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NAZIS RETREAT IN UKRAINE CUT

PAVLOGRAD VITAL RAIL CITY TAKEN, PERIL KEY POINTS

Reds Near Kiev, Dnieper
River—Action on Eight
Fronts—Great Retreat
Underway.

London, Sunday, Sept. 19.—(U.P.)—Fast-moving Russian armies, wresting hundreds of square miles of territory from German control and recapturing more than 750 places, seized the Ukraine rail center of Pavlograd yesterday, cut the vital Poltava-Kiev retreat line and drove within 42 miles of Kiev itself.

In a day of mass action on eight fronts that brought evidence that the German "planned withdrawal" was becoming one of the fastest as well as one of the greatest retreats in history, the Soviets moved to within 35 miles of the Dnieper north and south of Kiev, smashed the Nazis back from their Desna river line after consolidating positions regained at Bryansk and Bezhitsa, and menaced the key point of Chernogov, 80 miles north of Kiev.

Indicating that the Germans were fighting fiercely for every inch of ground they lost, the midnight communique reported upwards of 12,000 Nazi troops were killed in yesterday's fighting, with the enemy using engineers, transport and commissary personnel on some fronts as first line fighters.

Russ Objectives
One of the biggest communique of the war, broadcast by radio Moscow, brought news of general advances of 2 1/2 to 12 1/2 miles all along the 750-mile battle line from Smolensk to the Kuban in the Caucasus. The Red army was driving on Kiev; moving toward Zaporozhe and Melitopol with the twin objectives of reaching the Dnieper and trapping the Nazis in the Crimea; menacing the power town of Dnepropetrovsk; threatening to encircle the enemy in the Poltava-Krasnodar area of the Ukraine; advancing north and south of Bryansk and gaining in the Kuban.

The day's headline development was the recapture of Pavlograd, 34 miles east of the Dnieper and Dnepropetrovsk. This important junction deep in the Ukraine controls the Kharov-Zaporozhe and Kiev-Krasnodar railways, thus depriving the Germans of valuable roads of retreat from the Ukraine.

Military observers pointed out that with the fall of Pavlograd, the entire Nazi positions from Kiev to Odessa were endangered and the enemy garrisons remaining southwest of Kharkov were put in a vastly more critical position.

**BEND MANEUVERS
UNDERWAY AGAIN**
Fourth Corps Headquarters Oregon Maneuver Area, Sept. 18 (U.P.)—Some 75,000 officers and men in western army divisions were poised late today for an attack from any quarter as the second tactical problem in the current Ninth army corps maneuvers got under way.

Red forces were under command of Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook and the blues under Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, the same officers whose forces opposed one another in the first problem.

The size and character of opposing forces were not disclosed, as the men awaited the starting signal at an undisclosed hour.

Directing maneuvers is Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, who commanded U. S. ground forces at Guadalcanal.

This Was Before the Going Got Tough at Salerno



When these U. S. Army jeeps dashed through the deserted and rubble-filled streets at Salerno shortly after initial landings on Italian soil, it looked like smooth sailing to rout the Nazis. However, it was only after a week of the fiercest fighting of the war that Allied headquarters announced that the Americans had taken the initiative from the Germans and were strengthening their hold on the precarious beachhead. OWI Radio photo.

GERMANY MASSES ADRIATIC FORCE TO CRUSH JUGOS

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Germany was reported tonight to have sent four more divisions of some 50,000 men into the Adriatic coastal area of Yugoslavia in an effort to beat down mounting guerrilla resistance and tighten the Axis grip on the invasion threshold of the Balkans.

Jugoslav partisans were reported to be stepping up their attacks on the German positions all along the Adriatic coast, spearheaded by bold incursions at key points.

Despite the apparent strength of the guerrilla operations, reliable Allied quarters viewed with skepticism reports that the patriots had been able to take and hold any major objectives along the shore.

Heavy German fortification of Split and other ports was believed here to have thrown up barriers too formidable for the equipment of the patriots unless the Nazis elected to pull out voluntarily.

On the basis of the best available information, it appeared that the partisans were carrying out a general offensive in the area inland from the Adriatic where the fewest German troops were stationed.

**NEW COAST ARMY
CHIEF SEES RUM,
DIM-OUT CHANGE**
San Francisco, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Dim-out and liquor regulations "stand a good chance of being changed" soon, but exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry will continue on the Pacific coast, Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, new head of the western defense command, said at his first press conference here today.

TALL BOY OF 14 TURNED BURGLAR "FOR FUN OF IT"

Portland, Ore., Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—A 6 foot 4 inch youngster of 14 who admitted 20 Portland store robberies escaped from detectives and was captured a few hours later while attempting to rob his 21st store, police reported today.

The boy readily admitted the robberies and offered to take the detectives to his home to recover other loot. While they waited at the front door, he went through the house and out the side door. Police soon apprehended him.

