

Yanks Launch New Drive Along Cherbourg Peninsula

**MEN GO OVER TOP
IN DRIVING RAIN
ON NARROW FRONT**

Both Sides Reported Massing For Major Collision in Caen Area; Weather Bad.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, July 3.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley launched a new American offensive southward along the west coast of the lower Cherbourg peninsula today, sending his troops over the top at dawn in a driving rain which had turned the battlefield into a sea of mud.

Two days after mopping up the Cherbourg region, the United States first army struck out in the westernmost sector of the Normandy battle-front, keeping the enemy off balance there even while both sides were massing forces for a full dress fight in the Caen area.

On Narrow Front
Bradley mounted the offensive along a fairly narrow front south of St. Sauveur-L'Évêque, where the main core of Nazi resistance was smashed in the original U. S. drive across the peninsula. The Americans were wading through the mire toward Le Maye-Du Puits, transport hub seven miles south of St. Sauveur and six miles inland.

(A British broadcast quoted by CBS said the Americans advanced in two columns—one just south of a narrow strip of solid ground between the coast at Portbail and the marshes two or three miles inland, and the other some 10 miles inland.)

Wallow in Mud
United Press Correspondent James McGlinchey reported from field headquarters that the attacking forces were "slithering and sloshing through some of the worst mud seen since the Americans landed."

The attack followed a heavy artillery bombardment of the German positions ahead of the Americans. The weather prevented aerial support. A lashing rain began during the night, and continued this morning.

The battle was of the foot-slogging type fought in World War I, with the Americans fighting the same kind of mud their fathers did," McGlinchey reported.

Indian Type Battle
The terrain of the battle area was the same Normandy hedgerow country in which the previous battles have been fought. It was Indian type warfare, with no room for tanks to maneuver and with infantry fighting almost hand to hand in the endless hedgerows.

The drive was aimed in two directions. One force took off at 5:30 a. m., the other at 6:30 a. m. The battle mounted in intensity during the morning as the Germans found themselves up against the same slashing attacks as those which marked the early operations in Normandy. Bradley's tactics have called for driving spearheads forward as fast as possible, bypassing and encircling strong points for later mop-up.

**AUTOS, DROWNINGS
TAKE EARLY TOLL**

By United Press
Traffic fatalities, drownings, and other accidents took at least 125 lives in advance of the Fourth of July holiday, a United Press survey showed today.

In the first two days of the four-day holiday weekend, 66 persons died in traffic accidents, 33 were drowned, and 26 were killed in other accidents.

With thousands taking advantage of the long weekend for a summer outing, the loss of life ran almost true to form. The national safety council had predicted that 160 persons would die in traffic accidents Saturday and Sunday and that 250 would be dead by midnight Tuesday.

California showed the largest loss of life, with 16 persons dead, 15 of them in automobile accidents.

**Mother and Giant
Baby Doing Well**
Chicago, July 3.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Patricia Frontzak and her 14-pound, 9½ ounce baby, born yesterday at the American Norwegian hospital, were reported "in good condition" today. It was the 12th child for the mother who is five feet 10 inches tall and weighs 295 pounds. The baby was 24 inches tall.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Saipan Casualties Heaviest in Pacific Fighting



A Navy chaplain reads burial services for Marines who died on Saipan and were buried at sea from this troop transport. Buddies of the dead Leathernecks act as pallbearers. The battle for Saipan has been costing U. S. armed forces 765 casualties a day—highest in Pacific fighting. Marine Corps photo.

American Guns Spread Mass of Flame Over Garapan, Marianas Capital City

ASHLANDERS HURT WHEN LOG TRUCK WHEELS OFF ROAD

James Nunes, 36, of Ashland was confined in Medford Community hospital today with critical injuries and Maurice Woodson, 32, of Ashland, with less serious hurts they suffered in a logging-truck accident on the Dead Indian road 22 miles from Ashland Saturday morning.

Nunes received a severely crushed arm, a bad laceration of the chin and neck and cuts on his nose and head. Hospital attendants said today his condition was critical.

Woodson, whose condition was described as good, suffered right shoulder and arm hurts.

