

ALLIES UNLEASH DUAL ATTACKS

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight, thunder storm in mountains. Fair Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 91. Lowest this morning 65. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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Hitler Names Goering Sub-Dictator To Wring All Aid From Conquered

DECREE IS ISSUED IN GRAVEST HOUR OF NAZI REGIME

Goebbels to Help Carry Out Mandate; All Constituted Authority Superseded.

London, July 25 — (U.P.) — Adolf Hitler ordered the full resources of occupied Europe harnessed to the German war effort today, adapting "in every respect the entire public life to the necessities of total warfare," and commissioned Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering to execute the unlimited decree.

Struggling in the Nazis' gravest hour to avert threatened disaster, Hitler appointed Goering the sub-dictator of Germany and the overrun countries, with full power to wring from them the last ounce of strength to defend the Reich, and he named Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels his right hand man to help carry out the mandate.

Use All Forces
The present war situation makes the full employment of all available forces for the armed forces and armaments," Hitler said in a decree promulgated through the official DNB news agency.

The decree superseded all constituted authority in the Reich and all personal rights of the highest Nazi dignitaries to the lowest peasant under the Hitlerian jackboot.

It came as the Nazis struggled with an internal crisis in which Hitler narrowly escaped assassination and countless suspects had paid with their lives in a great blood purge, and as the Russian army raced across the Polish plains toward Germany and proclaimed the virtual destruction of the German army on the central front.

EDEN SEES HOPE FOR ALLIES IN GERMAN CRISIS

London, July 25 — (U.P.) — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden revealed in a carefully-worded statement to Commons today that the British cabinet met last night to consider the sudden crisis inside revolt-shaken Germany, and declared that Allied powers "might justly draw encouragement" from the split between the Nazi regime and elements of the German high command.

Eden refused to elaborate on the scope of the cabinet discussions or on steps which he said have been taken for an exchange of information with Russia on the situation in Germany.

His statement came as German broadcasts said the Nazi regime would introduce within the next few days "very decisive" measures to tighten its control over the nation.

Swiss reports said one of these measures would be the mobilization of all able-bodied veterans of the last war for service in a new Nazi home guard.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Seth Bullis offering to pay for a between-meals snack for a friend and then adding the sum to J. D. (Mac) McPherson's bill.

Harry Morris proudly emerging the victor from an encounter with a 12-rattle rattlesnake.

Francis Walker admitting another birthday, but declining to give it a number.

German Leaflets Urge Britons To Quit Aiding Joe

British Second Army Near Caen, July 25 — (U.P.) — The Germans tried desperately to check the British offensive today by plastering the countryside behind the lines with propaganda pamphlets urging the Britons to stop "fighting for Stalin."

"Stalin," this pamphlet said, "will take all the profits. The traditional war between Germany and Great Britain has always been conducted in a gentlemanly fashion until Stalin crept in uninvited."

Another leaflet shows the picture of a girl answering the telephone, with a caption designed to say "You will never hear her sweet voice again."

This handed out a general laugh. The German army's English expert had misspelled sweet. He wrote it "sweat."

JAP RESISTANCE STIFFENS UP ON GUAM AND TINIAN

By United Press
American invasion forces were revealed today to be meeting bitter Japanese opposition after scoring initial gains on Guam and Tinian islands in the southern Marianas.

On Tinian, U. S. marines plunged a mile inland and engaged the defenders in fierce fighting for Ushi point airstrip. Army troops on Guam, after cutting off Orate peninsula and its large airstrip within bomber range of Tokyo, encountered stiffer fighting as they sought to isolate the Apra harbor naval anchorage.

Beachhead Enlarged
Marine forces which had conquered Saipan extended their beachhead two and a half miles along the northwest Tinian coastline in the first day's fighting, and drove a third of the way across Ushi point.

Radio Tokyo in a broadcast recorded by the United Press in San Francisco, claimed 1200 Americans were killed in the Tinian invasion. The broadcast repeated early Tokyo claims that one U. S. battleship and two destroyers had been set afire during the invasion.

Rota island, midway between Tinian and Guam, was attacked by carrier-based planes Sunday, the communiqué said.

Two other air raids were reported in the central Pacific—one on gun positions and harbor installations at Ponape and the other by navy Ventura search planes on the Shumushu island airfield in the Kuriles.

FLEEING DAUGHTER SLAIN BY FATHER

Sherwood, Ore., July 25 — (U.P.) — A father who said he thought his 17-year-old daughter was going "to shoot it out" with him was held in the Clackamas county jail today after the slaying of the girl.

