

NAZIS PUT TORCH TO WARSAW

Weather

Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.
Temp.
Highest yesterday 82
Lowest this morning 52
Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0

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Yankees Cross Selune River To Strike Toward Heart Of France

CANUCKS, BRITISH ALSO SHARE BIG NORMANDY DRIVE

Other American Forces Fight Way Back to Percy; Nazi Left Wing Crumpling.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—American forces raced into Brittany toward the heart of France today, spearheading the Selune river in gains of 4 1/4 miles below Avranches, while Canadian troops opened a new attack south of Caen at the other end of the swaying French front.

Supreme Headquarters announced that the entire German west wing sagged back before a general American advance, as British forces extended their gains to ten miles in the Caumont area, and the Canadians stormed Nazi fortifications around Tilly La Campagne, four miles south of Caen.

Cross Selune
Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's armored units smashed across the Selune at Pontaubault and Ducey, 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 miles south and southeast of Avranches, crashing the last water barrier on which the routed and disorganized Germans might have blocked the breakout from Normandy.

Mopping up behind the spectacular armored thrusts, other U. S. forces fought their way back into the key base of Percy, and the Americans cut the Avranches-Villedieu highway just south of the latter town and pushed across the Villedieu-Percy road.

American and British forces were broadening and deepening their wedge behind Tilly-Sur-Vire, the British driving across the river Souleuvre, 10 miles south of St. Lo. Headquarters said the Germans around Tilly were in a position already serious if not precarious.

Vire Threatened
The sudden British spurt across the Souleuvre river approached Le Beny-Bocages and established a firm bridgehead half a mile wide on the south side of the Vire tributary, opening a new threat to the town of Vire from the northeast. The new positions represented gains up to 10 miles since yesterday, the speed indicating a hurried German withdrawal.

United Press Correspondent William Wilson reported from the Caen front that Canadian troops launched a series of attacks against heavily defended German positions south of Caen early today. He said the attacks had not yet attained the scope of a general offensive. German broadcasts reported flaring action below Caen and said a large scale drive "can be assumed to have been launched."

The Canadians charged out of their slit trenches three hours before dawn, after a heavy artillery barrage, and drove forward in a heavy fog. Wilson said one Canadian attack centered south of Hubert-Folie in the area of Tilly La Campagne, which the Canadians captured last week but lost after a short time. Other supporting attacks were opened on the flanks of this thrust.

LI. Don Gillespie very glad to be home after a year on a navy carrier and eagerly looking forward to a whole month in Medford.

Finns Make Mannerheim President In Action Looking Toward Peace

Stockholm, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—The Swedish Telegraph Agency reported from Helsinki tonight that President Risto Rytty of Finland had resigned and Baron Karl Von Mannerheim was made president by a special parliamentary decree.

The report of Rytty's resignation followed persistent rumors of a gathering political crisis in Finland and unofficial speculation here that is revolved around renewed Finnish determination to get out of the war.

The Swedish agency said Premier Edwin Linkomies offered a motion in parliament to make Mannerheim, commander-in-chief of the Finnish armed forces, president to succeed Rytty, and it was adopted.

The agency's report was based on what it described as an official announcement in Helsinki.

BRITISH, GERMANS LOCKED IN BATTLE IN FLORENCE AREA

Rome, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—British and German forces locked in a swaying battle of tanks and infantry almost in the outskirts of Florence today and official reports said the 8th army veterans were slugging forward yard by yard against some 50,000 to 75,000 crack Nazi troops manning the last hill defenses below the city.

London dispatches intimated that the fall of Florence was imminent, reporting that Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, allied commander in Italy, had appealed to patriots inside the city to prevent the retreating Germans from blowing up bridges and communications.)

An allied communique reported that heavy fighting raged along the entire Florence front throughout yesterday, with the 8th army making "slow but methodical progress."

(The German DNB news agency said Nazi forces evacuated "some parts" of Pisa in order to spare its historical monuments from destruction. It was indicated that German troops still were holding out in some sections of the city on the north bank of the Arno river.)

CHAPLIN FATHER 6-LB. DAUGHTER

Hollywood, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—Charlie Chaplin's fourth wife presented him late last night with his fourth child.

Physicians at St. John's hospital in Santa Monica said the mother, 19-year-old former Oona O'Neill, and the child, a six-pound 11 1/2 ounce daughter, were doing well and that delivery was normal. Everything was normal, in fact, except the way the news was announced.

