

NAZI FRONT BREAKS WIDE OPEN

Weather
Forecast
Fair tonight and Saturday
Warmer Saturday.
Temp.
Highest yesterday 85
Lowest this morning 50
Past 24 hours Precip. 0

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

United Press—Full Leased Wire

United Press—Full Leased Wire

Thirty-ninth Year

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1944.

NO. 126.

Germans Surrender to Fast-Driving Yanks



Cornered by American assault troops in French town east of Toulon, this group of Nazis rush out of their hiding place yelling, "Kamerad!" and displaying a hurriedly made white flag of surrender. Photo by Sherman Montrose, NEA-Acme staff photographer for War Picture Pool, transmitted from Italy by Signal Corps radio-telephone.

Germans Facing Greatest Defeat Ever In Northern France Battle Maelstrom

By Richard D. McMillan
United Press Correspondent
With the British in pursuit of the German 7th army, Aug. 17—(U.P.)—The fighting in western France has become a vast battle of annihilation that promises a victory over the Germans greater than any previously inflicted upon the Wehrmacht in western Europe, British staff officers said today.

Allied forces have created two great pockets; the Germans escape from one only to find themselves in another.

Prisoners Pour In
Prisoners are pouring in from both the inner and outer pockets admitting complete defeat.

Rabbit Killer Tries to Strike Prospect Man

Prospect, Aug. 18.—One of the week-day duties of little six-year-old Bonnie Jean Doty of Prospect is to feed her daddy's rabbits, but on Sunday the chore is performed by her father.

So, last Sunday, Frank Doty went to his rabbit hutch with food for the animals. As he opened the door a rattlesnake, coiled up behind the water pan, lashed out, missed and drove its deadly fangs into the side of the door.

Blaze Destroys Mill at Hambone

Kalmath Falls, Ore., Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Nothing but blackened embers remain today of the Western Pine company mill at Hambone, Calif., owned by A. P. Heup of Klamath Falls.

The \$30,000 fire started near two Diesel engines and quickly swept through the plant. Fire fighters managed to save 2,000, 000 feet of lumber in the yard and surrounding camp buildings.

TO BERLIN By United Press

Northern France—560 miles (gain of 20 miles in one week).
Southern France—661 miles. (measured from point near Cannes).

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bren Starcher remaining unperturbed at antics of the worsters, in contrast to most of the clients.
Bertha Rimabarger trying to drum up additional help for a packing house.
Frances Mitchell running into friends while purchasing the family groceries.

"Those still fighting are madmen," is a typical prisoner statement. Another says: "They have not the slightest hope and they know it is futile to fight any longer."

British officers said that although a considerable number of Panzers had escaped from the inner trap, they faced annihilation on their way to the Seine.

"It has become open warfare almost along our entire front," I was told at a forward headquarters. "We are making swifter progress in cutting up his slowly withdrawing columns."

"It begins to look as if the entire German 7th army would be wiped out before or at the Seine," an officer said. "Some of our men have been fighting

MRS. ELMHIRST'S HEAD INJURED IN FALL OFF HORSE

Suffering with a head injury resulting from a fall from a horse yesterday afternoon, Mrs. J. A. Elmhirst, Old Stage Road, is a patient in a Medford hospital. The accident occurred on Rancheria, located in the mountains back of Butte Falls, where Mrs. Elmhirst and her two daughters, Janie, 10, and Elizabeth 5, had gone for a camping and outing trip by horseback the day before.

Mrs. Elmhirst's physician stated this morning that examination revealed a definite cerebral injury but that the patient was now conscious and recovery is assured. She will be unable to leave the hospital for about three weeks, he stated.

According to Mrs. Elmhirst's daughter, Janie, the three were riding in the vicinity of a camp which they had set up upon arrival in the mountains Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Elmhirst's horse lagged behind those of the children. Shortly after the horse galloped up, riderless, and the children returned along the path to find their mother unconscious on the ground. The girls sought aid from Charles Ryan, a neighbor of the family on the Old Stage Road, who was in the area looking after his cattle, and Mr. Ryan summoned an ambulance from Medford.

Mr. Elmhirst stated this morning that the three had gone camping Wednesday, taking three saddle horses and a pack horse. He added that Mrs. Elmhirst was an experienced and skillful rider and was very familiar with the part of the country in which the accident took place, having helped with cattle round-ups there.

without a break for five days. They manage to carry on because they realize they're in on the greatest victory of Allied arms in the west—the greatest defeat the Germans have ever suffered in Europe."

