

INVADERS NOW 8 MILES INLAND

Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday. Slightly cooler Thursday.
Highest yesterday 90
Lowest this morning 55
Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0

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New American Column Spreads Great Outer Trap Around Nazis Squeezing Out of Normandy Net

CROSSFIRE HALTS GERMAN TRAFFIC THRU CORRIDOR

Entire Western Half of 7th Army Perimeter Collapsing Under Allied Blows.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—The German high command said a powerful American army was sweeping eastward within 39 miles of Paris tonight in a new offensive that also menaced Orleans and Tours, as other allied forces to the north joined in a death battle against remnants of the Nazi 7th army in the Normandy pocket.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—The cornered remnants of Germany's 7th army lashed out against encircling allied forces in a wild, but apparently losing, fight for life tonight as Berlin reported that a new American armored column was sweeping on Paris and the Seine to forge a great outer trap around the Normandy pocket.

The sudden emergence of the new American column in the rolling wheat fields east of Paris posed a new threat to the ridged German divisions that had managed to squeeze out of the Falaise-Argentan gap at the eastern end of the allied trap.

Hounded From Air
Hounded from the air by swarms of low-flying allied attack planes that bombed and machine-gunned every highway as far east as the Seine, the German columns faced the greater menace of American tanks and infantrymen sweeping across their line of flight.

Allied headquarters maintained silence on the enemy reports, following the same "blackout" policy that prevailed during Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's outflanking march on Argentan, which sprang the Normandy trap.

Meanwhile, the entire western half of the 7th army perimeter was collapsing under the hammer blows of converging allied armies swarming in for the kill from the north, south, and west.

All German traffic through the Falaise-Argentan corridor was reported at a standstill tonight because of the savage allied crossfire, but Nazi tanks and riflemen struck frenziedly at the closing wall of American and British forces in a last-minute effort to escape.

Thousands Lost
Thousands of the enemy were killed or captured in the attempt and the German Transportation news agency admitted that the next few days or even hours might decide the fate of their surviving comrades.

WIND SAVES TOWN
Moncton, N. B., Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—A sudden shift in the wind today saved Moncton from a roaring forest fire, which had hampered rail traffic in the area and burned through hundreds of acres of valuable timberland.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Doe Bill Roney casting a judicial eye at the bald pate of a friend in order to guess his age.
Taxi-man Howard Oden making dire threats at retaliation if he sees his name in Side-glances again.

Maude Coddling receiving compliments on her skill with a chicken and frying pan.

American Airmen Aim New Blows at Jap Inner Bases

By United Press
American airmen were revealed today to have aimed new blows at Japanese inner defenses from the Kuriles in the northern empire to bases in the south Pacific.

A communique from southwest Pacific headquarters disclosed that the steady air assault on Halmahera, 250 miles from the Philippines, entered its second week Monday as Liberator and Mitchell bombers battered two sections of the virtually neutralized enemy base.

CITY IS ASKED TO FINISH SIDEWALK ON WILLAMETTE

A petition bearing the names of 16 property owners and requesting the completion of the sidewalk on the west side of Willamette avenue from East Main to East Ninth street was presented to the city council at its semi-monthly meeting last night.

While property owners in the area involved must pay for the sidewalk paving, permission of the council must be granted on the grounds the paving is a necessary city improvement. It was explained. Action on the request, which stated that the sidewalk fronting four or five lots was unpaved, will be taken at the next meeting.

Zone Changed
On recommendation of the city planning commission, the council adopted an ordinance changing the south 60 feet of lots 4 and 5, block 1. Meeker's addition from residence zone 1B to light industrial zone VI. The property is on Putnam street, where E. J. Ellis of the Medford Neon Sign company plans to erect a repair shop.

The council authorized Ralph Woodford, city recorder and city police judge, to take a two-weeks vacation beginning Sept. 3, and appointed Allen D. Curry acting police judge in his absence. Miss Neva Samuels, deputy city recorder, will take care of the recording duties.

Under the city charter, the recorder can not be absent from his position for more than five days without permission of the council.

Councilman Frank Runtz was absent.

Bond Cash-Ins Heavy As Sales

Washington, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—Bond redemptions in the first 12 days of August nearly equaled sales in the same period, the treasury announced today.

Sales of series E, F and G bonds amounted to \$121,416,110 while redemptions totaled \$119,224,341.