Chaplin's harried butler, who had his troubles when his master was involved in the Joan Barry paternity case—which still is to come to trial—reported early in the evening that the newest Mrs. Chaplin wouldn't be going to the hospital until next week.

About that time Dr. Sheldon Payne said he was getting ready to drive her to St. John's. The infant was born at 11:12 p. m., and the butler was called to the phone again to announce: "We're all asleep here and we've got nothing to say."

The 54-year-old comic eloped with the blue-eyed daughter of Playwright Eugene O'Neill a year ago last June, when he was in the midst of trying to dodge Miss Barry, who accused him of being the father of her yet-to-be child.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—Sergio Osmaña today was sworn in as the second president of the Philippine Commonwealth, succeeding Manuel Quezon, who died earlier in the day at Saranac Lake, N. Y.

AMERICANS LAND ON GUINEA COAST NEARER ISLANDS

By United Press

A successful American landing on Sansapor on the north Dutch New Guinea coast put Gen. Douglas MacArthur 200 miles closer to the Philippines today while predictions were made in London that Britain soon would send a large proportion of her naval strength to the Pacific for the gathering battle with Japan.

Allied forces under MacArthur, in a brilliantly executed amphibious operation, landed on Sansapor Sunday, bypassing 15,000 Japanese troops at Sarong, 68 miles down the coast.

The movement was undetected by the enemy and little opposition has developed. MacArthur said in his communique which disclosed his forces had secured their beachhead, advanced to a strategically important river and had started construction of an airport, 600 miles from the Philippines.

Other American forces, in the same operation, seized the nearby islands of Middleburg and Amsterdam.

An Allied spokesman said the operation brought all of New Guinea under Allied control and removed for good the threatened security of Australia.

CORDON SPEAKS THURSDAY NIGHT

Guy Cordon, Roseburg, United States senator from this district, will speak in Medford Thursday night at a Chamber of Commerce meeting, it was announced today by Frank Hull, manager. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce building.

Senator Cordon will discuss projects and problems of this district affected by legislation, Hull stated, and the meeting is open to anyone interested.

It is understood that Senator Cordon will meet with Grants Pass citizens at noon.

Premier in Exile Must Deal First With Moscow Poles

Moscow, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of the Polish government-in-exile, who arrived from London last night, was believed in informed circles here today to face the prospect of having first to deal with the Polish committee of national liberation recently set up in Moscow before discussing Russian-Polish problems with Premier Josef Stalin.

Foreign observers, critical of Mikolajczyk for having delayed too long in seeking an understanding with the Soviet government, thought the Polish government in London had Moscow in an awkward position and that Mikolajczyk must find some basis of agreement with the Polish committee first.

TIRE SHORTAGE THREATENS CUT IN LOG HAULING

Lumbermen and Loggers to Confer Here Thursday With Senator Cordon.

Facing a reduction in truck tire supplies of approximately 65 per cent, lumbermen and loggers of this district are this week making a survey of their supplies and drafting plans to make available tires last as long as possible. Throughout lumber sections of Oregon and Washington it is being predicted that if the curtailment is prolonged, production of lumber will be cut down as much as 50 per cent.

Southern Oregon lumbermen are planning a conference here Thursday with United States Senator Guy Cordon of Roseburg. Cordon, with Congressman Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, met with OPA officials in Portland last week to discuss the situation and at that time it was announced that a five-man advisory committee had been appointed to work with the new truck tire panel in Portland through which all applications for truck tires must now be channeled. Named to the committee is Donald F. Call of the Medford Office of Defense Transportation.

Oregon's quota for truck tires for August has been set at 1318, while in past months it has been in the neighborhood of 3800. The reduction was brought about by increased demands of the army and navy and following the OPA conference with Cordon and Ellsworth, the latter was quoted as having declared, "the army has to make up its mind whether they increase the stockpile of rubber in the warehouses or whether they get lumber." Both Cordon and Ellsworth were quoted to the effect that unless the tire release is increased, the logging industry will be faced with a virtual shut down.

B. L. Nutting of the Medford corporation stated yesterday that his firm was making a complete canvass of all truck operators to ascertain the condition of their present tires. He pointed out that his firm brings in about half its supply of logs by railroad and that the remaining half is trucked in. "Some truckers failed to realize the seriousness of the situation," he declared and added that one answer to the problem might be in better distribution of available tires. Nutting had discussed the problem with War Production Board officials who stated that at least a 25 per cent production cut would result from the tire shortage.

