

ALLIES OPEN BATTLE FOR PARIS

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Tuesday with little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 77
Lowest this morning 64
Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0

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NAZIS REPORTED MOVING OFFICES OUT OF CAPITAL

Coordinated Offensive Thru German Orne and Mayenne Lines Threatens City

Supreme Headquarters, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Powerful American and British armies opened the battle for Paris today in a coordinated offensive that burst through the German Orne and Mayenne river lines less than 130 miles from the French capital, while other U. S. columns drove for a quick conquest of the great Breton ports after killing or capturing almost 17,000 of the 25,000 Nazi troops defending the peninsula.

A front dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Robert Miller, with the American army, said the "showdown battle" that may decide the fate of France and possibly of the entire European war appeared to be "only a matter of days away."

(Unconfirmed reports broadcast by the London radio said the Nazis were removing their administrative headquarters from Paris to Nancy, near the Franco-German frontier.)

Nazis Wings Buckle
Both ends of the German battle line before Paris were buckling under the impact of the Anglo-American drive as veteran British units punched across the Orne river below Caen, and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's rough-riding American tanks swept beyond the Mayenne river in great strength and plunged toward the big communications center of Le Mans, 112 miles southwest of the capital.

The British Tommies surged across the Orne two miles north of Thury Harcourt last night and pushed on almost two miles to cut the Thury-Caen highway. The sudden thrust was described officially as posing a "major threat" to the German hinge positions south of Caen, where the entire Canadian First army was disclosed to have gone into the line.

Flank Dangers
Front reports said the British had moved strong anti-tank support across the Orne to meet the threat of a German counter-attack, and that the entire right flank of the Nazi lines guarding Paris was endangered.

The bitterly-contested German stronghold of Vire, 21 miles southwest of the new Breton-Thury, also fell to the fast-driving allied forces.

At the opposite end of the battle line, the Americans turned the main weight of their armor eastward from Brittany in a six-pronged assault that front dispatches said was rapidly cutting the German left flank to shreds.

Bradley's tank columns were on the march along a 50-mile front, giving the battered, weary Nazis no chance to reorganize for a major stand.

Headquarters observers believed only the prompt arrival of fresh Nazi divisions could prevent the Americans from river line running through Alencon, Le Mans, and Angers, little more than 100 miles from Paris.

As the new offensive pounded eastward, Bradley's tank and infantry forces in Brittany struck hard at remaining enemy troops on the peninsula to seal their victory with the capture of Brest, St. Nazaire and Lorient.

Headquarters announced that the Americans had taken 13,300 prisoners and killed another 3,400 Germans, and it was expected that those figures would be increased substantially when reports from all of Bradley's far-ranging columns were tabulated.

The Americans captured Brieux on the north coast of Brittany, west of besieged St. Malo, and Auray, 13 miles east-southeast of the southern port of Lorient, while other forces massed for a final assault on Brest.

GRASS FIRE DANGERS
GOLD HILL PROPERTY

Gold Hill, Aug. 7.—(Sp.)—A grass fire Sunday morning, of undetermined origin, endangered the shop of V. M. Whitmore, the residence of the Mexican railroad workers and the residence of Wm. Gardner.

Through the efforts of Mr. Gardner, who fought the fire, Mr. Whitmore's shop was saved. The fire truck was called and with the help of the Mexican railroad workers, the fire was soon under control. A small pile of lumber burned but except for that, little damage was done.

Bloodiest Battles of Summer Rage on East Prussian Front

REICH RESERVES ARE DRAINED FOR DO OR DIE STAND

Hundreds of Thousands of Men, Boys Dig Frontier Fortifications; Reds Gain

Moscow, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Russian troops driving through the Carpathian foothills toward Czechoslovakia captured the German stronghold and railway junction of Sambor, 43 miles southwest of Lwow, Marshal Josef Stalin announced today as the Germans hurled "substantial" reinforcements into an all-out effort to stop the steam-roller summer Soviet offensive.

Most of the resistance along the western flank has come from groups of 30 to 40 Japs who either try to dig in along the north-south roads or fire from ambushes on advancing ground. On the east flank, the enemy's hold on 840-foot Mount Santa Rosa and the nearby town of Yigo is now threatened by Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce's 77th army division which has plunged northward more than three miles along the wooded coast line since capturing Mount Darigada.