"I'm too big to play with kids my own age and guys my size think I'm too young to travel with them," he reportedly told police. He said his father gave him plenty of money, but he got tired of spending it going to shows and stole "just for the fun of it."

PETRILLO'S BAN ON RECORDS OVER

Chicago, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—A 13-month ban on ne worchestra recordings and transcriptions was ended today when the American Federation of Musicians signed a contract with the Decca Recording Company and the World Broadcasting System.

James C. Petrillo, president of AFM, and Jack Knapp, representing the affiliated recording companies, negotiated the contract late this afternoon.

WHEELER ACT TO DEFER DADS APT TO BE DEFEATED

Washington, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Defeat of the Wheeler bill to defer drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor robbers escaped from detectives and was captured a few hours later while attempting to rob his 21st store, police reported today.

This was the general view despite the belief of some prominent senators that the scheduled drafting of fathers after Oct. 1 is designed more to force men into essential industry than to procure military personnel.

The administration adopted this maneuver, these senators said, rather than press for national service legislation.

Indications now are that the senate will not vote on the bill until near the end of next week. Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., said the measure probably will not be called up before Wednesday to give senators time to examine testimony before the military affairs committee on Monday by Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff; Admiral Ernest King, chief of naval operations, and possibly Bernard M. Baruch, adviser to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes. He added that there would be two or three days' debate before the vote.

BOND SALES PASS 9 MILLIONS MARK

Portland, Ore., Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Seven men set off today, not in a wooden tub like the nursery rhyme, but in a navy raft, determined to float in the Willamette river until Oregon's \$104,000,000 third war loan quota is reached.

GHOST VOICE OF DUCE ASKS ITALY TO FIGHT ALLIES

Radio Talk Accuses King
of Conspiracy—Urges
Four Point Program.

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Nazi propagandists trotted out the radio voice of Benito Mussolini or a reasonable facsimile thereof tonight to sound an appeal for the re-establishment of Italy as a Fascist state to fight the Allies again.

Slashing viciously at the monarchy as the foundation stone of Italy, the ghost speaker—tentative opinion differed on whether it was Mussolini, the majority thought so—accused King Victor Emmanuel of organizing the coup d'etat which overthrew Mussolini and opened the way for the surrender of Italy.

Then he spoke of the "state we want to establish" in apparently proclaiming Mussolini as the active leader of a national Fascist government sponsored by the Nazis.

He laid down a four-point program for the proposed new Italy—taking up arms to fight side by side with the Germans and Japanese; reorganization of the armed forces around the Fascist militia; the "elimination of traitors"; and the "annihilation of the parasitic plutocracies."

The Berlin radio broadcast the speech, and said Mussolini was making it over the National Fascist radio, established as an organ of the setup in northern, German occupied Italy after the government of Marshal Pietro Badoglio surrendered.

The voice sounded old and careworn. It was quiet, devoid of the ranting which characterized Mussolini's harangues from the Rome balcony. For 16 minutes it droned on, denouncing the king of Italy, Badoglio, some generals accused of taking part in the coup, calling for a restoration of Italian honor.

"I am perfectly convinced that the House of Savoy prepared and organized the smallest details of the coup d'etat with the complicity of Badoglio and some of the generals," the speaker said.

He told how he—Mussolini—conferred for 20 minutes with the king on July 25, the day the king was ousted, but found it impossible to reason with the monarch who had made up his mind.

Then, he said, he was hustled into an ambulance and away to the Carabinieri barracks, and onward to the island of Ponza off Naples, then to La Maddalena off Sardinia, and finally to the Grand Sasso or "Great Rock" area northeast of Rome. From there he was "liberated" without the firing of a shot, he said.

PORTLANDERS DON ALL WOOD SUITS

Portland, Ore., Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—All wood and a cord wide might describe the suits Portland's city hall officials sported today.

NIPP AIR BASE BUIN-FAISI AREA GIVEN POUNDING

Enemy Plan to Defend Ra-
baul Blasted—Mop Up
Foe at Lae.

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Allied Headquarters, southwest Pacific, Sunday, Sept. 19.—(U.P.)—Allied bombers destroyed 20 planes during a day of heavy attacks on Japanese airdromes in the Buin-Faisi area of the northwestern Solomons, a communique announced today.

The Allied command noted that the enemy was sending air reinforcements to this sector, which is important to the defense of his big base at Rabaul, 300 miles away.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters also announced that Allied troops are "mopping up" around Lae, major Japanese base in northwestern New Guinea which was captured Thursday by the Australians.

Only six weeks—"Our ground forces are mopping up"—were used to describe the clean-up operations around Lae. There was no further information concerning yesterday's announcement that remnants of the Japanese garrison at Lae were trying to escape into the hills to the north.

One Aussie battalion holding a mountain road-block had reported "contact" with the fleeing enemy, however.

