

Chairman



Lt. Commander J. A. Krug (above) was named by President Roosevelt to be acting chairman of War Production Board during Chairman Donald M. Nelson's absence in Chungking. (AP wirephoto)

Reds Capture Kiliya, Gain Near Warsaw

LONDON, Aug. 26—(AP)—A Soviet midnight communiqué said the Russians had captured Kiliya on the Danube, 15 miles west of the Black Sea port of Valcov at the mouth of the delta, and 22 miles east of the port of Ismail. General Tolbukhin's 3rd army seized that point. To the northwest his troops reached the Prut river on a 70-mile front between captured Leuseni and Kagul, the latter being only 30 miles northeast of the Bug river and rail junction of Galati. The capture of Gusan Batory also put the Russians only 30 miles from Ismail port on the northeast.

Soviet aircraft added to the slaughter by attacking axis military trains at Galati, the supplementary communiqué said.

In six days the Russians have captured nearly all of lower Bessarabia, the province ceded by Romania to Russia in 1940 and then recaptured by the Romanians in the German-Romanian offensive of 1941.

On the northern Poland front Gen. G. F. Zakharov's 2nd White Russian army gained up to five miles in its steady effort to drive a wedge between Warsaw and the lower border of east Prussia.

Outflanking the two big strongholds of Lomza and Ostrow-Mazowiecka, the Russians captured Ratow, eight miles southwest of Lomza. At the lower end of a 26-mile front they converged on Ostrow-Mazowiecka from several directions, taking Grodzki, five miles north of Ostrow; Ugniewo, two miles to the east, and Stare Kaczowian, five miles southeast.

The Russians captured 40 localities in this area, and to the southwest beat down for a third straight day a heavy series of German counterattacks east and northeast of Praga, embattled Warsaw's eastern suburb.

Merrill Tells About Mistake

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Frank D. Merrill reported today that the morale of his Burma Marauders blew up briefly over some misquoted orders, but the break was mended quickly.

He told a news conference that a plea for reinforcements at Myitkyina brought an order from Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell for all men in full field duty to move up to the fight.

Unfortunately, by the time the order reached the area where many of the Marauders were hospitalized, he said, it had been garbled, and called for all men able to walk. Some convalescent Marauders accordingly were shipped to Myitkyina.

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Too Late to Classify

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Here's Fish Story to End All Fish Stories; Fish Jump on Bank to Furnish Coyote Bait

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 25—(AP)—So you had the notion that newspaper reporters were hard-boiled skeptics who wouldn't believe a photograph of a man biting a dog? Read on, friend!

An aging man in blue denim overalls and jacket came into the Lewiston Tribune office last night, paused uncertainly and finally approached a reporter.

"Tonight," he said confidentially, "I saw something strange."

The reporter unburrowed from his typewriter, looked and listened.

"Nothing like it?"

"In 72 years," the grizzled visitor confided, "I never saw anything like it."

"What was it?" the reporter asked.

"Fish," the man said. "There must have been 500 or 1000 of them. Piled all over the bank. This fellow came along and hauled them away for coyote bait."

"How did they get there?" asked the reporter.

"They went crazy," the visitor replied. "It was about 6:30, and they went crazy down by the city dump. There must be something in the river water that poisoned them. They went crazy and jumped right out on the bank. I was there and watched them. Some of them jumped out four feet and piled up on the bank and laid there quivering and they died right there. Something made them go crazy."

"And what," asked the reporter, expecting a rapid retreat, "is your name?"

"C. D. Lemman," said the visitor. "I'm supervisor at the city dump."

Shows His Badge

He pulled open his shirt. On the inside was a silver badge which flashed briefly, but it looked official. The reporter asked him the name of the man who gathered up the fish.

"I forgot his name," Lemman said, "but he traps coyotes. He got a whole load of fish for bait. There are still some there, though. You can go down in the morning and see them if you want to. What I want to know is what made them go crazy. Do you know any kind of poison that would make them jump out on the bank?"

Visitor Leaves

The reporter admitted that he didn't, and the visitor went away, shaking his head like one who has seen too much.

There was silence in the newsroom after he left. Finally, the reporter said, very casually, "I think I'll go take a look."

And another reporter added, just as casually, "I might as well go along."

So, not one, but two, skeptical, hard-boiled scribes walked in the darkness to the city dump. They probed their way through the odorous blackness to find a path to the Clearwater river's edge.

They trudged over the rough rocks, lighting matches now and then to look for dead fish.

Something jumped off the bank into the water at their feet. They peered into the darkness, then walked on. Finally, one stopped.

"Just a minute," he said. "Here is something."