Only a few hundred natives are believed to remain in the trap with the besieged Jap troops. Notes dropped from American planes have directed the Chamorroes to enter our lines along designated "safety" routes, and for several days advancing troops have been passing scores of native families on their way outward to civilian camps.

Everybody Digs
(The semi-official German national socialist party correspondence said that hundreds of thousands of East Prussian men and boys, including 30,000 "Hitler youths," were digging frontier fortifications along the last Prussian border.)

Within the last 24 hours, the publication said, "the first continuous line hundreds of kilometers long was ready on the frontier."

Soviet gains on the immediate approaches to East Prussia now were being measured in hundreds and sometimes thousands of yards instead of miles, and the path of advance was littered with the bodies of thousands of German dead, the wreckage of enemy panzers, and rubble of villages shelled and bombed to destruction.

The battle for Warsaw apparently had resolved into a toe-to-toe slugging match with the Russians clamping Praga, its east bank suburb, in a tight siege arc anchored on the Vistula river north and south of the suburb.

Mobile Russian and German artillery poured torrents of steel and explosives into each other's line at close range, while German's reinforced Luftwaffe sought to challenge the red air force's supremacy in the skies. A constant pall of smoke hovered over both Warsaw and Praga from the ceaseless round of bombings and shellings.

Teachers Needed in Jackson County

At the present time there is a shortage of ten to 15 men and women in the schools of Jackson county, country and city, according to County School Superintendent C. R. Bowman. Both men and women teachers are needed in one-room rural schools, and in special high school courses. The scarcity of men teachers is felt the most, as many have entered military service or gone into defense work where the pay is better.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Doc Jimmy Hayes giving out with a mouth-watering description of the goodies planned for a posse breakfast.

Doc Francis Hoffart making a grave pronouncement about the state of his health.

Lloyd Rupp taking time out from acting as boniface to track down his "stolen" car, which was just parked on the other side of his house.

Faith Healers to Demonstrate With Deadliest Poisons

Ct. Charles, Va., Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Members of the Holiness Faith Healers sect, elated by a successful demonstration Sunday of their mastery over flames and the venom of poisonous reptiles, boldly have announced that they will soon offer a more exacting test of their faith by taking one of the deadliest known poisons.

Sunday's ritual, performed under a boiling sun on the banks of the Powell river here before more than 3,000 awed thrill seekers, was held in honor of the late Rev. Johnny Hensley, a former LaFollette, Tenn., cult member who was killed by the bite of a huge diamondback rattlesnake Sunday, July 30.

The "saints" toyed with eleven rattlers—the largest number of snakes so far employed in a faith demonstration—and exposed their flesh for as much as a full minute at a time to a flaming oil torch without being bitten or burned.

Hollywood cameramen recorded the scene for the edification of non-believers.

NAZIS REPORTED OUT OF FLORENCE

Rome, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Eight army patrols on scouting missions in German-held sections of Florence reported today that the enemy had withdrawn from the city except for machinegun nests along the north bank of the Arno river.

It appeared that the battle for mastery of the ancient center of the Italian renaissance will be decided in its east and west suburbs, where bitter fighting was in progress.

(The London radio in a broadcast recorded by CBS asserted that Allied troops "now stand along a 50-mile stretch of the south bank of the river Arno from its mouth near Pisa to a point several miles beyond Florence.")

The sector in the vicinity of Pisa held by the U. S. Fifth army was reported generally quiet, with light exchanges of mortar and artillery fire.

BURGLARS TAKE CULLEN TOOLS

The Cullen Motor and Implement company, 123 South Riverside avenue, was entered sometime Sunday night by burglars who stole some \$200 worth of tools, an electric drill and a typewriter, city police reported today.

Entrance was effected, police said, either through one of three windows which were open or through the back door, whose night lock could have been opened from the outside through a small hole just big enough for a finger to reach through.

Frank J. Cullen, owner, told police that the tools were in two boxes. Nothing else was disturbed.