State police, who are continuing their investigation of the mishap, said that the logging truck operated by Woodson, and in which Nunes was a passenger, met another truck on the mountain, and that in avoiding a collision the vehicle ran off the road. Logs on the back end drove forward through the driver's cab and pinned Nunes against the dashboard, police said they learned.

The injured men were brought to the Medford hospital by Ross Hardin, operator of the other truck, hospital attendants stated.

ROAD TO DIAMOND VIA PARK OPENED

The road around the north side of Crater Lake is now open and travelers may take this route to Diamond Lake or to the Dalles-California highway if they wish according to E. P. Leavitt, superintendent of the Crater Lake National park. The rim road is not completely cleared, however, Mr. Leavitt reported.

The superintendent stated that a goodly number of people visited the lake yesterday, most of the visitors being servicemen. The weather is excellent, he reported, with a fine view of the lake possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt are in Medford for a brief time from park headquarters.

U. S. AIR FORCES TEAM UP TO HIT BALKAN TARGETS

London, July 3.—(U.P.)—American heavy bombers of the British-based Eighth and Italy-based 15th air forces teamed up for the first announced time today in a powerful attack on oil facilities in Romania, Hungary, and Yugoslavia.

Eight air force heavy bombers flew from Italy as "guests" of Major-Gen. Nathan F. Twining's 15th, a Rome announcement disclosed. Big bombers of Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's Eighth arrived in Italy last week at the end of the first Britain-to-Russia-to-Italy triangle shuttle bombing of Axis targets.

Oil refineries, storage depots and transportation facilities scattered across a broad reach of the Balkans were the objectives of the combined bombardment today.

Nazi broadcasts said more than 500 American planes attacked Budapest this morning. The daylight bombing of the Balkans followed a night assault by RAF heavy bombers on the Prahova oil refinery at Bucharest.

ALLIES UPROOT NAZI DEFENSES

Rome, July 3.—(U.P.)—Allied troops broke open the German defenses all across the 160-mile belt of the Italian peninsula today, capturing the key highway center of Siena on the road to Florence and driving rapidly up both coasts toward the big seaports of Livorno and Ancona.

French colonial troops stormed into Siena this morning on the heels of the retreating Nazis, who began evacuating the medieval art center late yesterday under a storm of shell and mortar fire, leaving only a small rear guard to cover their withdrawal.

The fall of Siena, coupled with the American advance across the Cecina river farther west, deprived the retreating Germans of their last lateral highway line before the Pisa-Florence road and uprooted the strong defenses covering their long-prepared "Gothic line" across the peninsula from Pisa to Rimini.

By Richard W. Johnston
United Press War Correspondent
(Representing the Combined Allied Press)

Aboard Joint Expeditionary Flagship off Saipan, July 3.—(U.P.)—(Via Navy Radio)—A mass of flame, which illuminated the sea through the night, spread over Garapan today in mute evidence of pin-pointing firing from naval guns and artillery and mortars in the heights overlooking the city.

It was an awesome spectacle to see from the bridge of this ship. Through a glass, many fires were discernible, but to the naked eye they merged into one immense orange glow into which floating tracer shells from the warships vanished.

Lightning Adds To Scene
Nature added to the grotesqueness of the scene, in almost symbolic heraldry of the fall of the first Japanese city in the Pacific.

Flashes of lightning split the horizon, streaking from black and purple clouds, while occasional rolls of thunder sounded during the staccato artillery blasts.

From the razored ridges of Mt. Tapotchau, the tireless second marine division fought its way down to the heights above the city against fierce Japanese resistance.

On the plain below, other units of the same division rolled through southern Garapan over the rubble of concrete buildings and the crazy tumbled wreckage of still burning and flimsy wallied, paper-windowed houses.

Salvage Possible
The fall of Garapan will make Tanapag harbor available and permit investigation and possible salvage of many Japanese ships sunk there by U. S. air and naval strikes which preceded the invasion of Saipan.

With the disclosure of the units on Saipan, it now can be revealed that the 2nd and 4th marine divisions landed abreast in the invasion and suffered the major share of the casualties.

The 2nd turned up the coast and through the highest mountains, while the 4th struck directly across the island and secured heights surrounding Magicienne bay after savage fighting.

The 27th army division landed a few days after the initial assault, circled the southern tip of the island, captured Asitlo (now Isely) airfield without heavy losses, but became involved in bloody fighting for Nafutan Point.