They lit a match and looked. It was a very dead sucker which had been on the bank a long time. They walked on, but found no more fish.

"I guess we might as well go back," said one.

"I guess so," said the other.

They picked their way back through the odors and blackness and returned to their desks to write the routine news of the day. And even then they wouldn't swear that the thing that jumped into the water was only a frog and not a fish recuperated enough to brave the poison again. They wouldn't swear that the man who traps coyotes hadn't taken all the fish away. They wouldn't even swear that they found the right spot in the darkness.

Such is the nature of skeptics. So help us, that's the way it happened.

Germans Rush Work On Siegfried Line

MADRID, Aug. 25—(AP)—More than 100,000 foreign laborers were reported in a radio message received here today to be working night and day under Nazi overseers in an effort to strengthen the Siegfried line, Hitler's old west wall facing France, before the arrival of allied spearheads.

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Miss Philly



Miss Itha Duerhammer, above, 18-year-old model, was chosen to represent the Quaker City in the "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City, N.J., beginning Sept. 5. The Variety club picked her, and awarded her a trophy. (AP wirephoto)

US Fleet May Have Been Sent To Hawaii at Japs' Request

SEATTLE, Aug. 25—(AP)—Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D, Wash.) on the telephone from Washington, D.C., tonight, told the Post-Intelligencer he had heard reports, both in Washington and on the west coast, that at the request of the Japanese, United States naval and aerial patrols had been curtailed in the central Pacific at the time the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor.

The congressman added he believed the government ought to make immediate comment on the "persistent and widely circulated reports on the west coast, purporting to tell the real story of Pearl Harbor."

Briefly, Magnuson said in a statement to the Post-Intelligencer, he had heard the report that the fleet was withdrawn to Pearl Harbor and air patrols curtailed by the navy through the request of Saburo Kurusu, who during his talks with Secretary Hull declared his (Kurusu's) efforts toward peace were being thwarted by Japanese militarists, who pointed to the fleet and air patrols as indications to the Japanese people that the Americans would attack Japan shortly.

"The story is," he asserted, "that the Japs made a Patsy out of the state department, convincing to have our fleet bottled up in Pearl Harbor where it could easily be dealt a death blow."

"I do not know whether this story is true or false, and I don't venture to speak for or against it. But I do think the charge ought to be answered promptly at Washington."

"The report on the west coast, and I've heard it here in Washington, too, is that Kimmel (Adm. Husband E. Kimmel) was instructed to draw in the fleet, curtail air patrols and do everything else possible to dispel the notion that America was about to attack Japan. The report is that Kimmel was instructed to take all measures necessary to insure that the Japanese consulate at Honolulu would report to the Japanese government that the fleet did not contemplate any immediate action, which is—so the story goes—why some shore leaves were granted."

Transcends Party

"Although I am a democrat, this report and this situation transcends purely party considerations."

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Allied Bombers Batter Germans During Night

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 26—(AP)—Nearly 1000 RAF heavy bombers attacked Rastatt, Germany—south of Frankfurt—during the night, the air ministry announced today. Mosquitoes also raided Berlin and another RAF force bombed enemy batteries at Best.

A German garrison still is holding out at Brest, major port on the western tip of the Brittany peninsula.

More than 1750 heavy American bombers blasted targets in Germany and Czechoslovakia yesterday, including vital research and experimental stations for Hitler's flying bombs, rockets and jet-propelled planes.

Other hundreds of planes from tactical forces in France and Italy hammered at the enemy on two fronts.

One armada of more than 100 Fortresses and Liberators ranged deep into Germany from Britain, battering 10 targets including several concerned with perfecting or making Hitler's new weapons of destruction. Later a force of up to 250 bombed industrial targets in northern France and Belgium.

From Italy nearly 500 heavies winged over Czechoslovakia for the second successive day, pounding two plane plants and two air fields.

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Thumbnail Of War!

By the Associated Press

Northern France—Paris radio announced liberation of French capital, surrender of remaining German troops; American tanks capture Troyes after 23-mile advance carrying to within 130 miles of Reich; allies reach mouth of Seine; British unveil deadly flame-throwing tank.

Southern France—Allies capture Cannes, drive to within 20 miles of Italian border; French again report liberation of Bordeaux.

Russian Front—Romania declares war on Germany as Luftwaffe bombs Bucharest; Nazis flee through Galati gap before onrushing Russians claim 208,000 enemy killed, captured in six days; Hungary reshuffles cabinet.

Aerial—American bombers sink five Jap freighters, damage three other ships, including light cruiser, in Dutch East Indies; blast Germany and Czechoslovakia experimental stations for Hitler's flying bombs and jet-propelled planes.

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