

Convoy Destroyed Bonin Isles Shelled

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Striking within 600 miles of Tokyo, a carrier task force has shelled the Bonin islands for the first time in this war and, in a two-day attack, has sunk Japanese vessels—including five warships—and 30 other surface craft.

Drivers' Strike Hinders Production

By United Press
Motor employees at plants back to their jobs today after a strike of several days, but in other cities threatened production and motor freight.

Normal production resumed at 7,000 strikers back at five General Motors plants. The labor picture is favorable, with about 10,000 strikers in a score of cities. Several thousand truck drivers strike in eight midwestern states, and a general strike of bus drivers threatened in Chicago.

Members of the Drivers Union (AFL) in Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Missouri and Nebraska, without apparently the approval of the central drivers council, whose refusal to comment. The strike in protest against the trucking companies to with a war labor board a wage increase of seven per cent.

Members of the army transporters at Chicago said the strike would be a move to move war-vital freight. They had received no word of failure to move war materials.

Members of the Philadelphia Transit Workers Return. The strike of Philadelphia transit workers ended today and the federal government went to work to prosecute the work stoppage and crime by grand jury indictment. A criminal case caused the walkout. The city for almost a year.

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Germans Hurl In Reserves To Stop Russians

BULLETIN
LONDON, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—The Polish oil center of Boryslaw and the nearby German stronghold of Sambor in the Carpathian slope country were captured by the Russian army today, Marshal Stalin announced.

MOSCOW, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—The bloodiest battles of the Soviet summer offensive raged on the approaches to East Prussia, Warsaw, and Krakow today as the Germans hurled "substantial" reinforcements of mechanized forces, infantry, and aircraft into an all-out effort to protect their eastern borders.

Front dispatches indicated the Germans had drained off a major portion of their strategic reserves from the Reich itself for a "do-or-die" stand before their easternmost province and the two largest Polish cities still barring the way to Berlin.

(The semi-official German national socialist party correspondence said that hundreds of thousands of East Prussian men and boys, including 30,000 "Hitler youths," were digging frontier fortifications along the East Prussian border. Within the first 24 hours, the publication said, "the first continuous line of hundreds of kilometers long was ready on the frontier.")

Reports the Russians already had crossed the frontier appeared without foundation and Soviet sources indicated the red army men still were five to 10 miles from the border.

The battle for Warsaw apparently had resolved into a toe-to-toe slugging match with the Russians.

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Lt. Calvin J. Koepf Killed In Pacific



LT. CALVIN KOEPF

Lt. Calvin J. Koepf, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Koepf of 143 Monroe street, and native of Eugene, was killed in action July 23 in a plane crash in the central Pacific area, according to word received by his parents. He was a flight engineer in the seventh air corps.

Lieutenant Koepf was at Saipan when his parents last heard from him. He enlisted in January, 1944, at Honolulu, T. H., where he had been in government employ, in civil service, working on naval planes. He was a graduate of the Eugene high school in 1941.

Born in Eugene, March 6, 1922, he is survived by his parents here and by one sister, Mrs. Eleanor McKee of Newport Beach, Calif.

DeWitt To Replace McNair In Europe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, who organized the west coast against the possibility of a Japanese invasion, is off to undertake an important job in the invasion of Hitler's Europe.

Exactly what he is to do is a secret. The war department announcement last night said only: "Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt has been ordered to the European theater to replace Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair."

McNair was accidentally killed in France July 25. His assignment was never disclosed, but was known to be one of great importance.

PRISONER TOTAL SOARS

WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Prisoners captured by Americans for the entire French front since D-day mounted to 85,543 today and German burials by the Americans reached 14,171.



PARIS MENACED—Allied forces wheeled toward Paris Monday, expecting no German defense in force until they reach the Le Mans-Alencon area. Allies control black area.—(A.P. Wirephoto).

Hershey Says Boards Face Post-war Job

SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Post-war operation of selective service boards, to help public employment agencies find jobs for returning service men and to select men for military training as part of the national security was advocated, in an interview, today by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director.

Here to confer with selective service personnel from all parts of the state, Gen. Hershey told interviewers that "I'm in the unfortunate position of visiting boards and giving them a pat on the back and credit where credit is due, and, in the same breath, telling them 'the biggest job is yet to come.'"

"These boards were responsible for taking millions of men out of civilian life. But until they have helped return them back to civilian life, their responsibility is not over; 1,600,000 veterans already have returned and it has not been particularly difficult to replace them."

