Churchill Says Allies May Win In Europe This Summer; Americans Widen Wedge Across Cherbourg Peninsula

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PLANS DRAWN AT TEHRAN MEETING BEARING FRUIT

Prime Minister Makes Most Optimistic Speech; Says D-Day Tactical Surprise.

London, June 19—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill was revealed today to have predicted that the Allies may win the war in Europe this summer.

The execution of plans adopted by the "big three" at Tehran "is being steadily unrolled and the months of this summer may, by the victories of this Allied campaign, bring full success to the cause of freedom," he said.

Remarks Unrevealed

Churchill made the prediction—the most optimistic he has yet uttered—in a speech at a luncheon tendered in his honor at the Mexican embassy last Thursday but his remarks were not released for publication until this afternoon.

He tempered the forecast slightly in another part of his speech, however, saying:

"It may be that events in the next few months will show us whether we soon are to be relieved of this curse which has been laid upon us. Whether it be this year or next, the British and American peoples will never falter or withdraw their hand from the task they have undertaken."

He said the western front was opened in full accord with the Russians and the decisions reached at Tehran, "although the execution of plans adopted there is far from being complete."

1,000,000 in France

Churchill estimated that 1,000,000 men may be fighting on both sides now in Normandy and called this a "great moment in history."

"Together with our allies," he said, "we will go on to the end and the end will be the more terrible for our foes, the longer the struggle continues and the longer this war is protracted."

Churchill reiterated that the Allies had achieved tactical surprise on D-day and said the enemy "had no idea until he saw the ships coming out of the mists of morning when he was going to be hit, how he was going to be hit, or where he was going to be hit."

DOZEN INDUCTEES GO TO PORTLAND

According to selective service board No. 1, twelve men went to Portland June 15 for immediate induction into the navy and marines. The inductees for the navy are: Floyd Henry Baker, Earl Lean McQuigg, Ira Vernon Orr, Charles Ben Wharton, Russell Edwin Stelle, Mason Hammond Ludwig, Max Ray Stanton, Donald Lee Caton, Alvin Thomas Robertson, George Arthur Faber, Ray Melvin Walters, Carl Thomas Dawson was the inductee for the marines.

Men given pre-induction examinations June 13 were: Classified as fit for general service—James Herbert Cummings, Charles Edwin Roberts, Ralph Hugh Hamblin, Leonard E. Davis, Warren William Broemer, Wesley William Coleman and Cecil Howard Coghill. Limited service men include: Stephen Gallier Dippel and Donald August Schultz. Rejected were: Samuel James Lemen, Marion Henry Johnson and Walter Douglas Plumley, Jr.

S. P. Blocked By Derailment South

Dunsmuir, Cal., June 19—(U.P.)—North and south bound Southern Pacific passenger trains were delayed today by a freight car derailment on the main line at Fisher, Cal., 16 miles south of Dunsmuir.

Three of the several cars which were derailed overturned, temporarily blocking traffic.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mary Fray being forced to turn detective in order to complete a list of names.

Edith Braley using drastic measures in an effort to gind a gardener.

Max Henne looking very military in his air transport command uniform.

(Acme Radio-Telephoto)

NAZI OFFICERS — The war is finished for these German officers, captured in battle for Normandy beaches and returned to England, en route to prisoner of war camps. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from London

Rocket-Propelled Antitank Shell Is Introduced by German Forces

London, June 19.—(U.P.)—The Germans have introduced a new weapon, described as a rocket-propelled antitank shell, which can be used by the infantry, a correspondent for the Exchange Telegraph reported today in a dispatch from the Normandy front.

The weapon consists of a tube about four feet in length with an 88-millimeter shell at the nose, and only one man is needed to fire it, the correspondent reported. As the man holding the tube fires it, a shower of sparks and a sheet of flame shooting out of the rear of the tube.

The weapon was said to be intended only for short range work and the shell neither holds a true line nor maintains its impetus, the correspondent reported. British officers who examined several of the captured tubes were quoted that it was not as good as the British Piat antitank projector.