Equipment Stolen From Playground, Manager Reports

The wire enclosure where equipment is kept at the children's playground on Bear creek was entered Saturday night and several items were stolen, Lottie Burger, manager, reported to city police Sunday.

Missing, she told police, was a large first aid kit, a box of candy, a pair of sun glasses, a pair of pruning shears and a large number of comic books.

RED FINGERS TO EATEN THOUSANDS OF BATTLE-WEARY GERMAN SOLDIERS

JAPANESE FOUND KNIFED TO DEATH AT TULE CENTER

Man Formerly in Insurance Business at Sacramento Victim; To Investigate.

San Francisco, July 3.—(U.P.)—Yazo Hitomi, 44, Japanese alien formerly in the insurance business in Sacramento, Calif., was found stabbed to death last night at the Tule Lake segregation center where he was interned, the War Relocation Authority announced today.

Hitomi's body was discovered at 10:45 p. m. by his niece, Fumiko Hitomi. He had been stabbed through the throat with an apparently long-bladed knife, WRA spokesmen said.

The body was found in a barracks building on the porch of an apartment adjoining Hitomi's room. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the segregation center hospital.

Prior to evacuation Hitomi was an agent for the Sun Life Insurance Co., a Chinese concern at Sacramento.

At Tule Lake Hitomi was general manager of the Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. He was survived by his wife, two sons, 16 and 14 years old, and a daughter 12 years old. The entire family lived at Tule Lake.

WRA spokesmen said Charles Lederer, district attorney of Modoc county, had started an investigation of the stabbing.

NAZIS STEP UP ROCKET BOMBING

London, July 3.—(U.P.)—The Germans, taking advantage of bad weather over the Channel, stepped up their robot bomb attacks on southern England in daylight today, after RAF night fighters and anti-aircraft guns took a heavy toll of the flying weapons during the night.

After a lull that lasted most of Sunday, the Germans resumed the robot attacks shortly after nightfall and sent an increasing number of the pilotless planes over southern England in daylight.

The Germans apparently also used piloted planes in the night attacks. In one district a few minutes after a flying bomb dropped and caused some damage, the engines of airplanes were heard followed by four explosions.

The lull yesterday following nearly 48 hours of almost continuous attacks, in which a children's hospital again was listed Saturday night as among the buildings hit and damaged by the bombs. Except for broken glass, however, the hospital escaped severe damage.

The kitchens of San Francisco's Palace Hotel can feed 5,000 persons at a time.

Dispute Over Wearing Ties Knots Bus Station Business

Chicago, July 3.—(U.P.)—A dispute over whether a ticket-seller should wear a necktie spread today, tied up business at three bus stations, and gave the U. S. Labor Conciliation department a problem as knotty as a bow tie.

E. R. McDonald, of the Department of Labor's Conciliation service, summoned the disputants to a meeting to untangle the necktie problem which arose when the company operating the Union Bus terminal told 14 ticket sellers they must wear ties while at work.

The ticket sellers declined to put on their ties, and the company refused to let them work in open-throated comfort. The ticket sellers, affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, said they had been locked out.

Dewey Plans Campaign Strategy



Gov. Thomas E. Dewey (left), G. O. P. presidential nominee, charts his campaign with Herbert Brownell Jr., 40-year-old New York attorney and long-time personal friend, who was elected new chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Dewey To Work Hard as Governor During Campaign for Presidency

Albany, July 3.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, refreshed after his first real rest since accepting the Republican presidential nomination, today began disposing of state business which piled up during his absence.

DEMOS HOPE TO OUT-GLAMOR GOP

Washington, July 3.—(U.P.)—The Democratic party, rapidly completing arrangements for its July 19 convention at Chicago, appeared determined today to match—or outdo—if it can—the accent on youth and feminine beauty that highlighted the Republican convention last week.

Hoping to out-glamor the blonde splendor of the Republican congresswoman-playwright, Mrs. Clara Boothe Luce, the Democrats have in mind a couple of striking brunettes on whom they will throw their convention spotlight.

One is Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, former screen star. The winner of a California congressional primary, the statuesque brunette will be a delegate to the convention and is slated to make major address.

