

RUSSIANS LIKELY FIRST IN BERLIN SAY MILITARISTS

Reds Much Closer To German Capital Than Western Allies; Moving Faster

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Washington, July 27.—(U.P.)—Competent military observers said today the rapid advance of Russian forces through Poland increases the likelihood that it will be the red armies which administer the coup de grace to Germany by being the first to surge into Berlin.

Not only are the Russians much closer to the German capital than the western allies—about 370 miles as compared to 600—but their rate of advance is many times faster than allied progress in the west.

Greater Power
Moreover, the Russians have greater power assembled on their route to Berlin. On the eastern front from Lwow northward, there are seven red armies hammering crumbling German defenses. There are only two allied armies in Italy and but two whose presence have been announced in Normandy.

In the east the Germans have committed such huge forces that their destruction would be a mortal blow to the nazis. As of now, this is not true in either Normandy or Italy.

There is now no indication that the Russians will not be able to maintain the terrific rate of progress they have registered thus far. In one month's time



(Acme Telephoto)
Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri (left), named Democrats' nominee for Vice President on second ballot, stands beside Robert E. Hannegan, national committee chairman, as he acknowledges convention cheers.

this advance has ranged up to a maximum of about 250 miles. The Germans must stem this movement soon or be in the gravest danger.

A collapse of their defenses either in Normandy or Italy would be serious for the Germans. But it would bring to the nazis no immediate danger greater than now exists in the east.

Observers here believe it is quite possible that the end of the present warring struggle in Normandy may be the collapse of German defenses there. But even so, great distances and formidable obstacles must be crossed before the heart of Germany can be reached from that direction.

River Barriers
Between Normandy and Berlin there are such river barriers as the Seine, Somme, Meuse, the Rhine, the Ardennes, the fortifications of the old Maginot and Siegfried lines, and such new defenses as the anti-invasion positions along the Pas-de-Calais coast.

In the same way the western allies do not have the power to administer a death blow to the nazis in Italy. If the enemy's Pi-Rimini line gives way, the Germans can stand at the Alps. An allied victory commensurate with the capture of Rome would carry them no farther than those mountains and gain the destruction of not many German divisions.

Sardine Creek

Sardine Creek, July 27.—The Hollowell brothers of Grants Pass spent Friday and part of Saturday here threshing grain for S. A. Dusenberry, Roy Eskew and J. U. and Charles Smith.

Mrs. Marjorie Evans and baby boy, Gary Lee, returned home Sunday from the Station hospital in Camp White. The baby's father is overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henselman and son, Phillip, of Medford,

ARMY SETTING UP PROCESSING BASES IN RESORT HOTELS

Washington, July 27.—(U.P.)—Redistribution stations to process and reassign army ground and service force personnel returning from overseas will be established at suitable locations throughout the country in September, the war department announced today.

A similar program already has been launched by the air forces. The stations will be located generally in resort hotel facilities suitable for year-around occupancy. Several hotels at Miami Beach, Fla., have been acquired for this purpose and are now being made ready. Negotiations are in progress for facilities at Hot Springs, Ark.; Santa Barbara, Cal.; Lake Placid, N. Y., and Asheville, N. C.

Processing of personnel will include complete physical examinations, careful reconditioning of army records as to pay and allotments, and evaluation of the most suitable new assignments from the standpoint of military necessity and the individual's mental and physical capacity.

Brownsboro

Brownsboro, July 27 — Mr. Warren and son of Riverside, Calif., visited at the Jim Trammell home July 14.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Works visited friends and relatives in

Yanks Gain on Guam and Tinian



(Acme Telephoto)
Marines in Tinian seem on way to add 38-square-mile island adjoining captured Saipan while invasion of Guam seals off large Jap force on strategic Orate Peninsula containing major airfield.

Grants Pass last week. Bill Totten has returned home after undergoing a tonsillectomy.

Word has been received that Don McDonald of Fort Klamath was killed in an automobile accident a few weeks ago. He was one of the pioneers of this vicinity.

A birthday party was given July 21 in honor of Miss Char-mayne Lea Charley's tenth birth-

ing the week-end at the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Monia, and daughter, Diana, of Medford.

Word has been received that Bruce Hansen S 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen, has recently been transferred to Great Lakes Naval Training station.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

Apply Now For Oil For Winter Heating

Everyone using oil-burning equipment should apply for their next year's ration at once, if this has not previously been done, it was stated at the local ration board today. New tenants in houses having oil-burning equipment should apply now, as well as those who ordered fuel last year, it was said.