RUSSIANS NEAR VIIPURI GATES

Moscow, June 19.—(U.P.)—Russian mobile forces, leading a drive up the Karelian isthmus to knock Finland out of the war, swept into the approaches of Viipuri today, and military sources said "decisive developments" were expected at any time.

(The Moscow hint of "decisive developments" forthcoming, together with numerous other unofficial intimations that Finland may have had enough, suggested the possible imminence of Finnish capitulation in the face of the fast break red army drive.)

Soviet spearheads aboard jeeps and American trucks sped toward Viipuri, Finland's third largest city, from newly-won positions around Koivisto, west coast anchor of the Mannerheim line, and Makslahdenkyla, only 17 miles below Viipuri.

Front dispatches said the Finns were fleeing northward, abandoning line after line, in a frantic effort to save the shattered remains of their army.

3 ESCAPED PW'S ARE RECAPTURED

Denver, Colo., June 19—(U.P.) Three German prisoners of war who escaped last week from the prison camp at Indianola, Neb., were recaptured today at St. Joseph, Mo., it was announced at the Denver office of the Federal Bureau of Investigatin.

The three Germans, Karl Linke, Marcel Barthel and Albert Mueller, were armed with home-made knives. Officers said they had been traveling on freight trains at night and hiding by day, and apparently were trying to make their way by a roundabout route to Mexico.

CHINESE DRIVE NEAR JAP-HELD MOGAUNG

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, June 19.—(U.P.)—Chinese troops have driven to the Mogaung river, directly opposite Japanese-held Mogaung town, a communique said today, while other allied forces scored local gains on three sides of besieged Myitkyina, the main enemy stronghold in northern Burma.

British Chindit units continued their pressure on Mogaung from the east after capturing a huge Japanese ammunition dump on the outskirts of the town.

MARSHALL LOOKS AT ITALIAN FRONT

Advance Press Headquarters with Allied forces, Italy, June 19—(U.P.)—Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, has arrived in Italy for conferences with allied army commanders and an inspection tour of the front, it was announced today.

Rome, June 19.—(U.P.) French colonial troops have fought their way across the narrow waist of Elba to capture the insular capital of Portoferraio and now control most of the 85-mile island, a communique announced today, while allied forces on the Italian mainland battled through stiff German resistance on the outskirts of Perugia.

Driving rains slowed the flow of supplies and men to the allied 5th and 8th army spearheads on the central Italian front, but a communique said that both forces were pounding steadily through the enemy's defense lines before Perugia.

(A BBC broadcast heard by CBS in New York said 8th army troops had entered the suburbs of Perugia today.)

Oregon Delegation To Support Dewey in GOP Convention

Portland, Ore., June 19—(U.P.)—Chairman Henry E. Collier announced today that the Oregon delegation to the republican national convention would give full support to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who polled 50,000 write-in votes in the Oregon primary election.

A majority of the delegation will leave Wednesday for Chicago.

Collier said that although the delegation at its organization meeting had declined to vote a resolution endorsing Dewey, contending that the pledges each signed as a candidate were sufficient, he had been assured that all intended to vote for Dewey for president and Gov. Earl Warren of California for vice-president if they were nominated.

CONGRESS GAINS HOPE OF RECESS IN CURRENT WEEK

Senate Accepts Conference Report on Supply Bill—Price Control Unity Looms

Washington, June 19.—(U.P.)—Chances of a congressional recess starting this week looked better today as both houses speeded action on important legislation.

The senate made a start toward clearing its docket of 11 appropriation bills totaling $58,000,000,000 by accepting a conference report on the $60,000,000 supply bill for the legislative and judiciary branches. The bill goes to the White House.

The house, meanwhile, approved by a vote of 326-21 an amended senate contract termination bill providing procedures for settling an estimated $200,000,000,000 in war contracts.

Price Control Unity

Senate-house conferees made progress toward agreement on price control extension legislation, and final votes on all issues before the conference committee appeared likely by tonight.

The senate appropriations committee approved the war department supply bill for fiscal year 1945 after cutting $1,217,000 from the house-approved total of $49,109,022,795.