Identify Hider of \$6,000 in House

Portland, Ore., Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—The elderly bachelor who left some \$6,000 in gold pieces scattered about his old two-story house when he died last July 17 was identified today as Thomas Hodson, 76, an operating engineer employed by the city for many years.

Last week searchers found money literally "all over the place"—part cunningly hidden in a place designated by a map found in personal effects and part left lying around where it could have been found easily by burglars.

3 JAP-AMERICANS GO ON TRIAL FOR HELPING GERMANS

Sisters Accused of Aiding Afrika Korps Men to Escape From Camp.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—In only 35 minutes, a jury was completed today to try three Japanese-American women on charges of treason—a crime that might carry the death penalty if the women were convicted.

The three women—the first Japanese-Americans to be charged with treason since war began—are sisters: Mrs. Tsuruko "Toots" Wallace, 35; Mrs. Florence "Flo" Shizue Otsu, 33, and Mrs. Billie Shitara Tanigoshi, 32.

Nazis Recaptured
The women were accused of aiding two Nazis, members of Hitler's Afrika Korps, to escape from the prisoner of war camp at Trinidad, Colo., last Oct. 17.

The Nazis, Heinrich Halder and Herman August Loescher, both 31 years old, were recaptured two days later at Watrous, N. M.

The women, who had been brought to Colorado from their home at Inglewood, Calif., in the evacuation of Japanese and Japanese-Americans from the west coast, have admitted that they became acquainted with the prisoners while working on the same farm with them, but have denied that they helped them to escape.

During the selection of the jury, only one man was excused for cause. Judge Symes excused him when he told the court, "I don't like the Japanese."

NIPS REPORT RAID ON PHILIPPINES

The official Japanese Domei News Agency reported today that two Allied planes "attempted" to raid Davao, on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines today.

Domei said in a wireless dispatch recorded by U. S. government monitors that one of the planes dropped three small bombs which it claimed landed harmlessly in the sea. Domei added that the other plane, which followed on hour later, fled before reaching Davao.

The attack, which was not confirmed by Allied sources, would be the first aerial assault on the Philippines since they fell to the Japanese.

TO BERLIN
By United Press

The shortest distance to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:

Russia—328 miles (gain of 17 miles in one week.)

Italy—604 miles (gain of three miles in one week.)

France—623 miles (unchanged for week.)

Hollywood Officials Wash Hands Of Jon Hall, Tommy Dorsey Brawl

Hollywood, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Both the grand jury and the district attorney today washed their hands of the bloody brawl between Screen Actor Jon Hall and Band Leader Tommy Dorsey.

"If Jon Hall is willing to have his nose half cut off and to be stabbed and cut and not do anything about it," said District Attorney Fred N. Howser, "that's perfectly all right with me."

PHILADELPHIA AND DETROIT STRIKERS RETURN TO TASKS

Two of Worst Labor Disputes End; 10,000 Workers Still Out in Other Cities

By United Press
Fifty-eight hundred Philadelphia transit workers and 7,000 General Motors employees at Detroit streamed back to work today, ending two of the nation's worst labor disputes, but some 10,000 strikers in a score of other cities remained idle and a general walkout of bus drivers in New England threatened to disrupt travel in that section of the nation.

The Philadelphia strike, which had crippled war production in that city for almost a week, was broken last night when the U. S. army issued an ultimatum warning the strikers to return to work by midnight or face the loss of their jobs for the duration.

Service on the elevated, subway and surface lines took on a semblance of normalcy early today, under the supervision of steel-helmeted troops, with bayonets at the ready, stationed on each train to guard against violence.

The strike resulted from the company's decision to upgrade negro workers at the direction of the war manpower commission and the fair employment practice committee.

The back-to-work movement also was attributed to the arrest of four labor leaders who were arrested Saturday night and freed under bond of \$2,500 each. A hearing on charges of violating the Smith-Connally anti-strike act was scheduled for August 14.

At Detroit, the 7,000 workers at five general motors plants engaged in making parts for Pratt-Whitney aircraft engines, voted yesterday to return to work, ending an 11-day walkout in protest against a stepped-up production schedule.

