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The report of State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson that milk production in the state in 1943 was within one per cent of the amount for 1942 is proof that Oregon dairymen have done a good job. Dairying requires a large amount of hand-labor; the tending of cattle, provision of feed, care of milk even when machines are used for the milking all require continuous and competent labor.

But hired help deserted the dairy farms almost with the outbreak of the war. Younger men went to war; older men went to war work. The dairymen found himself with a herd of dairy cows and only himself and his family (wife and children except boys of fighting age) to take care of them. As a result some got panicky or tired out and held auctions of their dairy stock; others cut down their herds; while others managed to get along with high school youth or the hired help that was available. Subsequent rulings of selective service eased the labor situation considerably so that latterly there has been no great dearth of dairy hands.

Dairymen also had price troubles, due to mounting costs of feed and labor. However there were limited price increases for fresh milk and substantial increases in prices of manufactured dairy products, and for the past year direct subsidies from the government in lieu of further increases.

One great life has been the demand for fresh milk, which has taken up the surplus which, when sold at factory prices, cuts down returns for the dairymen. (Continued on Editorial page.)

### RAF Bombers Pound Kiel, Konigsberg

LONDON, Sunday, Aug. 27-(AP) RAF heavy bombers smashed in "great strength" at the east Prussian capital of Konigsberg and the great east Baltic naval base of Kiel last night, while Mosquitos hit Berlin for the second night in a row, it was announced today.

These latest blows in the mighty allied air offensive came after American heavy bombers, operating on a schedule of 100 sorties an hour since last Friday night, joined tactical air units yesterday in a series of smashing assaults at Nazi oil production centers, and supply depots and communications in France.

The bombers, lent a massive hand to the ground troops rapidly obliterating the Nazi Seventh Army and driving closer to the Reich borders.

Enemy air opposition in the past 24 hours was slight after a brief flareup in the preceding three days.

From the heavy bombers over Germany, the mediums over northeastern France and fighters and fighter bombers over the Seine the reports were identical—few if any Nazi fighter planes anywhere. The bombers reported flak over Germany ranged from light to intense.

One Nazi fighter was destroyed in the air and another on the ground in the operations against Germany and American losses for the day were 10 bombers and six fighters.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-(AP)—Romania's radio surrender raises the possibility—though officials here consider it far from a certainty—of getting some 500 imprisoned American fliers back into the field.

Reliable reports indicate that about that number of Americans were held in the Balkan country at the time of the capitulation.

If the surrender was complete throughout Romania, the most likely prospect would be for early release of American fliers shot down during raids on oil fields, manufacturing plants and Nazi supply lines. However, one highly placed official said it is too early to say how soon the Romanian decision may be entirely effective.

It is possible that the Germans may have removed many American prisoners out of Romania to make certain that they could not rejoin their units.

Dulles, Dewey Will Confer in Hospital

NEW YORK, Aug. 26-(AP)—John Foster Dulles said today he will confer with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, whom he represented last week in talks with Secretary of State Hull at Washington, next week in a New York hospital which Dulles will enter for treatment of a foot ailment.

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## Allies Cross Seine, Push On Towards Reich; Bulgaria Orders All Germans Out of Country

### Balkan Front Caves In

#### Romania Seizes Mountain Passes, Fights for Allies

LONDON, Aug. 26-(AP)—The Germans' Balkan front caved in tonight as Bulgaria ordered Nazi troops out of the country and Romanians seized the Carpathian mountain passes and did battle with their former allies who were trying to escape the Russian onslaught.

(The Bulgarian domestic radio, in a broadcast recorded by the US federal communications commission, said that German troops in Bulgaria already had been disarmed by Bulgarian forces and confirmed that Bulgaria had approached the United States and Britain for terms on withdrawing from the war.)

As Good as Out  
Bulgaria's formal withdrawal from the war was expected hourly, but the Moscow radio indicated she already was as good as out, announcing that she had adopted an attitude of strict "neutrality" and planned to disarm any Germans who did not leave the country peacefully.

Bulgarian ability to enforce this position was an open question but there have been reports of extensive withdrawals of German forces from that country in recent weeks, so that those remaining might not be able to put up effective resistance, while those seeking to flee from Romania would have to fight their way into doubtful sanctuary.

Russia Explains  
The broadcast Soviet statement, most concrete of the many current reports concerning the Balkans, said Bucharest was firmly held by the new pro-allied Romanian government, that the old premier, Gen. Ion Antonescu was under arrest in King Mihai's palace, and that Romanian troops now held the Carpathian mountain passes that had been the Germans' strongest line of hope for defense against the red army.

### Colorado Hit By Terrific Hailstorms

DENVER, Aug. 26-(AP)—Unofficial estimates of damage caused by violent hailstorms today battered parts of Colorado today mounted toward the million-dollar mark tonight.

