

Questions on War's Length; Why Allied Drives Bog Down, Discussed by U. P.'s Beattie

(Edward W. Beattie, veteran United Press war correspondent, returning to his post in London after three weeks in the United States, answers in the following dispatch the questions that were asked him most frequently by the folks at home.)

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London, July 26—(U.P.)—Question No. 1: How much longer will the war in Europe last?

Until the true facts about the revolt of the German generals are known, that question can't be answered directly with any confidence. But it can be said that responsible quarters here have been reckoning for many weeks with the probability that Germany can be smashed by Christmas and they foresee a possible combination of circumstances which would produce the collapse much sooner—say September.

Everything occurring during the past fortnight have pointed up these possibilities. The Russians have battered Hitler's east front into a pulp and are nearing the Wisla (Vistula) river to bring the war to Germany's doorstep. Their momentum has become so great that bringing them even temporarily to a halt would require a super-human effort. The Germans in this fifth year of war are not super human.

Credit To Reds
If Germany goes down to quick defeat this summer, there will be no question as to whom the chief credit will go. It will belong to the Red army.

Other factors are important too. British and American land power in Normandy has grown to a point where if it could burst decisively out of the narrow confines of the Normandy peninsula it would be extremely hard to halt with the reserves Rommel has available.

And there is the obvious shift of Turkey toward belligerency. And there is the sudden domestic crisis inside Germany, which, whatever the true facts, can do nothing but weaken the Reich and hasten collapse.

Even German morale which will one day class as the one great phenomena of this war, cannot stand that sort of thing very long.

That is what makes it so unfortunate that the Allies are not surging forward from the west as the Russians are from the east.

Offensive Puzzles
Question No. 2: Why don't the United States and Great Britain launch an offensive from the Normandy bridgehead comparable in intensity to the Russian offensives?

Only high military authority could answer that question with specification and it may be that such an offensive is impending. That one hasn't been launched so far may result in failure to exploit Germany's internal crisis and her defeats in the east.

Such an offensive, if it produced a breakthrough toward Paris—and there is every reason to believe that a major victory in Normandy might make capture of Paris comparatively easy—could well prove decisive in bringing the rickety third Reich of Adolf Hitler crashing to the ground.

Except in the push up the Cherbourg peninsula, however, the Allies haven't developed the crushing momentum necessary to carry them through or over Rommel's deeply staggered defenses. Their attacks have shown a tendency, for one reason or another, to bog down after the most methodical sort of preparation and an extremely favorable start.

May Lose Opportunity
The opportunity for a quick, hard blow will not last much longer. Nazi morale, shaken as it must have been during the past week of defeats and threatened chaos at home, will grow constantly stronger under Hitler's iron rule of the domestic front unless it is kept



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throughs. It is argued that his policy produces higher casualties in the long run. His strategy probably was discussed thoroughly in frank terms during Churchill's visit to the front last week. But that policy paid dividends in the part and it is too early yet to say it won't again.

Question No. 6: Just how bad is the robot bombing of London? The best answer to that is—Churchill kept the attacks just about at their proper proportions in his Commons speech. Since then the Germans have been straining every nerve to increase the tempo and the British have tried to increase the effectiveness of a complicated defense system.

Robots Irk London

I had two weeks of flying bombs before leaving London. Returning, there was no question in my mind that London is taking this attack less well than it did the great blitz of 1940. People are more nervous, definitely more annoyed.

The city looks more down at the heel than it did late in June. But it is perfectly clear that no flying bombs or "V-12's" or any other weapons Hitler is likely to produce will break London down.

To an extent that it has forced a diversion of Allied airpower to assaults on launching sites or production centers, and to the defense of southern England, the flying bomb has been a success. But its total military effects still are small, and if any tendency existed in England to adopt "soft" postwar attitude toward Germany, flying bombs have taken good care of it.

New York Attack By Robot Bombs Has Adolf's Okeh

London, July 26—(U.P.)—A Madrid dispatch said today that Adolf Hitler has approved a plan for an imminent attack on New York city with robot bombs launched from submarines in the Atlantic.

A non-Spanish diplomat in Madrid told United Press Staff Correspondent Ralph Fort that the plan had been submitted to Hitler by Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, commander in chief of the German navy. The submarines would submerge after launching the flying torpedoes from specially-rigged platforms on their decks in the general direction of Manhattan skyscrapers.