The father, Winfield L. Henderson, 48, told state police that when his daughter, Donna Lee, fled out the back door during a quarrel he thought she would barricade herself behind heavy posts at the end of the driveway and engage him in a gun duel. He described her as a "crack shot."

The girl was felled by a shot in the back of the head. Police said a .22 caliber target pistol was used.

According to the state police report, the shooting Monday climaxed a quarrel that began Sunday. The daughter had obtained a warrant for the arrest of her father, charging that he had beaten her and her mother.

INDEPENDENCE OF POSTWAR POLAND IS RUSSIAN AIM

Reds Disclaim Intention to Communize Liberated Country; Over Polish Line

London, July 25 — (U.P.) — The Russian government, defining its new frontier with Poland as west of the Bug river, today disclaimed all intention of communizing post-war Poland and declared that the Red armies will liberate the remaining German-occupied Polish areas to permit the resurrection of an independent, Democratic Poland.

Radio Moscow announced that the Soviet foreign office had issued a formal statement declaring that Russian troops finally had penetrated what it considered Polish territory and that the battle for the liberation of the "friendly Polish people" had begun.

Ignore Exiles
The foreign office statement ignored the authority claimed by the Polish government-in-exile in London and asserted that administration of all liberated territories in Poland would be turned over to the Polish National Committee of Liberation—a Russian-sponsored organization.

The Russian statement was the first definite pronouncement from the Kremlin of its territorial claims on Poland. It made clear that Moscow does not recognize the Polish government in London, with which it broke relations last year.

GERMANS TOTTER UNDER RED BLOWS

Moscow, July 25 — (U.P.) — Russian armor raced westward less than 50 miles from Warsaw and to the south struck within sight of the Wisla (Vistula) river as military sources proclaimed jubilantly that the entire group of German armies on the central front had been virtually destroyed.

German military power in the east appeared to be tottering in the balance under Red army blows opening the way for a whirlwind advance which promised to bring Warsaw under siege by the week end.

Siedlce, 50 miles east from Warsaw was being stormed and had been by-passed. The great fortress cities of Lwow and Brest Litovsk were under siege far behind the Soviet vanguard. Russian troops were pouring across the San river 60 miles west of Lwow. The ancient citadels of Jaroslaw and Przemysl were threatened.

Captured German Generals Urge Break With Dictator

Moscow, July 25 — (U.P.) — Sixteen captured German generals issued a joint appeal today to German officers still in action against the Allies to break at once with Adolf Hitler and refuse to carry out Nazi orders and thus bring the war to its end.

All veterans of both the present and last World Wars, the officers expressed their conviction that further struggle by Germany was hopeless.

"All the generals and officers who realize their responsibilities face the alternative either to wait until Hitler leads the German army to catastrophe and drags the whole German people down to the grave, or to answer with force—resist Hitler, refuse to carry out orders, break with the Hitler regime, thus finishing off the war," the appeal said.

"Don't wait until Hitler brings you to disaster. To fight Hitler is to fight for Germany." The appeal was signed by Generals Voelckers, Gollwitzer, Mueller, Baron Von Lutetow, Traut, Amier, Klammt, Steinkeller, Conrad, Trowitz, Enbel, Michaelis, Mueller-Buelow, Gehr, Gottfried Von Ermansdoff, and Schmidt.

Each was identified with his command, which included that of army corps, divisions, and fortified regions. They represented the command of the former central group of the German army on the eastern front.

ARGENTINA AND UNITED STATES IN NEW WRANGLE

Ambassador to Washington Recalled of Hull's Memorandum on Policy.

Buenos Aires, July 25 — (U.P.) — The Argentine government recalled Dr. Adrian Escobar, its ambassador to Washington, because Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced that he had sent a memorandum to other American republics redefining United States policy towards Argentina, it was revealed today.

Escobar was instructed to return to Buenos Aires to report on Hull's statement, the official announcement said, adding that if it were confirmed, the dignity of the Argentine people and government would have been injured.

The announcement was made shortly after midnight last night, but was withheld from foreign countries until dawn today to give Escobar time to receive the official instructions before they were published.

The newspaper La Nacion commented that "the declarations to which the Argentine government has remained aloof from inter-American system of cooperation and that the delivery of raw materials and foodstuffs to Allied nations was nothing but a series of commercial transactions."

TULE LAKE JAPS IN HUNGER STRIKE

Newell, Calif., July 25 — (U.P.) — Fourteen Japanese-Americans, isolated for several months in the stockade area at the Tule Lake segregation center and termed trouble-makers by the War Relocation Authority, today began the sixth day of a hunger strike calculated to obtain release from the isolated area.