In the wake of the storms, truck crops, fruit, greenhouses and gardens were left badly damaged; greenhouses and windows were smashed; damage to roofs in Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs was extensive.

In the Denver area, one-third of the estimated total loss was suffered by greenhouse operators. One reported 175,000 square feet of glass smashed; another 150,000 square feet. Plants being grown for Christmas trade were battered to bits in several greenhouses. Over 75 inches precipitation was recorded in Denver in less than an hour.

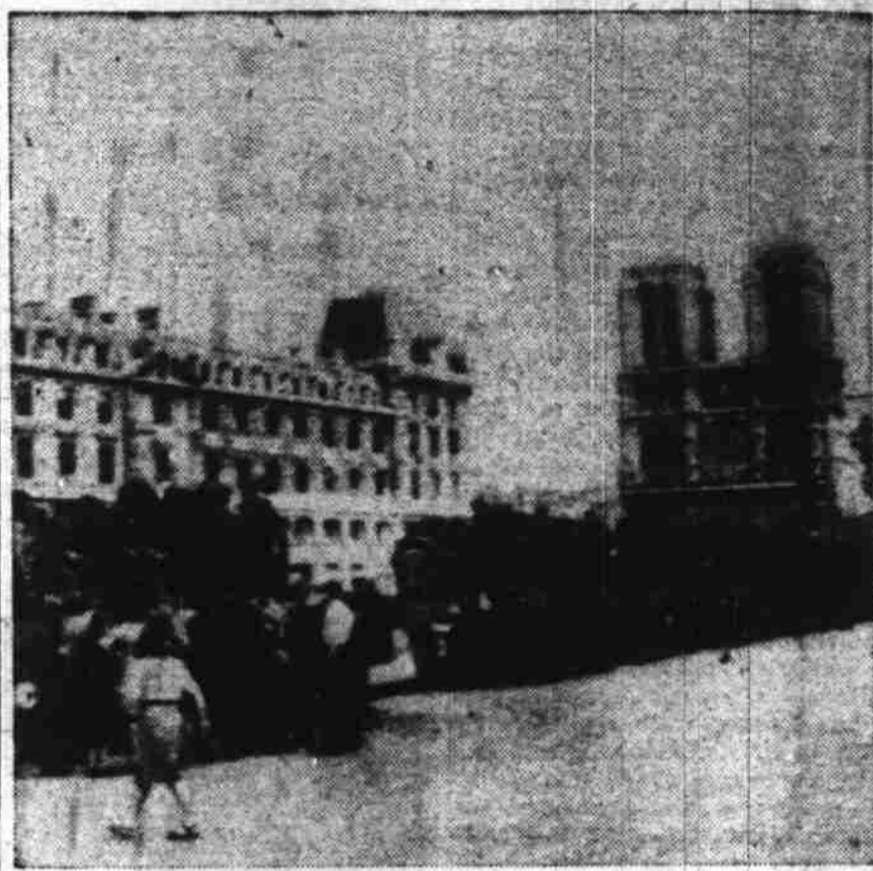
In Denver proper, hailstones drifted eight inches deep, and the heavy rainfall blocked traffic in lower portions of the city.

### House Balks at Senate Plan Of Surplus Property Disposal

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-(AP)—Provisions of surplus property disposal legislation passed yesterday by the senate stirred up a hornet's nest of opposition in the house today, presaging a long-drawn out fight in conference to iron out differences between the two branches.

In recess when the senate passed its own measure instead of the one sent over from the house, the house will not receive the bill until Monday, but house managers lost no time attacking it. House leaders objected particularly to senate provisions creating an eight-man board to handle the disposal program, and giving public institutions the right to purchase

### Americans Near Notre Dame



American soldiers in their heavy trucks line up on a street in Paris in front of the Notre Dame cathedral. (AP wirephoto via signal corps radiophoto)

### Soviet Troops Reconquer Bessarabia, Chase Nazis

LONDON, Sunday, Aug. 27-(AP)—Russian troops yesterday reconquered Bessarabia, reaching the Danube waterway from the Prut river down to the Black sea, while other Soviet forces struck westward into the Carpathian mountains in pursuit of an enemy fleeing toward Hungary and leaving behind scores of thousands of captives and great quantities of war material.

Moscow's nightly bulletin announced that at least 61,000 prisoners were taken in a 24-hour period, including five Romanian divisions numbering some 30,000 men. The Romanians surrendered with all their arms and equipment.

Marines Take Part  
A midnight supplementary communique said that Soviet marines landed at Valcov, Black sea port at the mouth of the Danube, and joined land forces in seizing huge stores of material in that town. The Germans threw away their arms and fled across the Danube, the bulletin said.

