

Reds Take Siedlce, Big Rail Junction, Only 50 Miles From Warsaw

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 97. Lowest this morning 56. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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TWO HIGHER-UPS DIE OF WOUNDS CAUSED BY BOMB

Nazi Leaders Regain Uneasy Control of Situation; Hitler Salute Required.

London, July 24.—(U.P.)—The Paris radio reported today that Gen. Ernst Von Stuelpnagel, Nazi occupation commander in the Paris area, had been wounded seriously by "terrorists."

"General Von Stuelpnagel, commander-in-chief of German occupation forces in France, was wounded seriously on July 21 by armed terrorists while on an inspection tour of eastern France," the Paris broadcast said.

London, July 24.—(U.P.)—Two high-ranking members of the German general staff died of wounds suffered in the attempted bombing of Adolf Hitler last week, the DNB news agency revealed today, as the Nazi party seized virtual control of the wehrmacht and pressed a merciless purge of rebellious junkers and landowners.

DNB announced that Col. Gen. Guenther Korten, chief of the Luftwaffe general staff, and Major-Gen. Heinz Brandt, operational officer of the army general staff, died of injuries received when a bomb exploded in Hitler's headquarters last Thursday.

Heinrich Berger, described as Hitler's "collaborator" and reported to have served as the fuhrer's "double," was killed by the explosion.

Regain Control

News of the two additional deaths came as German reports indicated the Nazi leaders, moving boldly and ruthlessly for a showdown with army high command, had regained an uneasy control of the situation.

Bern, Switzerland, July 24.—(U.P.)—Press dispatches from Berlin said today that Adolf Hitler was wounded in the right hand and suffered burns ranging up to his neck as a result of the bomb explosion in his headquarters last week.

A decree issued by Hitler, "at the request of the armed forces," according to DNB, ordered that the traditional army salute must be replaced immediately by the upraised right arm and "heil Hitler" salute of the Nazi party.

Symbolically at least, the decree transformed the Prussianized German army into Hitler's own private army and relegated the centuries-old junkers military traditions into the back-ground.

London observers believed the move was almost certain to widen the existing cleavage between the old conservative German officer class and the Nazis, but it was regarded as significant that Hitler was sufficiently confident of his strength to order it at this moment.

Warn of Optimism

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden saw the Nazi crisis as evidence that high German army leaders had seen "the writing on the wall," but warned against over-optimism and any letdown in the allied war effort. The spirit which created the German aggression must be crushed completely, he said in a luncheon address.

"No punishment, however hard, no retribution, however thorough, no surrender, even unconditional, will completely eliminate the dangers of future aggression by those two hawks of death, Germany and Japan," Eden said.

ROBBERY CHARGED

Seattle, July 24.—(U.P.)—Thomas McDonald, arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, was awaiting hearing today on charges of having robbed a Reno, Nev., night club of \$20,000 last April 22.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive—
"E" Sales \$572,818.75
County Quota \$600,000

Stassen Returns



Comdr. Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, who is flag secretary to Admiral Halsey, tells San Francisco newsmen, on his return from Saipan, that he will take no part "whatsoever" in 1944 politics other than to cast an absentee ballot in November.

YANKEE BOMBERS HIT FRANCE FROM MEDITERRANEAN

London, July 24.—(U.P.)—Five hundred American heavy bombers based in the Mediterranean area attacked targets in southern France, Yugoslavia and northern Italy today, while other formations crossed the Channel to follow up the 1000-plane assault by the RAF last night against the great Kiel naval base, Berlin, Bucharest and military installations in France.

Liberator bombers in the "500-plane fleet" from the south bombed airfields at Valence, La Trezorerie, and Les Chanoines in southern France, troop concentrations in southern Yugoslavia and harbor installations at Genoa. Fortresses in the fleet struck at a tank repair shop at Turin and a ball bearing factory 10 miles to the south.

The two-way attack came only a few hours after the RAF's heaviest night assaults against the continent in recent months, when the 1000 or more planes plastered military targets with some 4500 tons of bombs.

Mustang fighter bombers of the U. S. 8th air force slashed at German transport, communications lines and an airfield in northern France, shooting down at least 16 enemy planes and destroying three other ground.

The Mustangs blew up 28 locomotives and more than 200 railway cars in one low-level bombing and strafing run and shot up oil storage tanks, power stations, aircraft hangars, flak towers and lake shipping.