The Democrats also have Mrs. Dorothy Vredenburg, 28-year-old southern beauty now serving as the party's national secretary. She will read announcements from the platform.

The Democrats announced over the weekend that the permanent chairman for their convention would be the freshman Democratic senator from Indiana, 49-year-old Samuel D. Jackson. Their keynote will be Gov. Robert Kerr, 47, of Oklahoma.

NO PAPER TUESDAY
In accordance with long-established custom there will be no issue of the Mail Tribune Tuesday, July 4th.

RED CROSS CHIEF DIES OF STROKE

Washington, July 3.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt and other high officials today mourned as a "great loss" the death of Norman H. Davis, 65, chairman of the American Red Cross and holder of important diplomatic posts under three presidents.

Davis, who died at Hot Springs, Va., early Sunday morning of a stroke, will be buried Wednesday at nearby Alexandria, Va. Funeral services will be conducted in historic Christ's church.

Red Cross chairman since April 12, 1938, by appointment of Mr. Roosevelt, Davis had been in poor health in recent weeks and had gone to Hot Springs to recuperate. A cerebral hemorrhage, suffered the day before, caused his death.

Bearing Workers Return to Plants
Canton, Ohio, July 3.—(U.P.)—Members of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO) began returning to work at four plants of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. today after a five-day strike which crippled vital war production and spread to two other plants of the company at Columbus, Ohio.

The strike, worst at the Timken plants since 1937, was called off last night when union members at a mass meeting voted to return "as quickly as production facilities will allow" after expressing confidence that a permanent arbitrator of disputes would be named by the National War Labor Board.

RADIO OWNER DIES
Eugene, Ore., July 3.—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held Thursday for Frank L. Hill, owner of radio station KORE, who died Sunday.

300,000 FACING ENTRAPMENT IF MINSK CIRCLED

Only Secondary Roads For Escape; Red Armies Reported 54 Miles Apart.

Moscow, July 3.—(U.P.)—Red armies opened a frontal assault on almost-isolated Minsk today and hammered forward the jaws of a giant pincers that converged behind the White Russian capital and threatened to trap hundreds of thousands of battle-weary German troops.

(London military sources estimated that 300,000 or more Nazis were in the Minsk pocket, and pointed out that their entrapment would rival the German disaster at Stalingrad, where some 320,000 were killed or captured.)

Massive columns of Soviet artillery wheeled into position on the assault are around Minsk and began pounding the inner defenses of the biggest Nazi bastion guarding the invasion route to Rarsov and Berlin.

Only 12 Miles Away
The frontal assault on Minsk was launched from positions less than 12 miles distant. Outdated reports revealed that the Soviets had seized outposts of the city to close against it for the greatest victory of their summer offensive.

At the same time the red armies which had cut the last railroads and all highways except secondary roads west of Minsk were pounding toward each other. Last accounts placed them 54 miles apart and advancing at a pace that promised complete envelopment of Minsk in a matter of hours.

Red air force fighters, fighter-bombers and other planes had complete mastery of the air, front dispatches said. They hammered incessantly at the German lines of retreat, swooping down to tree-top level to rake the enemy, who was able to throw up only feeble anti-aircraft fire if any.

Thousands Surrender
Thousands of Germans were emerging from the White Russian forests where the tide of battle passed them by. Surrendering in wholesale lots, the gaunt and dazed Nazis gathered along the roads to await any Russians who had time to take them in.

Front reports said that in one sector the Russians found groups of Germans who had been killed by their colleagues to keep them from denouncing the perpetrators of atrocities in many villages.

No Pop This Year For Firecrackers Are War Casualty

Johnnie and Susie can go swimming tomorrow and eat as much ice cream and cake as in past years, but one big thing will be missing for this 1944 July Fourth, mainly, the noise. Gone for the duration is the familiar banging and popping of the big and little red firecrackers which were once the joy of every child's heart. A casualty of the war, America's traditional July Fourth fireworks will be heard no more until peace returns.

This is the second year that the youngsters are without firecrackers. A few were to be had last year, but this year will be truly a quiet Independence Day with not even the back-firing of flag-covered cars to be heard.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —
\$2,030,276
"E" Sales\$406,168
Quota\$600,000
Total Quota for County\$2,262,000