Chairman Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., of the senate appropriations subcommittee that held hearings on the bill, told reporters it would be taken up by the senate tomorrow.

Among senate committee changes was an amendment allowing the army to use government funds to send back to the United States men suffering from combat exhaustion. The war department presently lacks authority to return men for recuperation, rehabilitation or recovery. It has been "stowing" them away on returning planes or ships.

The committee disapproved a house provision allowing the war department $1,217,000 to exulore for oil in Alaska. A similar provision was stricken from the interior department bill.

As both houses cut into their legislative schedule, the plan was to recess either Friday or Saturday until Aug. 1.

Five Earthquakes Shake California in Last 12 Hours

Los Angeles, June 19.—(U.P.)—Five earthquakes, including two sharp ones, which rocked southern California within the last 12 hours caused only minor damage, police reported today.

The California Institute of Technology seismological laboratory reported the quakes registered at 5.04.41 (PWT), at 8:06.13, at 12:30 a. m., at 12:53 a.m. None was strong enough to do serious damage, laboratory technicians said.

(Acme) Telephoto)

DEMOCRATIC KEYNOTER — Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, staunch administration supporter, selected to deliver keynote address at Democratic national convention, which opens in Chicago July 19.

YANKS DRAW NEAR JAP STRONGHOLDS ON SAIPAN ISLAND

By United Press

U. S. troops neared the two Japanese strongholds of Garapan and Aslito airfield on Saipan island in the Marianas today, while American bombers and fighters delivered two smashing attacks on the Sorong coast of Dutch New Guinea, sinking or damaging 11 Japanese vessels and destroying 50 enemy planes.

Veteran marines and army troops, striking to the north and east from their Saipan beachhead, hammered at the approaches to Garapan, administrative center of the Marianas on the island's west coast, and engaged the Japanese in a bloody battle for Aslito airfield, on the south coast.

Landing Thwarted

The advances toward the strongholds on the island, 1449 miles from Tokyo, followed a desperate futile enemy attempt to land an amphibious force inside the American beachhead. Armed landing craft, probably LCI gunboats blasted the enemy force and sank 13 troop-filled barges, ranging in size from 10 to 100 men capacity.

In the southwest Pacific, American pilots lashed the Jefman and Samate airdromes at Sorong Friday in a strike that carried within 650 miles of the Philippines. Twenty-eight enemy planes were shot down and the others destroyed on the ground.

The bombers returned the next day to sink five cargo ships and destroy or seriously damage six coastal vessels.

FAMILY FIGHT

Redondo Beach, Cal., June 19 (U.P.)—Climaxing a family argument after an hour's wait outside a barricaded door, Mrs. Lillian Shubert, 34, yesterday shot and killed her war-worker husband and then committed suicide.

American Liberators Feted By French With Cognac, Wine

By Henry T. Gorrell
UP Staff Correspondent

With the 9th Division, Barneville, France, June 19.—(U.P.)—The townspeople of Barneville jubilantly feted American troops with cognac and wine today while indications multiplied that the Germans were preparing to write off the northern tip of the peninsula as a loss, except for a defense of the port of Cherbourg itself.

Reports reaching this liberated city this morning agreed that those German detachments which skipped out of the trap before the ninth division closed it were retreating southward with no apparent intention of hitting back at the American salient.

Moreover, documents captured on German prisoners have located the Nazi headquarters for this area at La Haye du Puits, just south of the American corridor, suggesting that the withdrawal was the plan of the enemy commanders rather than an unauthorized flight.

The task of mopping up the scores of German suicide squads stranded in pockets along the corridor began this morning. These Nazis—the young schoolboy fanatics who manned this area—are surrounded and they know it, but, as an infantry officer put it today, "you have to kill them before they stop shooting."

"These German kids climb trees just like the Japanese," he told me. "This is the nearest thing to jungle fighting I've ever known."

The sight I saw this morning as my jeep sped along the winding country hedgeroads bore out the officer's story. The bodies of German and American soldiers lay sprawled in the ditches for yards on end.

NEW TECHNIQUE USED IN BATTLE AGAINST ROBOTS

Air Ministry Claims RAF, Flak Batteries Destroying Projectiles in Air.