Fire Destroys Lumber Plant At The Dalles

THE DALLES, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Authorities sought the cause today of a fire that destroyed the Tum-Lum Lumber company plant and considerably damaged The Dalles Soda works late yesterday.

Loss estimates ranged from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The blaze started in the rear of the lumber plant and was out of control when firemen arrived. Three company trucks, a quantity of lumber, and several small adjoining buildings also burned.

Some equipment in the soda works building was saved.

ARGENTINA WARNED

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Colombia and Venezuela today announced jointly it would be impossible for them to maintain normal relations with the Farrell regime in Argentina until that country demonstrates its solidarity with the other American nations.

Wing Of Nazi Army Unhinged To Open Up Route To Paris

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst
The most fascinating spectacle of the flaming battlefronts today—and a key situation to watch—is that loose left wing of Hitler's Normandy line which is flying wild like a pennant in a hurricane.

It was the tearing away of this Nazi flank from its coastal anchor which let the American armored forces loose to rampage through Brittany. Now it's being swung back like a turnpike toll-gate to open the route to Paris, as witness the glad news that Yankee columns achieved the crossing of the Mayenne river barrier in five places and are roaring on toward the French capital in the favorable open country between the Seine and the Loire rivers.

That lashing pennant is symbolic of Hitler's whole position at this critical moment—both in the fighting zones and on the home front. Just as he is trying frantically to stabilize that Normandy line, and also keep it from being torn away from its right anchor at Caen, where the allies are attacking again today, so he is straining every nerve to reorganize his civilian war effort in face of the recent revolt organized by the Prussian generals.

One of Gen. Montgomery's senior staff officers yesterday declared that "the next two or three weeks may be the most critical of any time of the war for Germany." That's true not only in the military sense but as regards the crisis within the Reich. Hitler himself acknowledged this in his statement to Nazi party leaders last Friday when he said: "I am not afraid to wage battle against outside enemies. But I must have certainty that in the rear there is absolute security, loyal confidence and faithful co-operation."

Positive Proof

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—One Solomon Island native chief, says Navy Comdr. Myron W. Graybill, is positive the Japanese force that occupied his domain had a woman with them.

Graybill, a veteran of the Pacific, said he asked the chief how he could be so sure and was told: "I ate her."

Japs Battered At Hengyang

CHUNGKING, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Japanese troops stormed through Chinese lines into the key railway city of Hengyang time after time in the past 48 hours but were wiped out almost instantly, a Chinese communique reported today.

The Japanese, fighting like wildcats to take the most bitterly defended city in Hunan province, threw artillery and aircraft into a concentrated effort to capture the Chinese stronghold.

The communique admitted that the Japanese had broken through both the inner and outer rings for momentary gains. The besieged city, which is held by the Chinese, is surrounded by Japanese, who, in turn are surrounded by an outer ring of Chinese.

Hengyang has been under siege for 44 days.

Aircraft from Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's command, supporting the defenders of Hengyang, destroyed 140 trucks and bombed enemy installations near there, a communique said today.

Bean Pickers Urgently Needed

Urgent call for 200 additional bean pickers for Lane county was sent out Monday by Harry Bower, county farm labor assistant.

Those willing to work were asked to report at 7 a. m. Tuesday at the Irish-Swartz parking lot, Tenth and Charnelton, for transportation to the bean fields.

Jap-American Trio On Trial For Treason

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—In only 35 minutes, a jury was completed today to try three Japanese-American women on charges of treason—a crime that might carry the death penalty if the women are convicted.

The three women—the first Japanese-Americans to be charged with treason since war began—are sisters: Mrs. Tsuruko "Toots" Wallace, 35; Mrs. Florence "Flo" Shizue Otani, 33; and Mrs. Billie Shizue Taniguchi, 32.

The women were accused of aiding two Nazis, members of Hitler's Afrika Korps, to escape from the prisoner of war camp at Trinidad, Colo., last Oct. 17. The Nazis, Heinrich Haider and Herman August Loesch, both 31, were recaptured two later at Watrous, N. M.

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In further explanation of the move, the highway officials point out the 350,000 feet are practically all down timber, no good standing timber being included in the bid, and state that in no way is the move to destroy any scenic beauty of the park. In fact, to remove the fallen trees will clean up and improve the park, it is stated.

The tract affected is just south of Glenada, west of the highway, and goes along about one-fourth mile north and south. The tract extends back away from the highway, some 200 to 300 feet off the road, and covers an area about one-half to three-quarters of a mile wide.