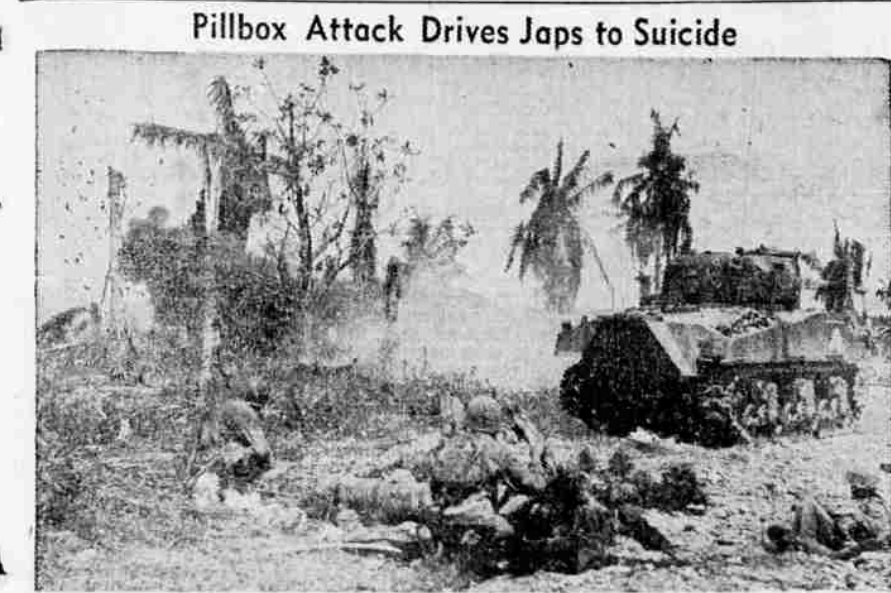
However, in another Detroit strike, 1,000 workers at the Gear Grinding Machine Co., voted to continue their walkout which started Wednesday in protest against a 5 to 17 cents an hour wage cut.

At Montreal, where some 4,000 transit workers are out on strike, the third such walkout in that Canadian city in 17 months, a compromise submitted by the federal and provincial governments.

In the Midwest, over-the-road truck drivers, members of the AFL teamsters' union, halted inter-city shipments in Minnesota and Iowa and more than 1,000 drivers stopped work at Minneapolis in a wage dispute between the Central States Drivers' Council and the Midwest Operators' Association.

JUST HOLLYWOOD

Just Hollywood, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—B. G. (Buddy) Despya, songwriter and film producer, and his wife, the former Ziegfeld Follies girl Marie Wallace, have separated after 19 years of marriage, friends reported today. No specific reason was given for the separation except "they just didn't get along."



Combat crew of tank and infantrymen advance on concrete pillbox at edge of airfield on Orate Point, Guam. The tank is firing point blank at the pillbox (note lying debris at left) and, as attack pressed close, Japs inside pillboxes could be heard committing suicide with hand grenades.

Fight for Guam Nears Stage When Japs Make Last Hopeless, Screaming Attack

By Charles P. Arnot
United Press War Correspondent

Aboard Adm. Connolly's flagship off Guam, Aug. 7.—(Via Navy Radio)—U.P.—Bearded, mud-caked marines and doughboys overran hastily-constructed Jap roadblocks and combed the treacherous wilds of northern

YANKES BATTER JAP INNER LINE; SHELL 38 SHIPS

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—American land, air and sea forces were revealed today to have battered the Japanese along an 800-mile front at the doorway to Japan proper in three days of assaults that destroyed or damaged 38 ships and wiped out a town.

The heaviest blow was struck by planes and warships of a fast carrier task force which steamed to within 600 miles of Tokyo Thursday and Friday and virtually destroyed a Japanese convoy while hammering installations on five islands in the Bonins and Volcanos.

Waves Attacked
The attacks were announced by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz who further revealed that seventh army air force Mitchell bombers and a single navy Liberator attacked Wake Island, former American base, Friday for the first time since May 30. The planes all returned.

In the strikes into the Bonin and Volcanos, planes and warships definitely sank 11 vessels, including one large destroyer and three destroyers or destroyer escorts, and damaged 27 others, including a light cruiser. At least nine barges, two of them filled with troops, also were sunk.