Jap Strategy in Pacific Would Draw Foe in Close as Possible

By United Press
Japan plans to fight a "decisive battle for victory" along the arc linking Japan with the Philippines where a grand-scale American offensive eventually will be aimed and where the imperial air force "will have undisputed control of the air," Col. Yasuji Nogai, spokesman for the general army staff, said Wednesday.

Tokyo radio, in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco, said Col. Nogai outlined Japan's future military strategy to military attaches of "east Asiatic powers" at an interview in general army staff

DESPERATE NAZIS ATTEMPT TO STAY RED JAUGGERNAUT

Violent Counter Attack With Tanks, Infantry, Artillery On First Baltic Front.

London, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—German forces, striving desperately to stop the red army's summer offensive as it neared the reich's borders, launched a violent counterattack with tanks, infantry, and artillery on the first Baltic front today, Radio Moscow disclosed in a broadcast tonight.

In one counterattack along the Baltic front the fighting lasted throughout the day, radio Moscow asserted, adding however that the Germans lost 1,500 men killed in that sector.

The German radio, meanwhile admitted Russian breakthroughs at several points along their lines, despite the countermeasures. Concentrated tank forces broke through the German lines at Birshai, and gains were made by the Russians west of Pskov, north of Bialystok and north-west of Vilkovishki, the German radio admitted.

AFL MACHINISTS DEFY NAVY ORDER

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—The navy today cancelled draft deferments, supplemental gasoline rations and imposed a war manpower blacklisting upon AFL machinists who refused to obey overtime work orders at machine shops seized by the government under an executive order issued by President Roosevelt.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—AFL machinists, almost unanimously, today refused to obey navy overtime work orders at four government-seized machine shops despite threatened cancellation of their selective service occupational deferments and blacklisting by the War Manpower Commission.

SHADY COVE RESIDENT HELD ON CHECK CHARGE

State and city police this morning arrested Charles Leroy McLaughlin, 18, of Shady Cove, on a warrant charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses. He will be arraigned in justice of the peace court tomorrow morning.

Police said McLaughlin passed two bad checks totaling \$35, one here and one in Shady Cove. He was taken into custody at Shady Cove.

VICTORY HOUSING DISMANTLING TO AWAIT WAR END

Mayor Meeker Says Future of Emergency Housing Learned at Seattle Meet.

Medford's 125-unit Victory Housing Center, constructed with government funds at a cost of almost \$300,000, will be dismantled only after the war or when the housing emergency ceases to exist, and not until then, Mayor Clarence A. Meeker said today.

Meeker, chairman of the Jackson County Housing Authority, made this clear in reporting on the recent meeting of the National Association of Housing Officials held in Seattle to iron out problems of reconverting and salvaging emergency housing projects in the region comprising Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

Meeker said that the center would not be torn down or salvaged now, nor probably in the immediate future, as it was believed the possibility of a housing emergency has not yet ceased to exist.

Not Permanent
However, he pointed out, Medford people need not worry that their rental property will be permanently affected by the presence of the center, as the national emergency housing act, under which it was constructed, specifies that it shall be dismantled when the emergency is past.

Right now, he said, 75 units at the center are occupied. Fifty units were recently taken off the rental market, and in a further move to induce people to seek private housing accommodations a ruling has been made to exclude from the center persons making over \$2400 a year, with \$240 allowed for each child. The ruling was made by the Jackson County Housing Authority at the request of the regional board, the mayor stated.

Meeker said that much discussion was held at the meeting concerning the possibility of converting such projects as the local center to the use of migratory workers, or moving single units to rural areas.