Washington, July 24.—(U.P.)—Basil O'Connor, new chairman of the American Red Cross, who credits 13 blood transfusions with saving his life two years ago, today officially assumed his new duties with a plea for support of the Red Cross blood bank.

"Until you need it—as I did—you don't realize how important it is," he told a press conference. "Two years ago, I wouldn't have had a chance without it."

His first act in taking over the job vacated by the death of Norman H. Davis was to sign three overseas certificates for Red Cross workers.

"I approach the new responsibility with a humble heart but with a determination to give my best to the organization that represents the whole American people," he said.

MARINES INVADE TINIAN ISLE IN MARIANAS DRIVE

Assault Forces Stage Second Amphibious Landing in 3 Days; Defense Light.

By United Press

U. S. Marine forces stormed inland from newly won beachheads on Tinian island in the Marianas today while other invaders on nearby Guam island were closing the pincers on Oroquieta peninsula and its large airfield within B-29 range of Tokyo.

The invasion of Tinian yesterday, second amphibious landing in the Marianas in three days, advanced the American campaign for a stranglehold within Japan's inner defenses preparatory to thrusts toward the Japanese mainland and the Philippines.

A communique from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said the landings were carried out "against light opposition." A more severe challenge was expected when the Americans reach the inland defenses where the Japanese garrison dug in after abandoning the beaches during intensive U. S. "softening up" campaign.

Southern forces on Guam captured the town of Agat and at last reports were threatening Japanese installations to the east.

American casualties in the first three days of the fighting on Guam were announced as 348 killed, 1,500 wounded, and 110 missing.

A communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in the southwest Pacific disclosed that Allied fighters sank a Japanese freighter 70 miles off Mindanao island, southernmost of the Philippines.

In British New Guinea, Allied forces continued steady, small scale ground and air attacks against 45,000 starving Japanese attempting to break out of a trap west of Aitape.

Bombers and fighters of the 14th U. S. air force in China sank 50 Japanese supply boats, destroyed 40 junks and left 12 large junks sinking in sweeping attacks in Hunan province and along the Indo-China coast.

British forces, supported by RAF planes, advanced south along the Tiddim road from the Imphal plains in India and reached the first slopes of the Kukib hills.

HUNT MOTHER OF ABANDONED BABY

Portland, Ore., July 24.—(U.P.)—Police today continued search for the mother of a three-week-old black-haired girl abandoned Sunday in a theater restroom.

A movi-goer discovered the infant on a davenport, wrapped in a blanket to which a note was pinned. The printed note read, "Please find her a good home."

A shipping bag containing a bottle of formula milk, safety pins and diapers had been left near the child. A nursery home is caring for the baby, pending further investigation.

The women's protective division at police headquarters reported that more than 100 persons telephoned, seeking adoption of the infant.

Night Spot Patrons Cheated Is Charge

New York, July 24.—(U.P.)—Patrons of New York night spots are "cheated systematically," Commissioner of Investigation Edgar Bromberger charged today.

Bromberger, in a report to Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, charged that the night clubs were "guilty of vicious violations of law" and "gross tax frauds."

The Stork club, the Copacabana and the Vie Parisienne were served with warrants over the week end charging them with tax delinquencies and penalties totaling \$231,081.

ALLIED LANDING NORTH OF CAEN, BERLIN REPORTS

"Calm Before Storm" Seen by Germans as Transports Disgorge Invaders.

London, July 24.—(U.P.)—The Berlin radio said tonight that the allies had landed strong forces from 12 large transports on the beaches north of Caen and "the calm before the storm reigns."

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, July 24.—(U.P.)—General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was massing and shifting his allied armies today for a new attack on the Normandy front, which was in a state of almost dead calm as activity fell off to its lowest point since D-day.

How soon Montgomery's new offensive will come and what part of the battle line will erupt cannot even be hinted at, German broadcasts, agreeing with supreme headquarters reports of preparations for another allied blow, said the attack might be launched at any time.

Weather Aids

The navy reported that good weather in recent days had made it possible to increase the pace at which manpower and supplies are being built up in Normandy. The weather turned bad again today, however, after a favorable start, cutting air activity to scattered sorties.

Earlier headquarters reports revealed that a German counter-attack wiped out an American bridgehead across the Seves river before Periers, and that Gen. Sepp Dietrich, old line Nazi who took part in the Munich beer hall putsch, had taken over command of the SS panzer corps in Normandy.

