

Allied Armies Race to Seal Doom of 100,000 Germans

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy to night with scattered thunder showers in Siskiyou. Tuesday, fair and warmer. Temp. Highest yesterday 92. Lowest this morning 58. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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Nazis Abandon Last Natural Defenses On South Approaches to East Prussia

WHITE RUSSIANS TAKE OSOVIETS, ENEMY BASTION

Reds Careful To Avoid Fate Which Befell Czar's Armies In Tannenberg Trap

London, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—German troops abandoned their last natural defenses on the southern approaches to East Prussia today and fell back for a last-ditch defense of their Nazi homeland in the marshy wastes of the Masurian lakes.

A triumphant order of the day from Soviet Premier Marshal Josef Stalin announced that Gen. Matvei Zakharov's second white Russian army stormed and captured the Nazi stronghold of Osoviets, 18 miles south of the Prussian frontier.

In Full Retreat

The German DNB news agency said the Nazis evacuated Osoviets last night, fell back across the narrow Bierbrza river and continued northward in full retreat for a narrow land corridor funneling into the Masurian lakes at the Prussian border.

DNB indicated that Zakharov's armored columns had forced the Bierbrza and plunged on toward the frontier in close pursuit of the fleeing Nazis.

Moscow dispatches made it clear, however, that the Russians were moving cautiously in their advance on the Prussian marshes to prevent a repetition of the disaster that engulfed the czar's armies in 1914 when Hindenburg and Ludendorff trapped a huge Russian force in the Masurian lakes around Tannenberg, 100 miles west of the present battle area.

On To Grajevo

While the Russian Baltic armies chopped through the German flanks in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to the north and Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 1st white Russian army probed at the northern defenses of Warsaw and the southwestern approaches to East Prussia, Zakharov's columns were pushing toward Grajevo, where a "land bridge" leads through the Masurian lakes into Prussia.

Grajevo, three miles short of the frontier, is 15 miles north of Osoviets and Soviet advanced guards presumably were closing in rapidly on that border town tonight.

The Soviet Information bureau disclosed that the 2nd Baltic army in the 11 days July 20 to Aug. 1 had killed more than 60,000 Germans and captured 9,000 bringing to 544,000 the number of enemy troops killed and 175,000 the number captured since the start of the Soviet summer offensive June 23.

Shaw Would Give Everyone Basic Income of \$3,200

London, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—George Bernard Shaw believes that civilization is headed for a crackup and that the only way to check the decline is to establish a basic income with certain reservations for genius, "which costs more than illiteracy."

Writing in the Sunday Observer as an "absentee landlord, capitalist, renter of ability, and conviction, a communist," Shaw warned that all civilizations would be wrecked by a division of society into financial classes battling for the bulk of national income.

He recommended that "ploughmen and dairy maids" be raised toward the financial level enjoyed by geniuses rather than dragging geniuses down to their level.

"To begin with," Shaw said, "a basic income of \$3,200 a year would be enough. This, in a scientifically organized society, would command a handsome life than \$10,000 does now."

Roosevelt Enjoys GI Chow



Flanked by enlisted men, President Roosevelt enjoys a meal of G. I. chow served in Quonset hut mess hall during his visit to the Aleutian Islands. Left to right: Captain A. L. Price, USN; Pfc. William Goff, USMC; Batesville, Ark.; President Roosevelt; Pfc. Ferdinand Rutsche, USA, Irvington, N. J.; and Brig. Gen. Harry Thompson, U. S. Navy photo.

DOLL STORE LADY GIVEN TEN YEARS FOR HELPING JAPS

New York, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Velva Dickinson, 50, former doll store proprietor, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000 by Federal Judge Shackleford Miller today for violation of the censorship regulations.

U. S. Attorney James B. M. McNally charged that Mrs. Dickinson conspired to send naval information to Japan, via South America, and that 10 days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, she was paid money and given a code for transmission of such information.

The conspiracy was perfected in August, 1941, by Faname Wakasugi, minister and counselor to the last Japanese ambassador to Washington, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, McNally said. He added that Mrs. Dickinson had known Admiral Nomura for 15 years, and charged that she received \$60,000 for furnishing naval information.