50 Per Cent Cut Seen

A. A. Lausman of the Tiller Mill and Lumber company returned over the week-end from Seattle where he met with representatives of the West Coast Lumberman's association and of the Pacific Northwest Loggers' association to discuss the tire shortage. He said public transportation in Seattle was being curtailed because of the bus tire shortage and that at the lumbermen's meetings predictions were to the effect that production would be down 50 per cent in 60 days. He urged loggers and lumbermen to answer questionnaires which they are receiving from the association dealing with the tire shortage.

Timber Products company is also surveying truckers' tire supplies and gathering figures for the conference with Senator Cordon according to the manager, C. H. Herman, who thought something useful would result from the meeting.

Charles Skeeters, one of the county's large operators of logging trucks, predicted last night that a 75 per cent curtailment

American Tanks Smash Through Coutances



(Acme Telephoto)
American tanks steamroller through Coutances in six-mile drive to the sea to form a new trap for thousands of Germans retreating down the coast after smashing a fierce counter-attack below St. Lo in the biggest U.S. armored victory since Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. split Sicily. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

GERMANS DEPART TURKEY AS BREAK IS BELIEVED NEAR

London, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—Hundreds of German nationals fled from Turkey today and their embassy staff prepared to follow them, as Allied sources predicted that the Turks, defying Nazi threats of reprisals, would break relations with Germany within the next 24 hours.

United Press Staff Correspondent Leon Kay reported in a dispatch from Ankara that the Germans were crowding aboard trains at Istanbul in an effort to get across the frontier into Bulgaria before the break.

Kay said the parliamentary group of the republican people's party—the sole political party in Turkey—was scheduled to meet in Ankara this afternoon, presumably to discuss Turkey-German relations.

Travellers from Sofia, he added, reported Bulgarian political sources expect the break to come as a result of Turkey's reported decision to grant military bases to the Allies and to expel German agents and Fifth columnists from the country.

In event the rupture brings Turkey into the war, he said, the Bulgarians are expected to remain neutral.

The Turks, meanwhile, appeared to be ignoring a Nazi warning that a diplomatic break would have "very grave consequences" for Turkey, and Kay reported the Nazi embassy staff was packing for an apparently imminent departure.

Attendance Sparse As Congress Opens

Washington, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—Congress officially ended its summer recess at noon today, but faced at least a temporary delay in the job of passing re-conversion legislation in preparation for possible collapse of Germany.

Despite the prodding of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and both Democratic and Republican leaders, attendance at the opening session was sparse in the senate and house and both chambers soon recessed until noon Thursday.

would result in a few weeks if more tires are not forthcoming and declared he thought the release would be increased shortly.

Retail lumbermen are apparently of the opinion that the freezing of all No. 4 common and better lumber, which goes into effect today, was not especially tied in with the logging industry emergency, since the order was worked out for the purpose of controlling the use of the lumber rather than curtailing its use. In the future persons wishing lumber must have a certification from one of three war agencies and in this way it is thought available lumber will be channelled to points where it will be most useful.

Rex Bell Aspires To Congress Seat

Reno, Nev., Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—Rex Bell, one-time hero of the cowboy movies of silent days, who now operates a pure-bred Hereford ranch in southern Nevada, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as representative in congress.

Bell, who shortly after his retirement from the screen to become a working cowboy, instead of playing the part before a camera, married the then famed "It" girl of the silent screen, Clara Bow. For the last 15 years Bell has devoted his entire time to his ranching and to his wife.

JAPS ON TINIAN SQUEEZED INTO POCKET ON TIP

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—American forces, striving to complete their conquest of Tinian island, repulsed a series of Japanese counter-attacks, killing 300 enemy troops and containing the remainder in a small pocket at the extreme southern tip of the island, Pacific fleet headquarters announced today.

Other marine and army troops on Guam now control the southern half of the island, and are preparing a drive northward from a new line established across the island's center, the communique disclosed.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, confidently predicted the destruction of enemy resistance on Tinian.

"The enemy on Tinian now has little means of resistance and no means of escape," he said.

Postwar Lineup For World Peace Shows United States To Lead Sea, Air Power

By Virgil Pinkley
UP Staff Correspondent

London, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—This is the way qualified allied observers see the postwar military lineup:

On land—Russia, the United States, Great Britain, France, China.