R. R. Best, project director, said food is being delivered regularly to the 14 men, 13 of whom have been in the stockade since December and one since January. All are citizens.

A maximum of 350 men were placed in the special area after the army took control of the center last November following disturbances among the Japanese residents. WRA hearings subsequently returned many of the men to the regular residence area on good behavior, while others were transferred to alien internment camps.

Early in January the men staged a similar hunger strike.

Yank Objective on Guam



Town of Agaña on northwestern coast of Guam Island, one objective of new invasion by combined American forces. Architecture bears greater resemblance to that of American towns than any other in Central Pacific. Damaged buildings in foreground prove accuracy of carrier strikers on June 15, when this photo was taken. High on hill in right background is Jap Officers' Club.

Admiral King Suspicious of Changes In Composition of Japanese Cabinet

Washington, July 25 — (U.P.) — Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the U. S. fleet and chief of naval operations, said today that "no aid or comfort" could be gained from the composition of the new Japanese cabinet.

King said the fall of the Tojo cabinet portended a change in Japan's method of waging war. Their future operations will be either more offensive in character or more defensive, he said.

"The Japs will continue to wage war with all the power they possess," King said. "We can expect some change in their method of waging war, but whether they will go more nearly on the defensive or become more aggressive remains to be seen."

Dissatisfaction Shown

Asked at Secretary of Navy James Forrestal's press conference how he interpreted the change in cabinet, King replied: "Obviously the cabinet would not have fallen unless there was dissatisfaction on the part of the military forces with the conduct of the war. However, there is no aid or comfort to be gained from the composition of the new cabinet."

Asked what he meant by a

MEDFORD YOUTH KILLED IN FALL ON MOTORCYCLE

A motorcycle accident on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway about 30 miles east of Klamath Falls Monday afternoon took the life of Lloyd Gale Balderston, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde V. Balderston of Route 1, box 117. The mishap occurred about 5 p. m. and the youth taken in an ambulance to a Klamath Falls hospital, died there at 9 p. m. of a fractured skull.

State police here said their Klamath Falls office explained that young Balderston, riding his motorcycle toward Klamath Falls, apparently struck some loose gravel on a curve on Bly mountain, causing the machine to plunge over a bank onto jagged rocks. It was not known who discovered the accident and called the ambulance.

The youth, who had recently enlisted in the army air corps and was awaiting his call, was returning to Medford from a visit with his sweetheart in Lakeview. He was a 1944 graduate of Medford high school.

Per's funeral home, which was to return the body to Medford today, is in charge of funeral arrangements. A complete obituary will be published later.

more defensive warfare on the part of the Japanese, King said he thought they might pull into their inner citadel, but added that Manchuria and Korea are definitely part of that inner citadel.

Admiral William F. Halsey, who now commands the third fleet in the Pacific, also was present at the conference, and was asked for a prediction on the end of the war.

Halsey replied that he had stopped "gazing into the crystal ball" on Jan. 1, 1943, a reference to a previous victory prediction he had made. He added, however, that if they "keep the stuff coming to us and we can shove it in," it will shorten the war.

Halsey said the third fleet was "nothing new" and that he had commanded it for more than two years. He explained that this was just one of his titles, the others being commander, South Pacific force and South Pacific area, and that he had fought himself out of the other titles.

Plenty of Action

He added that the third fleet had seen plenty of action. Halsey said that the Japanese were still like rats—they will fight until they are exterminated. Although more Japanese are being captured now than in the beginning of the war, he said, they still seem to want to die for the emperor.

Asked if the occupation of

FRESH PEAR ROOF COMING 'SHORTLY'

Washington, July 25 — (U.P.) — Fresh pears soon will be placed under ceiling prices for the first time and, as a result, they will sell for about 20 per cent less than last year's retail prices, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

Under the new order, which will become effective "shortly," the highest retail price for pears from the beginning of the season up to Sept. 10 will be about 15 cents per pound. The figure will probably be increased to a high of about 17 cents per pound by next April, OPA said.

Army Bomber Falls Into San. Fran Bay

Hamilton Field, Cal., July 25 (U.P.) — A four-motored army bomber crashed into San Francisco bay today shortly after it took off from Hamilton field on a combat training flight. Nine crewmen were missing and believed dead. The body of the tenth was recovered.

Witnesses on the Richmond-San Rafael ferry said the plane appeared to explode as it struck the water.

Saipan and our present position in the Marianas will enable us to close off sea supply lanes between Japan and the East Indies, King replied that the Japanese can still go down between Formosa and the mainland and added that although American submarines have provided and are providing interference of "considerable magnitude," those supply lanes are not entirely closed off.