London, June 19—(U.P.)—British fighters and antiaircraft batteries went into action today with a new and deadly technique to combat Nazi robot bombers as the air ministry tore away the mystery from Hitler's secret weapon with the disclosure that it is a jet-propelled, one-ton flying torpedo guided to its target by an automatic mechanical pilot.

Less than five days after the start of the pilotless bombing offensive Nazi propagandists boasted would exact a "terrible vengeance" for the Allied air war on Germany, the air ministry revealed that its defenses were successfully taking on and beating the enemy's robot fleets.

Destroyed In Air

It was disclosed that RAF fighters and flak batteries already have destroyed large numbers of the projectiles in the air and shot down many others into the sea or open country.

The British defenders were disclosed officially to be using a new technique and the air ministry asserted that "other offensive measures" are being taken to blunt the Nazi attack without impairing the Allied aerial offensive against enemy military targets on the continent.

"The extent and character of these methods cannot be divulged without giving information to the enemy, who is making a strenuous attempt both to discover the steps being taken to defeat his latest form of attack and to learn how effective this assault has been," the ministry said.

Importance Denied

At the same time, the ministry minimized the importance of the enemy's new weapon as a major factor in the war, deriding it an as "unmilitary weapon" brought into action because of the Luftwaffe's impotence.

In its first official description of Hitler's new weapon, the ministry said the bombs have a 21-foot, 10-inch fuselage, with a maximum width of two feet, eight and one-quarter inches, and a wing span of 16 feet.

The ministry said the bombs attain a speed of 300 to 350 miles an hour in level flight and carry a 2,200-pound explosive charge in a warhead mounted in the forward part of the fuselage.

The Nazis continued to send their robot raiders over southern England throughout last night and today, wrecking buildings and piling up an increasing number of casualties.

MURDERER OF FIVE DIES BEFORE WALL

Salt Lake City, June 19.—(U.P.)—Hooded and strapped firmly to a tiny wooden chair, 38-year-old Austin Cox, giant mass murderer, died at dawn today before a five-man firing squad against the south wall of the ancient Utah state prison.

Five high-powered rifles barked simultaneously from behind their canvas curtain in a cellhouse doorway at 5:42 a. m., MWT. Cox was pronounced dead three minutes later, just as the morning sun climbed over the towering peaks of the nearby Wasatch mountains.

The heavily-bearded, six-foot, four-inch giant killed Ogden District Judge Lewis V. Trueman and four strangers who crossed his path last July while Cox was on an enraged hunt for a former wife who had been given a divorce by Trueman.

Linden, N. J. June 19—(U.P.)—Between three and four million gallons of gasoline were destroyed today when lightning struck and set fire to a tank at the Bayway refinery of the Standard Oil Company.

(Acme) Telephoto)

NEW WAR FRONT — American invasion forces, shattering fierce Japanese counter-attacks against their Saipan beachheads, sweep forward against principal island installations, including town of Garapan, to exploit landing.

HAY, GRAIN SUFFER IN HEAVY DELUGE; DRAINS OVERFLOW

Damage caused by the violent thunderstorm and rain Sunday afternoon was chiefly to hay down in the fields, and grain leveled by the wind, according to County Agent Robert G. Fowler. Hail accompanied the storm in some areas and peppered gardens adjacent to and in this city, the first reports indicated.

Full force of the storm was felt in Medford and in the Phoenix area, Ed N. Judd, manager of the Medford irrigation district reported. He said the storm swirled out of the Wagner Gap country, swept through the center of the valley and swerved to the northeast. Reports indicated the storm did not hit the foothills to the east. Judd said the damage in the Phoenix area seemed to be to hay and grain, from accounts he received.

In this city storm sewers were taxed heavily, and overflowed into the streets in many sections. Power service was disrupted for about a minute.

Weather bureau officials reported that .70 inch of rain fell yesterday and last night at the airport station. Little hail fell in that area and the strongest wind, at 8 p. m., registered about 15 miles an hour. Heaviest of the rain fell between 2 and 3 p. m., when a quarter of an inch was registered, and between 3 and 4 p. m., when .20 fell, the bureau reported.