Letters Undelivered

He charged that Mrs. Dickinson made several trips to the west coast between January and June, 1942, and subsequently sent five letters addressed to Inez Lopez Molinari, Buenos Aires, containing information about American vessels on the coast. The letters, however, were undelivered due to a postal accident.

"What this defendant did was unspeakably foul," McNally said. "It is so horrible that I find it hard to believe that a natural born American, no matter how degraded and low, could be guilty of such acts. Velva Dickinson all her life had an inordinate love of money and when the Japanese offered large sums of it she forsook her American heritage without a moment's hesitation."

TO BERLIN

By United Press
From the Russian front, 311 miles.
From the Italian front, 590 miles.
From the French front, 595 miles (unconfirmed).

MEDFORD GROUP PASSES PHYSICAL

Qualifying for general service in the armed forces after successfully completing pre-induction physical examinations in Portland last week were the following registrants of Local Selective Service Board No. 1:

Donald Milton Brown, Charles Hobbs, James Orbin Cooksey, Richard Troutfether, Paul Jerome Selby, Noel Parker Kellogg, John R. Lilly, Lloyd Ernest Ferg, Walter James Young, John Harold Fitzgerald, Ivan Spencer Owings and Donald Charles Great.

Tony Mete was accepted for limited service, the local board announced today.

Rejected for service were Lindsey Edward Grishby, George Jacob Haas, Lawrence Evan Smith, Samuel Salvatore Mete, Frank Leroy Wright, Milton Dunne Singler and Melvin Lyle Steinbach.

Gen. Martin Warns We Underestimate Japanese Strength

Portland, Ore., Aug. 14.—(U.P.) Maj. Gen. Charles H. Martin, United States army, retired, former governor of Oregon, told Spanish-American war veterans that the American people are still underestimating the Japanese.

Gen. Martin spoke at the annual picnic and reunion for the 2nd Oregon regiment of volunteer infantry. A veteran of the military expedition to Peiping, China, during the Boxer rebellion, he said "It will take lots longer to conquer them than it will the Germans, and even after the war ends, those little devils will dig in and guerrilla war will follow for a long time."

He recalled that it took three years to clean up the guerrillas in the Philippines.

Col. Percy Willis, United States army, retired, commander of the 2nd Oregon regiment, made the address of welcome.

SOLONS LINE UP FOR FIGHT OVER SURPLUS SALES

Hearing Discloses Basic Differences Over Measure Proposed By Rep. Colmer

Washington, Aug. 14.—(U.P.) House members began lining up today for a fight expected to cross party lines over a bill providing machinery for the disposal of surplus war property valued at an estimated \$75,000,000.

Basic differences over the provisions of a surplus property bill by Rep. William Colmer, D. Miss., were disclosed at a hearing before the rules committee which plans to bring the measure before the house for debate tomorrow.

Favor One-Man Rule
Chairman Carter Manasco, D. Ala., of the house expenditures committee, which approved the Colmer bill yesterday, said his committee was convinced that authority over property disposal machinery must be concentrated in one man having broad discretionary powers.

Rep. Charles Halleck, R. Ind., member of the rules committee, objected that the bill would neither protect adequately established business channels nor prevent speculation in surplus property.

He said the bill should be amended to avoid giving the administrator "a blank check" and to protect established businessmen.

Another house fight appeared likely between advocates of federal and states' rights plans for unemployment compensation.

SUPPLIES FLOW INTO FLORENCE

Rome, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Enemy sniping and street fighting between partisans and Fascists in Florence dwindled sufficiently today for Allied military government officials to begin organizing a flow of food, water and medical supplies to the nearly starving inhabitants.

Snipers had been cleaned out of Empoli, 15 miles southwest of Florence, where New Zealand troops of the British Eighth army were in firm control. Except for the capture of the village of Frontone, 27 miles inland from the Adriatic on the north-south Urbino-Fabriano railway, the balance of the Italian front was comparatively quiet, with activity limited to patrols.