Beats 1940 Debut
The German race through France in 1940, which drove me out of Dunkirk was nothing like this. Our forces are bringing in prisoners in droves.

The German communications have been slashed to ribbons and they have no cohesion as an army any longer. The SS men who were sent in to hold the gap on the main road south of Falaise fought a desperate battle. They held the gap until they were killed and I saw their bodies, riddled by grenades and machinegun fire, and heard their story from a Canadian who had been their prisoner in a hair-raising adventure.

Pvt. Joseph Archambault of Montreal, a stretcher bearer, told his story as we sat in a ruined chateau with German dead all around us. As we talked, litter bearers brought in the bodies of candidates who had died in the assault on this Nazi stronghold.

"I was taken prisoner yesterday by the Nazi lieutenant here," said Archambault, indicating the body of the German half buried in rubble near the door.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE KEY TO SILESIA

London, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—The first Ukrainian army forced the Vistula river, advanced 31 miles to expand the bridgehead to a width of more than 75 miles and captured Sandomierz, Marshal Josef Stalin announced tonight.

Radio Moscow said that the enemy put up stubborn resistance before falling back from Sandomierz, key city blocking the Russian drive towards Germany's industrial Silesia.

The order of the day named 43 generals as having a part in the fall of Sandomierz, a record number which would indicate that great numbers of red troops must have participated in the action.

DEWEY NAMES DULLES TO TALK WITH HULL

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential nominee, named John Foster Dulles today to represent him at a conference with Secretary of State Cordell Hull on postwar international plans.

In a telegram to Hull, the governor said he was "happy to extend my fullest cooperation to the end that the result should be wholly bi-partisan and should have the united support of the American people."

Bulgaria to Seek Peace With Allies

NAZIS WITHDRAW WAR MATERIALS GIVEN COUNTRY

Premier Bagrianov Tells Parliament He Will Act; First to Quit in War I.

Ankara, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—The Germans were reported today to have taken back the tanks, airplanes and other war materials they once gave to the Bulgarian army, after Premier Ivan Bagrianov told the Bulgarian parliament that he would seek peace with the allies.

Asserting that "peace will be concluded by those who will assure liberty and freedom for all nations," Bagrianov made an open bid for the allies not to be over-hard on Bulgaria, which was the first enemy country to capitulate in World War I.

No Longer Trusted
Reports reaching diplomatic circles in Ankara today that war materials had been withdrawn from the Bulgarian army were taken as an obvious sign that the Nazis no longer trust the Bulgarians and fear the weapons might be turned against Germany.

Bagrianov, who became premier only two and a half months ago, charged that the previous government had taken the country into war without the consent of the Bulgarian people, and he emphasized that the nation's fate must be decided by Bulgaria alone.

Undoubtedly he referred to Germany, whom Bulgaria joined on March 1, 1941, by signing the axis pact, although he made no direct reference to the reich.

In the first world war, Bulgaria suffered heavily and signed an unconditional armistice on Sept. 29, 1918, after her line was broken and the country invaded. Subsequently she was disarmed and parts of the country given to Romania, Yugoslavia and Greece.

Poverty Rules
Bagrianov criticized the previous governments for taking Bulgaria into the war when the nation's economic system was not capable of supporting the struggle.

"Our peasants are barefoot and naked," he said, and some people "have forgotten the taste of meat."

The premier acknowledged that the situation was so bad his government could not solve the problem completely, but only "partly stop the muddle and help abolish a number of injustices."

CALIFORNIANS BUY EAGLE PT. RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swan yesterday announced the sale of their 230-acre ranch in the Eagle Point district to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Andrews of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Andrews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, also of Long Beach. The new owners are taking possession at once and plan to go into the dairy business and to raise feeder stock. The transaction was completed through the Mark Goldy agency here.

The Andrews and McIntyres were in the oil business in California until recently, owning and operating a fleet of tank trucks. They plan to remodel the house on the ranch and both families will reside there. Mr. and Mrs. Swan came up from California about a year ago and purchased the ranch, which has 100 acres under irrigation, and operated it until the sale. The Swans, who raise registered cocker spaniel dogs, have rented a home in Eagle Point and will remain in the valley for the present.

Washington, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today sent to the senate the nomination of Donald J. Dwyer of San Francisco to be assayer of the United States mint at that city.

STRIKES, RIOTING ADD TO GERMAN WOES IN FRANCE

Paris Police Walk Out—Thousands of Rail Workers Tie Up Traffic Lines.