On sea—United States, Great Britain, France, Russia.

In the air—United States, Great Britain, Russia, France.

These observers told the United Press that if that powerful alignment worked together and kept peace among its members, no major war could occur for 50 years or possibly a full century.

They based that supposition upon the expectation that Germany and Japan will be ruthlessly smashed. They also said that the united nations probably would keep up research to strengthen their armed forces.

It is inconceivable, the observers said, that the soviets will relinquish the land lead they

CAMP ABBOTT IS BEING DISBANDED; LAND UP FOR SALE

Washington, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—Camp Abbott, near Bend, Ore., has been declared surplus by the army, it was learned today at the war department.

Samuel M. Husband, a member of the Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the corporation's director of surplus properties, said former owners of the 45,000 acres comprising the camp—most of them farmers—were being notified that the camp is being disbanded. They will be afforded an opportunity to repurchase their former land at prices set by RFC appraisals, he said, if they so notify the agency within 15 days of receipt of the notice.

He said no decision had been reached yet regarding disposal of buildings and other installations erected at the camp, but said they would be removed in some fashion. He also said the army would undertake to clear unexploded shells from 10,000 acres that were used as an artillery practice range.

Husband said Col. M. J. O'Brien, chief of the RFC's real estate section, had just concluded a survey of the area and is en route back to Washington to report.

London, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—The DNB News Agency reported tonight that a reward of 1,000,000 reichmarks had been offered for the capture of Dr. Karl Goerdeler, 60, former lord mayor of Leipzig, who is wanted for complicity in the July 20th attempt to assassinate Hitler.

TO BERLIN By United Press.

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

Russia—330 miles.
Italy—607 miles.
France—623 miles.

May Fade France
Although France lined up as the third naval power, the experts said Russia may edge the French out in the future with the soviet combined Baltic and Black sea fleet and an Atlantic fleet operating from ice-free ports.

Expanding Russian foreign trade, they said, will result in a huge Russian merchant marine.

Great Britain, according to the observers, will be in second place and should keep her navy large. Canada and Australia will strengthen Britain's sea forces.

U. S. productive capacity has given it a leadership in the air which is not likely to be challenged for many generations.

PALL OF SMOKE WRAPS CITY AS REDS APPROACH

Russians Storm Across Vistula; Nazi Officials, Civilians Leaving Capital.

London, Aug. 1.—(U.P.)—The Russian government organ Izvestia reported today that Warsaw was enveloped in a great pall of smoke and the Germans apparently were putting the torch to the city preparatory to abandoning it to Soviet assault troops battling through the eastern suburbs.

As the battle for Warsaw roared toward a climax, Berlin said the Red army had stormed across the Vistula river 55 miles to the southeast, and Moscow gave tacit support to the enemy report that the last big water barrier east of German Silesia had been forced.

An Izvestia dispatch from the front indicated that Warsaw, Polish capital already once martyred in this war, was ablaze under the rolling mass of smoke.

Nazis Evacuate

The United Press dispatch from Moscow quoting the Izvestia account said earlier reports reaching the Russian capital had told of the evacuation of Nazi officials and German civilians from the capital, bearing out signs that Adolf Hitler had given up hope of holding the capital of the first nation he seized by force of arms.

The exiled Polish government in London received underground reports from Warsaw today that the Germans had evacuated 25,000 German civilians, leaving only army troops and gестапо agents in the city.

Polish troops were fighting side by side with the Russians in the suburbs of Warsaw along the east bank of the Vistula, and Izvestia said the civilians were pelting the liberators with flowers and garlanding the giant tanks crashing in through the German defenses.

Soviet front dispatches reported fierce and bloody fighting in the suburbs, with some villages defended house by house. Red army artillery and tanks were taking the leading roles in the breakthrough to Warsaw, while cavalry slashed at the enemy flanks and chopped up the routed Nazi units.

Hurry To Berlin

"We are pushing forward quickly because it is very urgent that we get to Berlin quickly, and that is why we shall be there very soon," a Moscow broadcast said.

Polish underground reports to the exiled government here said calm had been restored in the German ranks inside Warsaw "after several days of confusion and panic." They said 25,000 underground soldiers were maintaining contact with the Soviet forces in the district of Kielce, 90 miles southwest of Warsaw.

The Germans were reported by the underground to have taken many valuable pieces of art and furniture to Berlin from the Royal Palace of Lazienki and Belvedere Palace, both state-owned.

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