FUGITIVE WITNESS TAKEN BY POLICE

Wesley W. Cox, 25 of Lincoln, a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses religious sect, was arrested by state police at his home Sunday evening on a federal warrant charging desertion from a conscientious objector's camp and was turned over to the deputy U. S. marshal.

Cox was charged with deserting the conscientious objector's camp at Downey, Idaho, where he was sent following his refusal to report for induction into the armed forces.

TO BERLIN

By United Press

The shortest distances to Berlin from the advanced allied battle lines today:

Russia—370 miles (by German account).

Italy—610 miles.

France—623 miles.

Pope Sees Chance for Peace In Germany's Internal Crisis

Vatican City, July 24.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius discussed with Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York yesterday a program which the pontiff hopes might bring the war in Europe to an end soon, it was learned today.

Authoritative sources also revealed that two assistant Vatican secretaries of state held a long conference Saturday with Baron Ernst von Weizsacker, German ambassador to the Holy See. Their talk was understood to have revolved around what kind of government likely would be established in Germany if Adolf Hitler should be overthrown, and what its attitude toward peace might be.

Reports circulated today in responsible quarters that the Pope sent out peace feelers during the week-end.

Pius was represented as feeling

Germany.

Flame Throwing Tank Brings Death to Japs



Spouting a stream of flame, this Marine Corps tank wipes out a Japanese pillbox on Saipan as a Yank leatherneck watches for snipers from foxhole in foreground. This is first photo of the new flame-throwing tank. Marine Corps photo.

AMERICANS REACH SOUTH ARNO BANK IN PUSH ON PISA

Rome, July 24.—(U.P.)—American troops reached the south bank of the Arno river on a 30-mile front before Pisa today while British 8th army forces knifed forward against stubborn German rear guard resistance to within 12 miles of Florence.

Front dispatches said the Germans were blowing up bridges across the Arno on both sides of Pisa, leaving only a few troops to fight a delaying action east of the city.

Fast-rolling Yankee columns smashed into Pisa early Sunday morning, cleared out isolated enemy pockets in the southern third of the city and drove the Nazis back across the Arno into the city proper.

Simultaneously, American units moved up along the coastal strip southwest of Pisa and occupied the entire wooded area of Tenuta Del Tumbolo. Forward elements penetrated Marina Di Pisa, at the mouth of the Arno, found the town deserted, and withdrew.

Fierce fighting was reported continuing in the San Miniato sector 22 miles east of Pisa, where the Germans mounted a determined counter-attack in an effort to prevent a crossing of the Arno that would outflank their defenses in Pisa itself.

ASK RADIO PERMIT

Washington, July 24.—(U.P.)—Lincoln Dollar today asked the federal communications commission for authority to construct a new 250-watt radio station in Sacramento, Cal., to be operated on 1340 kilocycles.

Rigor mortis, which normally sets in four or five hours after death, starts in the heart muscle.

Dime Store Heiress Claim Ex-Husband Exerted Hypnotism

Hollywood, July 24.—(U.P.)—Dime Store Heiress Barbara Hutton, accusing her ex-husband Count Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow, of having exerted a hypnotic influence over her in order to gain a portion of her \$40,000,000 fortune, today asked for full custody of their eight year old son, Lance.

Miss Hutton, now the wife of Film Star Cary Grant, asked in a suit filed in superior court that a divided custody agreement reached in 1938 be set aside on grounds the former Danish nobleman is not "a proper or fit person" to have charge of the boy's education and custody.

"The defendant is a man of ungovernable temper and easily and often and without the slightest provocation flies into great rages," Miss Hutton's complaint alleges.

"The desire for money and the accumulation of wealth without work or effort upon his part is paramount with him to the exclusion of other ideas or sentiments."

COMMANDOS RAID DODECANESE ISLE

East Mediterranean Naval Headquarters, July 24.—(U.P.)—Greek and British shock troops knocked out the German garrison of Simi island in the Dodecanese, killing 15, capturing 150 and destroying all military installations and equipment in a daring raid July 14. It was revealed today.

The raiders approached the island in darkness, crept over boulder-strewn slopes and by dawn had established positions around a monastery and castle where German and Italian troops were billeted.

Aided by fire from light British naval units in the harbor, the attackers overcame fierce resistance and forced the garrison to surrender by afternoon.

KING GEORGE IN TOUR OF ITALY

Rome, July 24.—(U.P.)—King George of Britain arrived in Naples by plane yesterday to begin a tour of Italy, it was announced tonight.