Lae had been one of the best fortified points in the Japanese outer defense ring protecting the Rabaul naval and air base at the northern tip of New Britain island. In strengthening of the Buin-Faisi defense at the southern end of Bougainville island, the enemy was believed preparing for an assault on Rabaul from the southeast.

REPORT OPA HEAD READY TO RESIGN

Washington, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Prentiss H. Brown's long absence from Washington inspired reports tonight that he soon may resign his post and accept a federal reserve board directorship for which he is known to have been considered.

But whatever President Roosevelt decides about the federal reserve appointment, Brown reportedly is considering the advisability of quitting his OPA job anyway.

Brown was named price administrator last January after being defeated for re-election to the senate from Michigan.

CONFERENCES DUE ON STALIN MEET

War Bulletins

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—American Marauders attacked the Tille air field at Beauvais and Mitchells of the Royal Dutch naval air service bombed railroad yards at Rouen today as the non-stop aerial offensive against Axis Europe rounded out its fourth day.

The double-barreled attacks on France by daylight followed the third straight night thrust at Berlin by plywood Mosquito bombers of the Royal Air Force.

BADOGGIO FLEES ROME FOR AFRICA; KING IN SICILY

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Benito Mussolini's successor as premier of Italy, was revealed authoritatively today to have escaped through the German lines around Rome and to be in Allied-held territory in Italy.

The first dependable word on Badoglio since the Germans seized Rome on Sept. 19 came in a censor-approved dispatch from an advanced Allied command post in the Mediterranean.

It said the Allies recognized Badoglio as the head of the Italian government, competent to carry on post-armistice negotiations.

Bern, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Reports reaching Switzerland indicated today that Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio of Italy had gone to North Africa at Allied request in an effort to form a new Italian army from hundreds of thousands of prisoners who fell into United Nations hands during the African fighting.

King Victor Emmanuel and his son, Crown Prince Umberto, were reported to have gone to Monreale, Sicily, from the nearby port of Palermo.

Badoglio was said to have gone to Africa several days ago. Remnants of the Italian Fourth army, just repatriated from France, were reported to have organized resistance against the Germans in Piedmont province around Cuneo under leadership of an unnamed captain.

BOND VIGIL UPON NAVY RAFT OPENS

Washington, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—The treasury reported tonight that third war loan bond sales have passed the \$9,000,000,000 mark—60 per cent of the \$15,000,000,000 quota—and seem certain to average over \$1,000,000 daily for the first 10 days of the drive.

ALLIED WARSHIPS SEIZE 4 ISLANDS GUARDING NAPLES

Fifth Army Captures Air
Fields—Nazis Withdraw.

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Allied Headquarters, North naval forces have seized the islands of Ischia, Procida and Ponza outside Naples, bringing the city within gun range, while Fifth army troops storming forward in the wake of their Salerno victory have captured Roccasidra and the big Montecorvino airfield, it was announced today.

Ischia, lying 14 miles off Naples, is the gateway to the port, and at Procida the Allies were only 11 miles from what was Italy's second largest commercial center.

Both islands, along with Ponza, 60 miles west of Naples, fell without firing a shot, an Allied communique indicated, and Allied garrisons are being installed in possible preparation to invest Napes from the sea while the Fifth army battles toward it from the south.

The Fifth army moved into Roccasidra, five miles southeast of Allied-held Alibonella and 11 miles inland on the southern flank of the Salerno beachhead, after sharp fighting with slowly withdrawing German rear guards, dispatches said.

Along with Roccasidra, American troops gained a series of ridges from which German 88-millimeter guns had been hampering their landing operations and the beaches in that area are now entirely clear of enemy fire, it was announced.

British Advance
Near the other end of the bridgehead British troops smashed into Montecorvino, 11 miles east of Salerno, fighter planes were immediately based there to take the load off carrier-borne seafires which have alone opposed German short-ranged fighters over the front.

Montecorvino was reported cluttered with burned-out German tanks, twisted guns and bodies in token of the fierce fighting for the town, along with about 40 German planes in various degrees of damage and repair.

With the British Eighth army surging into the action around Salerno, the Germans were reported carrying out a systematic withdrawal, particularly on the lower Allied flank where pressure on the Americans was vastly eased as they went over to the offensive.

While an endless stream of Allied supplies and reinforcements poured ashore, British battleships again added their broadsides to the land and aerial barrage against German positions inland, it was announced.

Relieved of the necessity of supporting the ground troops, Allied bombers resumed their strategic bombing patterns Friday although a strong force of fighters and fighter-bombers maintained sweeps over the battle area.

**DENY NEW TRIAL
TO RAPE SLAYER**
Dallas, Ore., Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Richard Harry Layton, under death sentence for the rape-slaying of Ruth Hildebrand last June 7, today was denied a motion for retrial by Circuit Court Judge Arlie Walker.

Roy Hewitt and Harry Hoy, Layton's attorneys, indicated they would appeal the case to the supreme court.

Layton's execution has been set for Oct. 8. He is being held here.

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