The old fortress town of Ismail, farther upstream, also fell to the red army, which now controls a 75-mile stretch of the lower Danube.

Near Galati  
In the middle of the Romanian front other red army units struck to within 12 miles of Galati and to within 15 miles of Focsani, opposite anchors of the Galati gap defense line guarding the roads to Bucharest, the Ploesti oil wells, and the heart of the Balkans.

### Nazis Retreat To Shelters Of Gothic Line

ROME, Aug. 26-(AP)—Germans are retreating to the shelter of the Gothic line in central portions of the Italian front and Polish forces of the Eighth Army are feeling out new enemy positions north of the Metauro river, allied headquarters said today.

The Nazi withdrawal to Gothic line fortifications in the northern Apennine range was concentrated mostly in the area of upper Tiber river and on the east side of the upper Arno behind Pontassieve. Following up the retreat, Eighth Army units drove without opposition to Apicchio, 35 miles from the Adriatic and 24 miles due south of the republic of San Marino.

Polish troops, continuing their aggressive patrolling activity north of the Metauro, found roads, river crossings and front hill positions heavily mined and booby-trapped.

### Nazis Remove Petain, Laval to Safer Place

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 26-(AP) A French frontier dispatch to the Tribune de Geneve said the Germans, fearing a Maquis attack against Marshal Petain and Pierre Laval, removed those former heads of the Vichy regime from their villas at Marvilliers near the Swiss border today and took them to an unannounced place, probably in Germany.

### 7th Army Driving Up Rhone

#### Southern France Battle Entering Its Final Phase

ROME, Aug. 26-(AP)—The battle of southern France entered its final phase today as the Americans slashed deeply up the Rhone valley in a race to cut off the fleeing German forces below Lyon.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's fast-moving Seventh Army already had freed all of southern France east of the Rhone below newly-captured Avignon and Briancon, the latter only five miles west of the Italian frontier, and now controlled more than 9,000 square miles of territory.

Nazis Admit Trouble  
The German high command said, "In the Rhone valley severe fighting is in progress with enemy mechanized formations which are trying to intercept our movements in the direction of Lyon."

There was no comment from Patch's headquarters on this or in a German report that an American column from the east had broken into the Rhone valley near Montelimar, nearly 50 miles north of Avignon and less than 85 below Lyon, and was astride the highway and rail routes of German retreat.

It was perhaps significant, however, that the Allied command had given no intimation whatever for three days on the activities of the mechanized American task force which in the first week of the Aug. 15 invasion drove 140 miles deep into the enemy's east flank to Grenoble.

### US Bombers Active Near Philippines

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Aug. 27-(AP)—An 85-ton bombing raid on Palau, guarding the central approach to the Philippines, was reported today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

(The Japanese radio previously had told of a raid by several Liberators on Palau, in the western Carolines.)

Headquarters said a sizeable force of Liberators attacked Koror town and the harbor at Midway Friday and that one Allied plane was shot down.

On the same day, another strong force of Liberators attacked Ceram and Ambonia to the west of Dutch New Guinea with 101 tons of explosives which started fires in areas where planes are dispersed.

Near Boeroe, a 6000 ton Japanese ship was hit twice by aerial bombs and was either destroyed or severely damaged.

### Planes Lash 7 Jap Isles

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 26-(AP)—A series of aerial lashings of seven Japanese-held Pacific islands, topped by a 47-ton bomb attack on Iwo Jima, in the Volcano group 750 miles south of Tokyo, was reported by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz today.

At Iwo, which was hit Thursday in daylight, the Yank fliers encountered their only opposition. Land-based army Liberators, braving anti-aircraft fire ranging from moderate to intense, were met by 10 Japanese interceptors. Two Liberators were damaged but the American gunners shot down three of the Japanese planes.

### Salem Stores Plan Closure During V-Day

By Isabel Childs  
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem residents who regularly eat out would do well to put away a small stock of unperishable food-stuffs against not hard times but V-day.

For when Germany capitulates, there's going to be no delay about closing of almost every type of business from restaurant and soda fountain to lumberyard in the capital city, if suggestions by the retail trade bureau are taken to heart.

Confidence that the great day is not far distant is revealed in the fact that the door and window cards explaining that the establishment is closed for the V-day celebration are already printed and available for all retail establishments.

If news of victory in Europe is received before 12 noon retail establishments will close immediately and open the next business day at the regular hour; if it is received after 12 noon, retail establishments will close and remain closed the following day.

An extra 10 minutes may thus make a great deal of difference to would-be celebrants.