LIEUT. BOSHEARS, LIBERATOR PILOT, MISSING IN ACTION

First Lt. Jerome T. Boshears of Medford has been reported missing in action in the European war theater as of July 9, according to a wire from the adjutant general received yesterday by relatives. The lieutenant is first pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber and had but recently been advanced in rank.

The wire, sent to his mother, Mrs. Charity E. Boshears of 404 South Grape street, stated that no further details were available at this time. The message arrived but one hour after the return to Medford of the aviator's wife and small daughter from California, where they had been temporarily residing. Mrs. Boshears, the former Alice Wall, will remain in Medford with her husband's mother.

Lt. Boshears has been stationed in England since April and had been on many missions. He is a graduate of Medford senior high school and is well known in this district.

PUBLIC UTILITY VALUES HIGHER

Total assessed value of Jackson county public utilities, as assessed by the state tax commission for the 1944-1945 tax year, is \$8,819,127. According to Assessor C. A. Myers, this is an increase of \$72,439.47 over 1943, when it was \$8,746,687.37. The assessor has not yet segregated the assessed valuation of individual corporations.

The total assessed value of property as assessed by the assessor for 1944 is \$27,747,670, an increase of \$635,950 over last year, when it was \$27,111,720. The total assessed valuation of Jackson county, both corporation and private, is \$36,565,797.37. This is an increase of \$708,369.47 over 1943, when it was \$35,857,407.50.

AMERICAN DRIVE IS SUPPORTED BY 3,000 WARPLANES

Armies Buck Fierce Nazi Resistance In Moves Toward Heart of Normandy.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, July 25 — (U.P.) — The British second army drove forward more than a mile through two towns in a new offensive below Caen today, and to the west the American First army launched an attack supported by 3,000 planes, including more than 1,500 U. S. heavy bombers — the biggest force ever dispatched on a single mission.

Both Allied armies bucked fierce German opposition in the synchronized assault toward the heart of Normandy, and the Nazi air force swarmed out in the greatest strength since D-day to join the defense of the ring around the Normandy beachhead.

Desperate Opposition
Neither supreme headquarters nor limited field dispatches revealed where Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's troops mounted the new offensive, as on the British sector, they ran into desperate opposition, and early reports did not specify their gains.

The German DNB News Agency said the Americans were attacking below Caen and were trying to drive across the St. Lo-Le Mesnil-Vigot highway. Le Mesnil-Vigot is 10 miles northwest of St. Lo.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery sent his infantry and tanks charging down southeast of Caen on a three-mile front astride the Falaise highway. In the first few hours they overran St. Martin-de-Wontenay and Verriers, four to five miles below Caen, and last were reported fighting in nearby Tilly-la Campanne.

Montgomery's headquarters said the second army attack had limited objectives, and was not designed to smash entirely through the enemy fortifications blocking the way to the interior.

Street fighting in Tilly-la Campanne and May-Sud-Orne was going on when the last reports from the Normandy front reached headquarters late in the day. The British and Canadian assault forces were driving the Germans out house by house in bloody struggles at close quarters.

Nazis Use Tanks
Tilly is about a mile south of Bourguebus and three miles east of May-Sud-Orne. The Germans had thrown some tanks into the fighting, and may have a considerable number ready for a counterattack. They were known to have at least two crack SS Panzer divisions in that area.

The British were supported heavily by the home-based Royal Air Force as well as medium bombers and Normandy-based fighters and fighter-bombers.

But that air effort paled in comparison with the all-American air assault on Bradley's front. Spearheaded by more than 1,500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators, the U. S. armada included at a rough estimate 500 medium and light bombers and as many more fighter-bombers. Five hundred fighters escorted the heavies, power-diving to treetop level to rake the Nazi positions.

Casino Faded
The American planes laid an estimated 5,500 tons of explosives on the Germans immediately ahead of the U. S. troops in a close support assault outweighing the bombardment of the Casino fortifications in Italy.

The U. S. Eighth and Ninth Air Forces set out to "anaesthetize" the ground defenses at 10 a. m. with a torrent of fragmentation and lightweight explosives, used instead of heavier bombs in order to avoid plowing up the battlefield and making the infantry advance difficult.

The all-American air assault continued until 12:30 p. m. By then the assault troops were battling forward.

With the weather good, despite a slightly lower ceiling this afternoon, it seemed certain that the overall operations by the combined Allied air fleet would make this one of the biggest days aloft since the invasion of Normandy.

Radio Highlights

Washington, July 25 — (U.P.) — Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson will speak over the Blue and Mutual radio networks at 7:15 p. m. PWT, today, about his recent trip to Italy, Normandy and Great Britain.