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Tank Smashes Gain 3 Miles At Heavy Cost

BULLETIN
U. S. FIRST ARMY HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—The American first army driving eastward into France from Brittany today repulsed the heaviest and most determined counterattack the Germans have yet launched against the allied lines.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, AEF, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—

At least four German tank divisions smashed recklessly against the American lines east of Avranches in a desperate attempt to split the allied drive on Paris today, and front dispatches said the Nazi counterattack had gained more than three miles at a frightful cost in lives and armor.

The German attack penetrated nearly three miles, the deepest thrust having been toward Cherbourg and Le Mans. The thrust, however, was being absorbed and heaviest losses were being inflicted on the enemy, a headquarters spokesman said.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, AEF, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—

Powerful American and British armies opened the battle for Paris today in a coordinated offensive that burst through the German Orne and Mayenne river lines less than 130 miles from the French capital, while other U. S. columns drove for a quick conquest to the great Breton ports after killing or capturing almost 17,000 of the 25,000 Nazi troops defending the peninsula.

Both ends of the German battle line before Paris were buckling under the impact of the Anglo-American drive as veteran British units punched across the Orne river below Caen, and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's rough-riding American tanks swept beyond the Mayenne river in great strength and plunged on toward the big communications center of Le Mans, 112 miles southwest of the capital.

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Aid To Britain After Nazi Fall Aired By NAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—British officials are insisting upon continuation of lend-lease aid after Germany's defeat as essential if Britain is to play her full part in the Pacific war, the National Association of Manufacturers reported today.

"British officials have told our leaders that such action is absolutely necessary to stave off a serious economic situation in England," The NAM News, weekly publication of the association said.

"It is claimed that unless we do bolster Britain's domestic economy, she will not be able to play the part expected of her in the Pacific war."

The publication said the proposal, now under discussion in high administration circles, would cost the United States \$2,500,000,000 and up annually above war costs, and would be a wide departure from the present lend-lease program because it "would be very frankly to support Britain's domestic policy."

The primary concern of administration officials favoring the project, NAM said, is how to obtain the support of congress, and avoid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—

Acting Secretary of State Stettinius declared today that Britain has not taken up with the United States the future of lend-lease.

He told his news conference both governments "are completely occupied with the war campaigns in Europe and the Far East."

Unofficial estimates, NAM added, showed Britain's exports have dropped 60 to 75 per cent since the war began, and that she has lost or liquidated an estimated 50 per cent of her foreign investments.

"The British are determined to avoid, insofar as possible, going deeply into debt or liquidating any more foreign holdings," the publication said. "Thus far the British have rejected all such suggestions that such post-war assistance be placed on the basis of direct loans, or that they go to the proposed international bank for assistance."

"What the British want, and what our officials are considering, is the lend-lease of the difference between what they need and what they can buy out of their current receipts from exports, investments, etc."

"As a result of our assistance to date, they have managed to keep their entire national debt, both foreign and domestic, down to around \$75,000,000,000."

Nazis Still Shell South Florence

ROME, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Big German shells continued to land today in the southern portions of Florence, which is in allied hands, but Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters announced "there will be no need for the city itself to become a battlefield."

An allied headquarters communique said south African troops had made contact with the enemy on the north banks of the Arno river within Florence. An allied spokesman explained, however, that "we have not yet had more than reconnaissance patrols over the river, and these have returned."

He added that "apart from small parties with machineguns on the north bank, there is little enemy activity in the town."

The allied command announced more than 50,000 prisoners had been taken by the fifth and eighth armies in the offensive from Cassino to Florence.

Both east and west of Florence, the eighth army was mopping up the few enemy footholds left on the south bank of the Arno. The south bank was cleared from a point three miles east of Florence to Montelupo, 12 miles west of Florence, with the exception of small pockets.

Despite continued Nazi shelling in the southern part of the city, Alexander's headquarters declared again "our guns are not shelling any part of the city."

Sharpshooting American artillerymen and mortar crews delivered the relatively quiet fifth army front by knocking out a number of enemy mortar positions across the lower Arno. Twenty direct hits were scored by a tank destroyer's guns on a house occupied by Germans northwest of Pisa.

Tokyo Reports Allied Planes Over Davao

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(A.P.)—Two allied planes appeared over Davao in the Philippines the Tokyo radio said today, and dropped "three small bombs which landed harmlessly into the sea. Absolutely no damage was caused."

There was no allied report of such a plane expedition. Davao is on the island of Mindanao, at the south end of the Philippines.