### Last German Machinegun Stilled in Paris

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 26-(AP)—The last enemy machinegun was stilled in Paris tonight, French and American infantry stalked the last few stragglers and snipers, and even the Germans admitted they had cleared out of the capital which they had held under an iron rule since the first summer of the war.

The German garrison in Paris that surrendered to the American corps commander and the French Gen. Jacques LeClerc was estimated at 10,000 men.

One German strong point still held out in the Champigny sector five miles east southeast of Paris and there was sporadic fighting with some small groups of Germans in the northeastern and northwestern suburbs. A number of isolated snipers was being hunted down.

As the military cleaned out the last resistance, French political leaders moved in to reorganize the Paris government, and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's forces began the great task of helping to feed and run the city.

Gen. Charles De Gaulle, long the symbol of resistance in the minds of the French, walked down the Champs-Elysees today and a shot rang out as he arrived at Notre Dame cathedral, the Free French radio at Paris said.

There was an answering volley, but the shot was reported to be an accidental one, and crowds remained calm.

### Seattle Pays High Wages

CHICAGO, Aug. 26-(AP)—A comparison of wage rates in 31 cities of 250,000 or more population today showed Seattle and Detroit are paying highest wages.

### Stronger European Advisory Commission Advocated by US

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-(AP) Extending the European advisory commission and broadening its power is being advocated by American officials, it was learned today, as the best way to bridge the expected gap between the end of the war and the proposed creation of a world security agency.

Diplomatic measures have been developed for continuing the commission, into the peace period. They could be adopted by the three powers either through regular diplomatic channels or in a meeting of big three leaders—President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

### Battle for France Decided by Defeat Of Nazi 7th Army

#### Luxembourg, Alsace & Lorraine Warned That They Soon 'May Become Active Theater of War'

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sunday, Aug. 27-(AP)—The allied armies, having broken across the Seine river barrier on a 200-mile front, herded the once-indomitable Germans before them today in a battle of pursuit that swirled steadily nearer to the Reich's frontiers.

"The elimination of the German Seventh Army as a fighting entity has decided the battle of France," declared supreme headquarters in warning the little duchy of Luxembourg and the French frontier provinces of Alsace and Lorraine that they soon "may become a theatre of war."

"What there is left of the Germans in northwest France is hanging like meat on a butcher's hook, waiting to be cut down," said a high officer at British field headquarters.

Fighting Brisk  
Southeast of Paris there was brisk fighting on the northeast bank of the Seine between the American bridgeheads at Corbeil and Melun as the enemy strove to delay the American advance.

The ragged remnants of the Germans remaining on the southwest bank of the river at its mouth were frenziedly trying to cross in daylight as Canadian and Belgian troops closed inexorably in for the kill.

But all the German efforts were of a sporadic nature born of the knowledge of their ultimate futility.

Defenses Meager  
Only the harried survivors of the Normandy debacle and a handful of divisions of the once-mighty 15th Army guarding the rocket coast stood before the Americans, British and Canadians surging across the Seine over what is said to be the last of the six bridgeheads northwest and southeast of Paris.

The British in a spectacular 40-mile forced march in six hours forced a crossing of the Seine at Vernon, 10 miles northwest of the strong American bridgehead at Mantes, and turned loose another powerful force against the Germans scrambling from their channel forts.

Under Air Attack  
And these forces—supreme headquarters said they now were capable of fighting only delaying actions from here on into Germany—were being pounded night and day by swarming warplanes whose pilots said they were in full retreat toward Belgium and the Rhine.

The German air force, possibly sensing that the game is up in France and these forces may have trouble even reaching Germany, threw its planes into some of the greatest aerial battles since D-day and last 93 Friday, most of them in northwestern France.

Few enemy planes were sighted today, indicating that the groggy German air force no longer can keep up such furious fighting.

### Mandl Black Listed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-(AP) Fritz Mandl, Austrian munitions magnate now operating in Argentina and former husband of film actress Hedy Lamarr, has been black listed as connected with axis economic interests, the state department disclosed today.

### Rocket Lull Comes to End

LONDON, Sunday, Aug. 27-(AP) Brief flurries of robot bombs were hurled against London and southern England last night and early today, ending a lull that had stretched to 40 hours—the longest quiet interval since the assaults began in mid-June. There was some damage but no casualties.

The lull had raised some cautious hope that the Germans had abandoned their launching bases across the channel as a result of terrific allied aerial bombardment and outflanking of Nazi lines east of the Seine river.

### Vichy Not Recognized

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Aug. 26-(AP)—The Spanish government has withdrawn its recognition of Vichy, it was announced tonight. The Spanish foreign ministry has its summer office here.

Weather  
Maximum temperature Saturday 88 degrees; minimum 53; no rain; river -4 ft. 1 in. Clear Sunday and Monday, except fog on coast; continued warm weather, except on coast.