Yankee Secret Force Leaves Crack Nazi Division Cowering, Waiting To Be Herded Into Prison Pens

By Henry T. Gorrell
United Press War Correspondent

With U. S. Armored Column in France, Aug. 14.—(12 noon)—(U.P.)—In the past 24 hours I've seen this column ripping to shreds the crack SS Das Reich division, and the division named for Adolf Hitler himself, as it carried out an important secret mission.

The nature of that mission is a military secret but I am able to reveal that these fast-talking Yankee soldiers bowled the enemy over with an impact that shattered their morale and left him broken into disorganized pockets or standing in herds at the roadside, cowering and waiting to be herded into the prison pens.

20 Towns Freed
Riding at the forefront of the column, I saw 20 French villages and towns liberated.
French women, some carrying babies in their arms, rushed out to shake hands with tank crews and truck-borne doughboys, while bullets still whistled through the streets and Germans

MACHINE SHOPS SEIZED TO FORCE WAR PRODUCTION

Roosevelt Acts To Halt Long Strike Of San Francisco Workers Against Overtime

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—(U.P.) The navy, acting on authority of an executive order from President Roosevelt, today began formal seizure of five machine shops where refusal of AFL machinists to work overtime interfered with war production.

The 12th Naval District said that Rear Adm. Harold G. Bowen, USN, in the capacity of special assistant to Secretary of Navy James Forrestal, directed the seizures.

Although there had been persistent reports the government planned to take over the machine shops affected by the machinists' overtime dispute, today's executive order announced in Washington appeared to have taken the companies themselves by surprise.

By United Press

Two major work stoppages ended today, leaving a strike of 6,500 woodworkers in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois as the principal obstacle to labor peace in the nation.

An estimated 50,000 truck drivers and freight handlers went back to work in 10 mid-western states after a week long walkout. Operation of the motor freight lines was in the hands of the Office of Defense Transportation which took over the companies to avert a threat to war production.

Carpenters Strike

Members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (AFL) were on strike at Merrill, Wausau and Oshkosh, Wis., at Rock Island, Ill., and at Clinton and Dubuque, Ia. They sought wage increases of 20 cents an hour.

At Detroit, production of aircraft and truck parts returned to normal at six plants with the return of 10,300 strikers. Seven thousand workers returned to their jobs at five Chevrolet gear and axle plants of General Motors Corporation, and 3,300 other members of the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO) resumed turning out bomber parts at a Briggs Manufacturing company plant.

KENNEDY JR. KILLED

Hyannis, Mass., Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., 27, a naval aviator and son of the former ambassador to England, has been killed in the European theater, according to word received here today.

Allied Armies Close in on Paris



(Acme Telephoto)
American troops, after retaking Mortain, drive north from Le Mans to Alencon to meet British driving south from Caen to trap German Seventh Army of 100,000 men. The Loire River has been crossed while drives continue southward toward Orleans and Tours.

Strafed, Bombed Nazi Equipment Clutters French War Area Roads

London, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—More than 750 American heavy bombers attacked industrial targets in southern Germany today, while another fleet of similar size from Italy pounded enemy military installations in southern France as allied warplanes entered the third consecutive day of the war's greatest aerial support operation.

Along the immediate battlefront area in northwestern France, eighth and ninth air force fighters spread and deepened the area of devastation, leaving new piles of German transport equipment smoking and blazing behind them.

During the morning, eighth air force fighters had added 301 railway cars, 29 locomotives, and 22 military vehicles to some 600 locomotives, 6,000 railroad cars and 900 military vehicles bombed and shot up in the previous two days.

Second Lt. Gerald P. Devine of Ludington, Mich., eighth air force pilot who crashed landed, said the roads immediately southwest of Paris were jammed with all manner of vehicles, front dispatches reported.

Correspondents at the front estimated that the Luftwaffe sent up a total of about 150 planes throughout the day to meet the great offensive.

First Negroes On Philadelphia Cars

Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—The first of eight Negro operational trainees, whose upgrading by the Philadelphia Transportation company initiated the recent six-day transit strike, began regular passenger runs on a trolley line today.