In spite of the urgent need to lay in next year's fuel supply now, it is reported that at least 25 per cent of the fuel oil con-

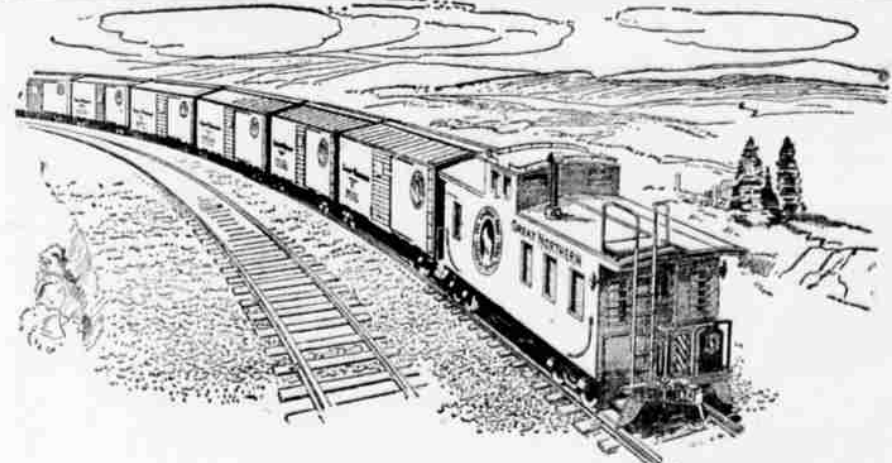
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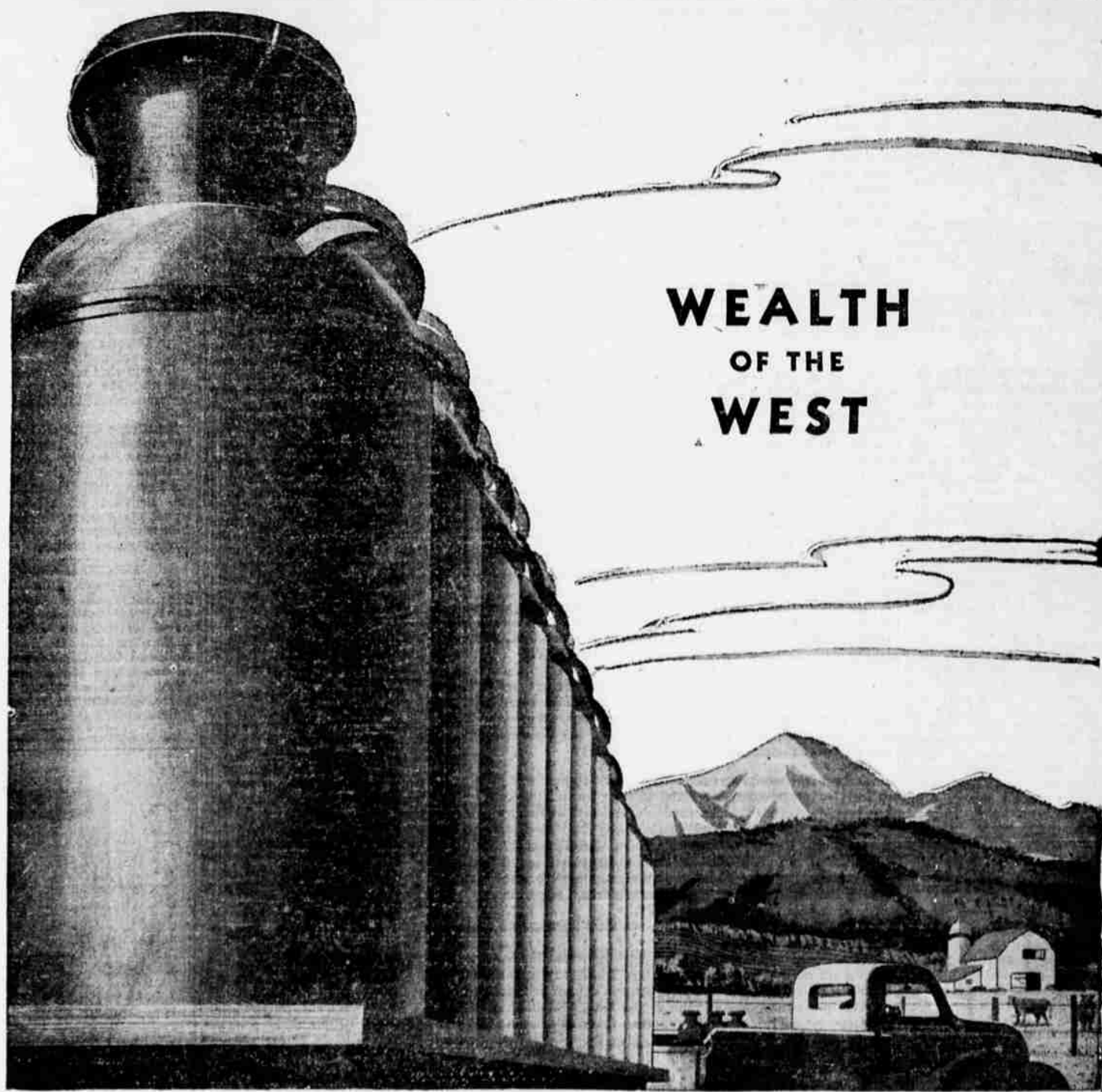
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