WISCONSIN BEATS CIO CANDIDATES

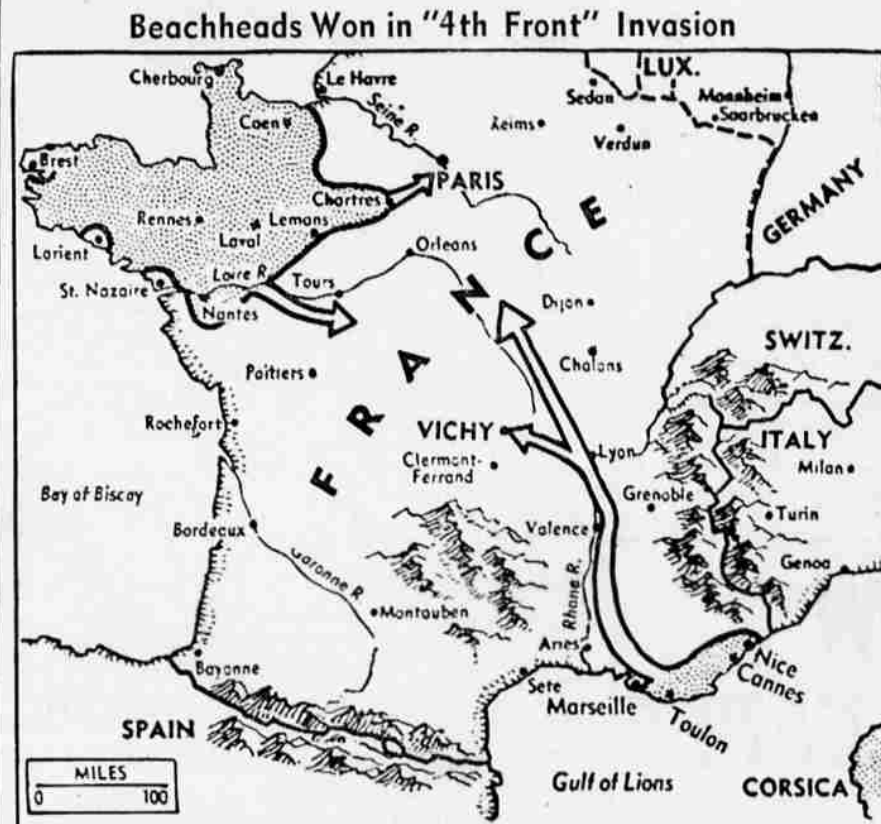
Milwaukee, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—The Republicans polled more than 69 percent of Wisconsin's primary election vote, and two congressional candidates supported by the CIO's political action committee were beaten by wide margins, nearly complete returns from yesterday's voting showed today.

Eighty-one year old Acting Governor Walter S. Goodland won the Republican nomination for governor and Sen. Alexander Wiley won the G.O.P. nomination for another term.

Returns from 2,703 of 3,073 precincts gave Goodland 130,465, Delbert J. Kenny 71,405, State Sen. Milton T. Murray 35,165, Christian J. Otjen 23,522 and Roland E. Vannenberg 13,504.

OPA CHIEFS NAMED

Washington, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today announced appointment of two section chiefs in the food price division. Arthur K. Fisher, Chicago, was named head of the specialties and import section, and Franklin Gindick, Sacramento and Berkeley, Cal., was appointed acting head of the fresh fruit and vegetable section.



The Allies open a "4th front" against Germany by storming a 100-mile stretch of French Mediterranean coast with invasion armada of 800 ships, thousands of planes and clouds of paratroops. The new invasion works in perfectly with Allies smash in northwestern France, where noose is being drawn on some 100,000 Nazis caught in Falaise trap.

Dewey Assails World Control Plan as Example of "Cynical Power Politics"

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential nominee, today assailed as "cynical power politics," postwar proposals that he said would have the United States, Russia, Great Britain, and China "control the world."

Dewey issued a statement asserting he was "deeply concerned" over proposals advanced for the scheduled conference of the four powers in Washington Monday.

"I have been deeply disturbed by some of the recent reports concerning the forthcoming conference," Dewey said. "These indicate that it is planned to subject the nations of the world, great and small, permanently

to the coercive power of the four nations holding this conference.

"I have consistently advocated the maintenance for some time after the war of close military cooperation among the four powers so that if the Germans or the Japanese hereafter seek to evade their disarmament, we may strike quickly, together and with overwhelming might. That is a specific responsibility of the victors. It is an essential part of winning the war. This responsibility to keep Germany and Japan disarmed should be shared with liberated peoples, but it cannot immediately be delegated to a worldwide organization while such organization is yet new and untried.

Sees Peace Menace
"In organizing permanent peace among the rest of the world, after the difficult postwar period, a very different attitude must be taken. In some of these proposals there appears to be a cynical intention that the four great Allied powers shall continue for all time to dominate the world by force and through individual agreements as to spheres of influence.

"I hope and pray that no such reactionary purpose will be allowed to dominate the conference, else the peace of the world will as surely as night follow day again be destroyed.

"The fact that we four have developed overwhelming power as against our enemies does not

give us the right to organize the world so that we four will always be free to do what we please while the rest of the world is made subject to our coercion. That would be the rankest form of imperialism. Such a proposal would be rejected by the American people."