ROAMING COWS EATING PEARS IS COMPLAINT

Complaints have been filed with the sheriff's office that cows at large in orchard districts of the valley are eating pears, both on the ground and on the trees. Owners of the stock have been warned to round up the cattle or face complaints in justice court. A band of sheep is also reported invading green pastures and orchards. Most of the entrances have been gained through broken fences.

SEVERAL HURT IN S.P. OWL SMASHUP

Los Angeles, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Seven persons were injured, some seriously today, when the Southern Pacific Owl struck a freight train that had failed to clear onto a siding near Ravensburg, 30 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Great Triumph Looms

Other American forces and the British 2nd army, meanwhile, were slashing eastward from the Vire-Mortain sectors toward Falaise and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in a confident order of the day that the battle was shaping up as the greatest triumph of the French campaign.

The German home radio service said heavy fighting was under way in the Carrouges area, 12 1/2 miles northwest of Alencon and 11 1/4 miles southwest of Argentan.

BLAME BOTULISM
Yakima, Wash., Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Coroner W. H. Banks today said he believed botulism poisoning caused the death yesterday of Mrs. Hazel Snoddy, 51, and her husband, Ira H. Snoddy, a carpenter. They became ill after drinking some soup which contained meat believed by Banks to have caused the poisoning.

Foes Run for Cover
Dust and smoke from burning vehicles made the eyes smart as we raced with the column. As we entered one village a German tank out shouting that two German tanks were down a side street. They weren't firing and it appeared the crews had run for cover at the sight of our great column of tanks and motorized infantry carrying bazookas, anti-tank grenades and tommy guns.

Church bells rang joyfully as we entered village after village—in some cases against an undertone of artillery and machine gun fire. One little French girl with a tricolor in her hair ran out and pinned a red, white and blue ribbon on my shirt and exclaimed:

"We love you. Today we are reborn."

THREE COLUMNS RAPIDLY CLOSING MOUTH OF SACK

Falaise Junction Of U. S., British, Canadian Forces May Mean Great Victory

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Three allied armies converged behind a great aerial and artillery barrage on the ancient Norman town of Falaise today, racing through disintegrating enemy opposition toward a juncture that would complete the envelopment of perhaps 100,000 Germans and seal the greatest victory of the war in the west.

Only a narrow corridor that by now might measure 12 miles or less remained open to the broken remnants of 12 divisions of the German 7th and 15th armies reeling back on Paris and the Seine river, and American, British and Canadian armor was smashing in on that gap from three sides with a power that threatened to turn it into an avenue of death.

Canadians Near

The Canadian 1st army swung down to close the northern jaws of the "trap" at noon today, launching a full-scale attack on the German bolt positions five miles above Falaise.

United Press War Correspondent William A. Wilson reported that the Canadian assault drove forward 2 1/2 miles in the first two hours, carrying half way to Falaise, through which runs the last practicable escape route for the Germans still inside the allied "sack."

The attack was preceded by a rolling aerial bombardment in which swarms of allied medium bombers unloaded tons of fragmentation bombs on Nazi troops in their lines less than 3,000 yards from the Canadian front.

Tanks Lurch Forward
Tanks and armored infantry carriers lurched forward as the thunder of the exploding bombs died away and slashed through the enemy lines, carrying a strongly-defended river barrier in the first charge.

As the Canadians struck, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American "ghost column" smashed into the southern end of the Nazi escape corridor after a lightning drive up the main Brest-Paris highway that carried them 40 miles in a single day to a point north of Argentan and about 12 miles southeast of Falaise.

A front dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Henry T. Gorrell indicated that part of the American armored column had cut back toward the Mortain-Sourdeval salient at the center of the Norman battlefield to block the German tank divisions attempting to pull back from that sector.

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SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Kiwanians Al Downs and Ed Niles serving Lura Tularski a luscious waffle, filled with string.

Burt (Beau Brummel) Lagesson arriving down town very nattily dressed but for one small thing—no necktie.

Julia Spatz proving she has lost little of her old-time prowess on the piano keyboard.

What ever became of Al Hagen?