The robot bombs used against London and southern England have a range of approximately 100 miles, but the Germans were said to have others with longer ranges and heavier cargoes of explosives than the one ton carried by those launched from France.

What the Girl Scouts Are Doing

Just one more word to the campers. All who do not yet have their health certificates, if you do not have your own family physician you may go to Doctor Merkel's office Friday morning, July 28. Also, the balance of your camp fee and your ration stamps are now due. Please call at the office any morning this week and take care of this, will you?

We want to remind the campers, too, that if they will see that their baggage and bed rolls arrive at Scout House some time on Monday, they will have a much more comfortable journey to Lake o' Woods Tuesday morning.

FREIGHT DERAILLED
San Francisco July 26—(U.P.)—An east bound Western Pacific freight train composed of two locomotives and 15 cars was derailed last night in a slide area 148 miles east of Oroville, in the Feather river canyon, company spokesmen said today.

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EDUCATION BOARD NOTES PROGRESS IN PREXY CHOICE

Candidate Field Narrowed
—All Board Officers Re-elected for Coming Year

Portland, July 26—Progress toward selection of a new president for the University of Oregon to succeed the late Dr. Donald M. Erb is being made by the state board of higher education, Willard L. Marks, president of the board, said Tuesday following a session at which he and other board officers were re-elected for another year.

The field of candidates for the position, Marks said, has been narrowed to "several" men, whose names, he said, could not be divulged for fear of embarrassing them at institutions where they are now serving.

Dr. Orlando Hollis has been serving as acting president of the Eugene school since Dr. Erb's death.

Mark's re-election was for his 12th successive term.
O. S. C. Dormitory Approved
Addition of plans for a \$450,000 men's dormitory for Oregon State college to a recent building program adopted by the board as a postwar project was approved on recommendation of the building committee.

The recommendation was based on findings of a faculty committee that there would be urgent need "in a year or two" for additional men's dormitory space because of a changed situation in private housing in Corvallis since the college's previous period of high registrations.

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News of 4-H CLUBS

Antelope 4-H Club
By Clara Mae Bigham
Antelope 4-H club met at the home of Leonard Freeman of Central Point. Before the meeting, club members judged two classes of purebred Guernseys.
Members talked about the Antelope local fair to be held August 11 at the home of Elbert Bigham, with everybody invited.
Next club meeting will be at Antelope school house August 4, and all members and parents are asked to be there to complete plans for the local fair.
Visitors at last meeting were members of Table Rock and Roxy Ann clubs. Refreshments were served.

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Retirement System Goal
Approval was granted contracts for architects' services for a proposed student union building and a laboratory building at University of Oregon medical school. All contracts are with the firm of Lawrence & Law.

Permissive legislation for establishment of a retirement system for the state system of higher education will be asked of the legislature, the board voted in approval of an insurance committee report.
Merger of the North Pacific Dental college, a private insti-

tution, with the medical school was urged on the board in a letter from the state board of dental examiners. The board had previously answered a similar suggestion from the Portland Retail Trade bureau with the opinion that such an acquisition would require legislative approval.

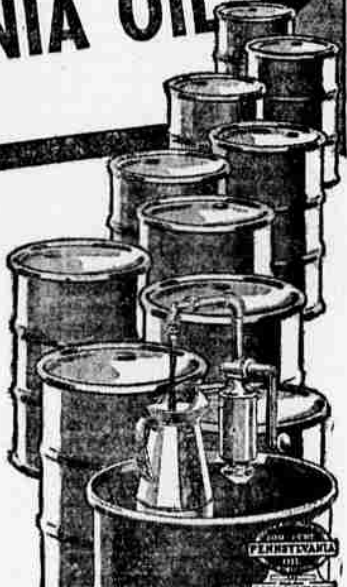
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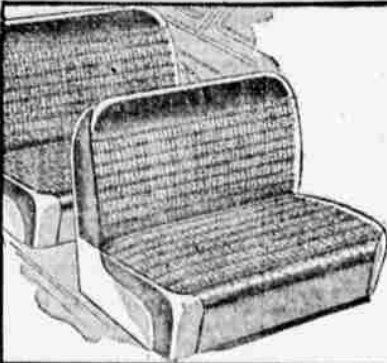
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