1 KILLED, 50 HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

La Junta, Colo., June 19.—(UP)—A Santa Fe passenger train pulled out of a siding too soon and crashed into two rear coaches of another train early today, killing one person and injuring about 50 others.

Many of those injured were military personnel. The injured were taken to the Santa Fe hospital in La Junta, the station hospital at La Junta air field, and hospitals in Pueblo.

A man identified as Charles E. Edelein of Wheatridge, Colo., died in an ambulance en route here.

LAWRENCE W. ANDERSON IS WOUNDED IN ITALY

Pvt. Lawrence W. Anderson was slightly wounded May 24 during action in Italy according to a wire received by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Anderson, 419 Pearl street today. Mrs. Anderson was advised that reports of his condition would be sent later.

Pvt. Anderson has been in the army a year and before going into service was employed at the Timber Products company.

Henne Here—Max C. Henne, former station manager for the United Air Lines in Medford and now stationed in Alaska with the Air Transport Command, is spending four or five days here visiting friends. Henne, who left Medford a year ago, is en route back to Alaska after spending some time in San Francisco.

TRAPPED NAZIS FAIL IN EFFORT TO BREAK LINE

Remainder of 116-Mile Front Flares With Violent Attack, Counter Attack.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 19—(U.P.)—American invasion forces opened the battle of Cherbourg today, striking up through the mid-peninsula town of Bricquebec to within seven miles of the great Norman port, and blasting German targets inside the city with their 144-millimeter, Long Tom guns.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 19.—(U.P.)—The United States 9th Division has thwarted a desperate effort by trapped German troops to break through the American corridor across the Cherbourg peninsula, beating back the Nazis and inflicting bloody casualties, it was announced today.

The veterans of the 9th slugged it out with the enemy northwest of St. Sauveur-Le Vicomte some 15 miles below Cherbourg and wrecked his first major bid to break out of the trap closing on some 30,000 Germans in and around the great Normandy port.

Near Vologines

The Americans not only contained the enemy but scored new gains to widen and strengthen the trans-peninsula wedge and to approach Valognes, 10 miles southeast of Cherbourg.

While the crucial battle of the Cherbourg peninsula was being fought, the remainder of the 116-mile battlefront flared with violent struggles all the way from the no man's land of Carentan to the Troarn outpost east of Caen.

British assault forces battled their way into Tilly-sur-Seulles, 12 miles west of Caen, and captured the northern part of the ruined town. The Germans clung stubbornly to the southern part, but were being driven out in block by block fighting at close quarters.

Allies Pour In

Amidst the massive test of strength on the Norman beachhead, it was announced officially that fresh allied troops had poured into the battle at many points to strengthen the United States and British forward positions.

Meanwhile there was no sign of a big scale German counter-offensive from the south against the American barricade thrown across the Cherbourg peninsula during the week-end fighting.

Dirty weather cut the allied air activity in the immediate battle area to a minimum basis of a few standing fighter patrols and a handful of sorties by fighter-bombers from beachhead landing strips.

The Eighth air force, however, put about 500 heavy bombers into an attack on air fields and military installations, especially luftwaffe bases south of Normandy.

TORNADO ADDS TO WOES IN MIDWEST

By United Press

Midwesterners were promised relief today from yesterday's unseasonably warm temperatures that sent the mercury soaring as high as 100 degrees at Louisville, Ky., but the Atlantic seaboard states were in for at least another day of sweltering heat.

While millions sought relief from the torrid temperatures yesterday afternoon, a tornado claimed at least 13 lives in the Dakotas.

The heaviest death toll from the tornado was registered at Wilmot, S. D., where seven persons lost their lives. Three were killed at Florence, S. D., and the tiny town of Bath, S. D., was leveled except for a small grain elevator.

Thunder showers last night broke the heat wave in some midwestern states and the mercury dropped as much as 30 degrees in some places, the weather bureau at Chicago reported.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —

$720,441

"E" Sales.....$150,150

Quota $600,000

Total Quota for County $2,262,000