By John A. Parris
United Press Staff Correspondent
London, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Increasing patriot activities throughout France, including the almost complete liberation of Haute-Savoie province, were augmented today by a police strike in Paris and the walkout of thousands of rail workers who tied up one-fifth of the French railroad system.

Street fighting was said to be raging in Paris where local police left their jobs with the approach of American armored columns on the outskirts.

Laval Flees
A resistance leader who reached the British front in France told the United Press that Premier Pierre Laval, Security Minister Joseph Darnand, and other collaborationist officials, fled Vichy to Metz following the invasion of southern France.

The patriot, who had just left Paris, said it was not known whether Marshal Henri Philippe Petain accompanied Laval, although an attempt was being made to get him to leave Vichy. He reported that Vichyites now in Metz would go into Germany when Nazi troops retreat across the Rhine.

German broadcasts admitted that rail workers had struck on the main lines running north and east through France, and French sources here estimated that 5000 miles of track in the eastern and northern sectors was affected.

Main Lines Involved
The main railway lines involved in the strike were those leading from Paris to Boulogne, Calais, Brussels, Cologne, Nancy and Strasbourg—all important communication routes for the German armies in France.

HALL REFUSES TO SIGN COMPLAINTS

Hollywood, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Screen Actor Jon Hall, whose nose was almost sliced off and whose neck was slashed in a bloody brawl two weeks ago on the balcony of Band Leader Tommy Dorsey's apartment, today refused to sign complaints against movie notables who participated.

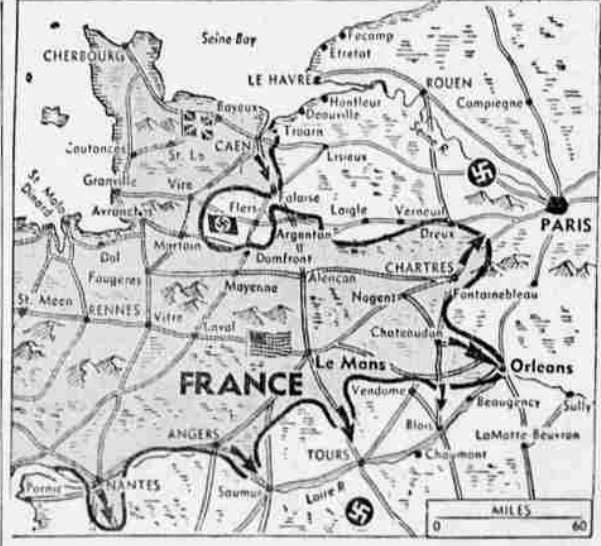
Mrs. Rosalind Bates, Hall's attorney, announced that the film star had decided to do nothing "at this time" about the felony complaints drawn up against three unidentified movie notables by District Attorney Fred N. Howser, charging them with assault with a deadly weapon.

Mother To A Star

Through arrangement with Esquire, Inc., publishers of Coronet magazine, next Sunday's Mail Tribune will bring the first installment of the interesting personality sketch "Mother to a Star," an intimate glimpse of the closely interlocked careers of Ginger Rogers and her mother, Lela Rogers.

The article, written by Sidney Carroll, will be especially interesting to Mail Tribune readers as it deals with two of the best known and most glamorous figures in the picture world, who are also among Jackson county's largest landholders.

The Rogers Rogues River ranch, on the Rogue river near Eagle Point comprises over 1,100 acres and is one of the show places of the valley. Don't miss Mother to a Star. First installment in the Mail Tribune, Sunday.



In one of the most spectacular advances in history of war, U. S. tank columns race to within 32 miles of Paris after capture of Dreux 39 miles from capital, and Chartres. Another column races southward to seize Orleans and cut France in two from practical military standpoint.

Roosevelt Favors Study Of Training Program For Boys

Washington, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today recommended a nationwide study of a plan whereby American boys, after the war, would serve their government for one year in some form of federal training, not necessarily military.

Mr. Roosevelt told a news conference he thought some advantage should be taken of the tremendous training and housing facilities which will be left in this country after the war.

He suggested that the people study the general idea of having about 1,000,000 boys a year between the ages of 17 and 22 or 23 undergo a 12-month training course.

Discipline Desirable
Mr. Roosevelt said he thought it would be beneficial for the youth of the country to learn, after the war, how to live together in cleanliness and under discipline.

He explained in great detail why the naval and military training facilities constructed for this war and used in the training of 10,000,000 men were infinitely better than those constructed in the last war. This war's facilities probably would have a life of 25 years or better with normal care, he said.