Not Force Alone
Dewey said that peace is "a task of cooperation among equal and sovereign nations."

"Force is essential in any realistic program for the permanent maintenance of peace," he said, "but in the long term solution of international problems, peace and security cannot be left to the sanction of force alone.

"To leave them exclusively in the hands of a permanent military alliance of four victorious powers would be immoral. It would be a denial of the ideals for which we are fighting."

RAINSTORM ENDS LONG DROUGHT IN CENTRAL STATES

Chicago, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—The long August heat wave and a mid-summer drought were broken in the north central states today and the weatherman assured the east coast that long awaited relief from the heat would be delivered this week end.

The rains, which were fairly uniform over an area extending from Michigan southwest through northern Indiana and Illinois, and into Missouri, brought long-awaited moisture to growing crops which had been in danger of ruin.

At Chicago the thermometer reached 97 degrees yesterday, the hottest Aug. 15 on record, and it was the 33rd day this summer that temperatures have exceeded 90 degrees in the city where an average summer has only 11 days with the temperature above 90.

Two persons were killed in Wisconsin by the violence of the 60-mile-an-hour wind which accompanied the rainstorm. Adolph Cayer, 63, was crushed to death at Green Bay when the wind toppled the crane he was operating. Mrs. John F. Burrows, 37, Keokuk, Ia., was killed at La Crosse when she was struck on the head by boards ripped from the pier on which she stood.

AERIAL TROOPS BLOCK PATH OF NAZI RESERVES

Allies Capture Cannes; Casualties Are Exceptionally Light; Luftwaffe Missing.

Rome, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—Powerfully-reinforced American and French invasion forces stormed eight miles into southern France on a 40-mile front between Cannes and Toulon against weak German opposition today, while thousands of sky-borne troops struck far inland to throw a solid block across the path of enemy reserves moving down on the beachheads.

German accounts said port installations at Nice, Cannes, and St. Tropez had been blown up by Nazi demolition squads, and front dispatches broadcast by Radio Algiers said the allies had captured Cannes and the village of Croix Des Gardes, just inland from the famous resort.

Firmly Established
Barely 24 hours after the initial air and sea invasion that breached the Germans' Mediterranean wall, allied headquarters announced that every initial objective had been taken and that the combined American and French army was firmly established on the coast between Cannes and the great Toulon naval base.

Casualties in the first day and night of the assault have been "exceptionally light," a communique said.
(Radio France in Algiers announced tonight that 2000 German prisoners have been taken so far in the south of France.)
The fast-rolling assault forces ran into some opposition from German beach troops and coastal batteries last night, but it was announced officially that these defenses had been overrun.

Simultaneously, a great force of paratroops and airborne infantrymen were revealed to have been landed far ahead of the main striking force last evening to support the original sky troops who spearheaded the invasion before dawn yesterday.

Unopposed by the strangely-dormant Luftwaffe, hundreds of gliders and transports streamed boldly across the French coast before nightfall yesterday and sent thousands of fighting men out onto the network of high-days over which the Germans must move their armor and infantry if they are to mount an important counterattack.

The glider fleet was described officially as fully 50-miles long, indicating that the allies were throwing a major blow into the heart of the Germans' rear defenses.

It was announced officially that the air-borne units had established themselves "successfully" across the highways funneling into the Toulon-Cannes beachhead front and had blocked off the flow of enemy reinforcements.

At least five unnamed towns were known to be in allied hands this evening and there was no sign that the Germans had yet been able to offer more than isolated resistance.

Fleet Aids
Giant naval rifles of the allied fleet, firing over the heads of the advancing Americans and French, devastated the Nazis' inland defenses.

1,000 U. S. BOMBERS HIT GERMAN PLANTS
London, Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—More than 1,000 American heavy bombers, escorted by fighter planes in about the same strength, attacked aircraft and engine factories, oil refineries, and airbases in Germany today.

As the U. S. second tactical air force reported the new assaults on the 5th consecutive day of the heavy allied aerial offensive against Germany and German-controlled areas, the Nazis reported other formations, possibly based in Italy, were over Bavaria.

TO BERLIN
By UNITED PRESS
The shortest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today:

Russia—328 miles (unchanged for week).
Italy—602 miles (gain of two miles in week).
Northern France—595 miles (unconfirmed, gain of 23 miles in week).
Southern France—665 miles (measured from point near Cannes).