven't changed the mind of Gov. Earl Snell. Tuesday afternoon he announced he would not issue the call which would convene the legislature.

"I attach no political significance to the fact that the petitions were brought to Salem by the county chairman of the democratic party" (George Lavey) he said in a prepared statement for the press. "It is a case largely of misunderstanding and lack of information."

Snell said that with the county clerks of Oregon he was "assured beyond question that Oregon's members of the armed forces will have full opportunity to vote."

State democratic party leaders had demanded that a special session be called to advance the date for filing by independent candidates so that ballots could be mailed earlier. Under the present setup there would be at least 43 days to get ballots to and from servicemen, Snell pointed out Tuesday.

If, however, state ballots could not be mailed in time for some remote servicemen, then the federal ballot could be used, he emphasized.

Referring to statements that many soldiers didn't get to vote in the primary, Gov. Snell said "No organized effort was made for primary voting."

definite climax in one phase of the operational plan that has been in effect since D-day," he said. "Just what will be the result in the sum total no one can say. It is certain that German forces congregated on our front are taking a sound beating. In the campaigns lying ahead numbers of such tactical victories must be won because, even if we realize our fondest hopes in a situation such as this, we are still a long way from the Rhine."

"All of us are keyed up to keep on intensifying our efforts to the moment of final victory—no matter how long it may take."

10 Escapees Of Institutions Still Missing

Although two youths who escaped Sunday from the boys' training school were apprehended Tuesday, the number of state wards at large without leave since the beginning of the week today has mounted to 10.

Richard Kauffman and Alvin Dahl, who left the state school near Woodburn on Sunday, were taken into custody in Klamath Falls, state police said.

Bradley James, 16, and Wallace Culver, 15, both from the state of Washington, and Raleigh Stark, 15, Portland, ran away from the school Monday afternoon to bring to six the number escaped this week and not yet captured. Three boys had disappeared from a school work camp near Witzel school Monday.

Frank A. Bowman, 19, committed from Multnomah county, walked off from the Cottage farm of the state hospital for the insane Tuesday afternoon.

Still at large also are Robert W. McCaren, state prison trusty, and two youths from the Fairview home.

War Prisoner Labor Won't Be Used Here

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pression of appreciation to them, both canners and employees believe. Civilians must do the job.

Lt. Col. V. H. Kuschel, regional labor officer of the labor branch, Ninth service command, with headquarters at Ft. Douglas, Utah, came to Salem to meet with the industry, having learned through the procurement division of a probable pack shortage here.

Practically every plant in Marion and Polk counties was represented by personnel and top management. In addition to Keith, the canneryworkers union was represented by Theresa Hassenstab, organizer, and Charles L. Smith, AFL organizer. J. D. Wilson, war manpower commission,

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS
While J. T. Marr, fine looking new executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, was outlining the federation's legislative program (it's again three bills on the November ballot), there was at least one laboring man in his audience!

Of course, "his barely possible that the man came in the street door after most of the speech was over. But I have reason to believe he did not."

Anyhow, Mr. Marr had no sooner finished telling the boys that organized labor is opposed to the little Townsend plan bill than this lad was out among 'em handing out advertising handbills boosting said measure.

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