He was greeted by British dignitaries and then motored to an historic villa where he spent Sunday night with Admiral Sir John Cunningham, British naval commander in chief in the Mediterranean.

The king left England Saturday night.

San Francisco's Leidesdorff street is named for a Dane who planted the first garden in the city.

LOCAL CANNERY TAKEN OVER BY CALIFORNIA MEN

Two California men are taking over the complete facilities of the Rogue River Valley Canning Co. located on 13th and S. Front streets, and will begin operations immediately under the name of the Rogue River Packing Corporation, it was announced today. James Gary of San Francisco and A. L. James of Stockton, Calif., have been in Medford the past few days completing arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph U. Boutelle, who have operated the plant for several years.

Previously operated by Mr. and Mrs. Boutelle as a plant canning fruits, vegetables and specialty packs, the pack was limited to pears only during the 1942 season, and operations were completely curtailed last year. James stated today that the corporation plans to can only Bartlett pears this year, but will extend operations to other fruits and vegetables next season. Now preparing the plant for this season's pear pack, expected to begin between August 15 and 20, James says an estimated 40,000 cases of pears will be canned, with 78 percent already contracted by the government for the armed forces.

Monetary Meeting Complete Success

New York, July 24.—(U.P.)—Delegates to the united nations' monetary conference at Bretton Woods, N. H., described the meeting as a complete success today after approving an \$8,800,000,000 international monetary fund calculated to stabilize postwar currencies and a \$9,100,000,000 bank for international development and reconstruction.

The United States would become the center of world trade operations and the bank dire "or for post war rehabilitation, if the plans are ratified by congress and enough of the other 43 united nations to make up 65 per cent of the quota total set for each of the new institutions.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lloyd Rupp joyful over the fact that he has reduced his weight to a mere 206 pounds.

"Bathing Beauty" Roy Elliott racing madly around a softball diamond in extremely small swimming trunks.

Alvin (Tollie) Tollefson discovering Police Chief Clatus McCredie's baby skunk in his lubrication pit and planning to have it dehydrated for pet purposes.

Ralph Green bringing home the bacon, literally, after a successful morning at the Gun club.

MOBILE FORCES RACE 35 MILES TOWARD CAPITAL

German Defenses Fall Apart as Reds Score Most Sensational Advance of War.

London, July 24.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin announced tonight that the Red army had captured Lublin.

London, July 24.—(U.P.)—Berlin reported today that the German army had lost Siedlce, big rail junction 50 miles due east of Warsaw, to Russian mobile forces racing toward the martyred Polish capital at an unprecedented pace.

Nazi broadcasts indicating that the German defenses across Poland had fallen completely apart also said the Nazis had evacuated Jarowslaw, rail hub 170 miles southeast of Warsaw and 60 miles northwest of Lwow.

Sensational Advance

The Nazi admission that Siedlce had fallen, laying open the way for a Soviet spurt across the Polish plains to Warsaw, represented one of the most sensational advances scored by the Red army in its summer offensive.

Siedlce is 60 miles west of Brest Litovsk and about 35 miles beyond the last Russian position in that sector as reported by Moscow yesterday, indicating an advance of approximately that distance in a single day.

A Berlin military commentator reported that the German garrison of Lwow, greatest base in lower Poland, was "compressed in the center of the city"—an apparent acknowledgment that the Red army had encircled the big fortress and trapped the Nazis who tried to hold out too long.

Advance Stepped Up

A Moscow dispatch of the United Press said that from all fronts Soviet correspondents reported that the Red army was stepping up its advance, without the slightest sign that the ever more desperate Germans were even able to impede its momentum.

"In vain the Germans wait for the Russian offensive to slow down," the newspaper Pravda said. "Our blows follow one on another with steadily increasing strength."

"The rout of the German army continues, and desperate resistance does not save it. One after another the strong points protecting the road to Germany are falling."

"The Germans in east Prussia hear the Soviet guns. Revenge is moving on Hitlerite Germany. The iron step of the Soviet battalions shakes all Germany."

The Berlin acknowledgment that Siedlce was lost came without warning, since the latest Moscow advices placed the vanguard of the Red army well eastward of that rail and highway hub, the junction of the Brest Litovsk-Warsaw, Polotsk-Warsaw, and Lublin-Warsaw railroads as well as a fourth line running northwest to east Prussia.

Eight highways radiate from Siedlce, including express roads to Brest Litovsk, Warsaw, Lublin and Bialystok.

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