At the same time, this combined aerial and naval power blasted ground installations, airfields and towns on Muko Jima, Ani Jima, Haha Jima and Chichi Jima in the Bonins and Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands. Nimitz said the town of Omura on Chichi Jima was destroyed by shellfire.

Planes Destroyed
Six enemy planes were shot down over Iwo Jima and six others destroyed and five damaged on the ground, while one was wrecked on the ground at Chichi Jima. Sixteen American planes and 19 fliers were lost in the two-day assault. Nimitz made no mention of damage to warships.

The toll inflicted in the raids brought the Japanese losses since the beginning of the Marianas campaign on June 10 to: Ships—58 sunk, four probably sunk, 86 damaged or possibly sunk; planes—931 destroyed, 370 probably destroyed and 160 damaged. In the same period the United States lost 198 planes and suffered damage to four ships.

ble-strewn villages of Ukudu and Liganu by noon. Before nightfall they had anchored their left flank at Haputo point on the western coast and were dug in along a line stretching clear across the island to Guam today in a steamroller drive toward Mount Machanao, where the final battle of this methodical campaign may be fought.

Between the front lines and the island's northern tip still are some five miles of remote jungle terrain and several thousand Japs who insist on fighting a desperate delaying action.

Japs Without Hope
But they are without hope of escape and their eventual collapse can now only be a matter of time.

Mercilessly bombed and shelled day and night, these bleary-eyed survivors of Guam's original garrison already are showing increasing signs of thirst, hunger and confusion. If this battle follows the usual pattern, there probably will be a screaming "banzai" attack; then will come the mopping-up phase.

Rising some 600 feet from the extreme northern tip of the island, Mount Machanao's wooded hillside offers the only high refuge for the Japs' last-ditch stand on their western flank, where strong marine forces have plunged forward more than two miles in the past 24 hours.

Despite savage terrain and the increasing efforts of the Japs to slow our advance, Lt. Col. E. N. Murray, staff officer of the Third marine division, described our casualties as "light."

"Boondocks" Battle
To the sharpshooters marines, who must have a name for everything, this is the battle of the "Boondocks"—a leatherneck term loosely applied to any rugged terrain, and particularly to Guam's thickest-covered tablelands.

Along the strategic curves and hilltops they have camouflaged some of their few remaining 75-millimeter cannon to halt our tanks, and dug flanking "hedgehog" defense pits to challenge our infantry assaults.

Overrun Villages
Fanning out from the strategic Finegayan road junction, tank-supported infantrymen moved in two powerful columns north and northwest, overrunning the rub-

BARTLETT PICKING STARTS IN WEEK

Harvesting of the Rogue River valley Bartlett pear crop will start next Monday, according to Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy. He has set up the testing machine for Bartletts and will receive pears for testing. It is expected the Bartlett harvest will be general by next mid-week.

The labor supply will be augmented by the arrival this week of more Mexican nationals for farm and orchard work. The number is not yet known. The picking will be both by the hour and the box.

Lumuna point just below Mount Santa Rosa on the left flank.

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Civilian affairs officials reported that already some 5,000 out of 22,000 liberated Chamorroes have been returned to farms in cleared areas.

JAPS WIPED OUT AFTER DRIVING INTO HENGYANG

Chungking, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Japanese troops stormed through Chinese lines into the key railway city of Hengyang time after time in the past 48 hours but were wiped out almost instantly, a Chinese communique reported today.

The Japanese, fighting like wildcats to take the most bitterly defended city in Hunan province, threw artillery and aircraft into a concentrated effort to capture the Chinese stronghold.

The communique admitted that the Japanese had broken through both the inner and outer rings for momentary gains. The besieged city, which is held by the Chinese, is surrounded by Japanese, who, in turn, are surrounded by an outer ring of Chinese. Hengyang has been under siege for 44 days.

26 INJURED WHEN OLYMPIAN DERAILS

Lake City, Minn., Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Twenty-six persons were injured, none of them seriously, today when the Milwaukee railroad's Chicago-bound Olympian was derailed, apparently by a piece of an under-carriage that caught in a switch and sent 12 of the 13 cars off the tracks.

Hundreds of servicemen, including some veterans of the Kiska and Attu battles in the Aleutians, were in the coach section of the crack train.