5,000,000 Beds
With this capacity for about 5,000,000 beds, the President said there were two or three obvious uses to which these buildings could be put:

1. Caring for sick and wounded veterans.
2. Vocational training of veterans.
3. Training the young men of the nation who would give, as he put it, one year out of their lives to serve their own government. He emphasized that such a training program was not military, and could not be called compulsory military training.

Today he smiled only rarely; he lacked as much of a deep tan as he usually acquires on sea voyages; he couldn't be heard back of the first few rows to begin with and was interrupted with calls of "louder."

Twenty-odd questions were fired at him. To many of them the answer was "no comment" or "I don't know."

Question Criticized
He took opportunity to criticize a question that had been asked him on his train en route home—whether there was anything to reports that his trip had a political tone. Asked about this today the president's reply was substantially like this:

One of the Press Association reporters asked that question; he had to ask it because it was obviously planted. It was one of those questions that have to be asked in a campaign year. It was a fool question and the reporter knew it and asked it reluctantly.

Later, in a discussion of universal service after the war, the president pointed to the assembled correspondents and said: "This crowd is muscularly in a very bad shape. I see people here who couldn't even wield a spade; people who would have an awful time digging a ditch—even a shallow ditch."

BASEBALL

American			
Detroit	3	6	3
Boston	0	7	0
Newhouse and Richards			
O'Neill and Partee			

WILD DISORDER MARKS RETREAT UNDER ATTACKS

Nazi Power of Resistance Said Smashed; SS Units Sacrifice Regular Troops.

London, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—American tanks are "at the approaches of Paris," the United Nations radio at Algiers said today.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—The German front south of the Seine river broke wide open all along a flaming 195-mile battle line from the outskirts of Paris to the English channel coast today and a high Allied military spokesman declared that Germany's power of resistance in France has been smashed.

Front dispatches said the German retreat had degenerated into a wild race for survival with 100,000 or more panic-stricken Nazis fleeing in disorder for the doubtful sanctuary of the Seine, bombed and strafed every foot of the way by low-flying Allied planes and raked by fast-rolling Allied tanks and armored cars.

Battle Seen Won
"The battle of Normandy has been won," a high Allied spokesman told United Press War Correspondent Richard D. McMillan in the field.

"Germany's power of effective resistance in France is now gone," he added.
Nazi Field Marshal Gunther Von Kluge was revealed to have rushed additional reinforcements across the Seine from the Pas De Calais area in a desperate attempt to stem the rout of his shattered 7th army, and these troops, too, faced imminent annihilation at the hands of the victory-flushed Allies.

SS Sacrifices Regulars
Headquarters sources intimated that a serious breach had occurred in the ranks of the Nazi army in Normandy with the picked Nazi SS units deliberately sacrificing regular army troops as rear-guard "suicide" detachments to cover their own flight.

Canadian, British and American troops were pressing hard on the heels of the fleeing Nazis east of the Normandy pocket and chopping to pieces the enemy remnants still hemmed in the now-sprung trap.

At the same time, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton sent at least three American tank columns plunging in through the outskirts of Paris on a broad attack front 21½ to 28 miles southwest of the old French capital.

In Paris Soon
The Americans were advancing at a pace that promised to bring the city under direct assault within a matter of hours, and the only report of resistance in their path came from a column closing in over secondary roads between Etampes and Dourdan.

Allied airmen had a field day over the enemy's line of flight, although Allied ground forces frequently were so close on the Germans' heels that strafing attacks were impossible.

(A BBC broadcast heard by CBS in New York said Allied fliers smashed a convoy of 5000 motor vehicles in the same general area, setting 130 German tanks afire, destroying 700 transport vehicles, and damaging another 1,100. "This score is not yet complete," BBC added.)

INVADERS WITHIN TOULON GUNSHOT

Rome, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—American invasion forces wheeled westward from their Mediterranean beachheads behind a thundering air and artillery bombardment today, smashed down to within six miles of the great Toulon naval base and sent armored spearheads racing over the main inland highway to within 34 miles of Marseille, the second city of France.

Simultaneously, other American troops some 55 miles to the northeast closed in on Cannes from captured La Napoule, and unofficial reports indicated the famous Riviera resort already might have fallen to the invaders.

German defenses were crumbling everywhere in the path of the American advance, spearheaded by tough infantrymen of the U. S. 3rd, 36th, and 43rd divisions—veterans of the bloody Italian and Sicilian beaches.