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Forecast: Sunday continued fair, little change in temperature. Temp. 85.3 Highest yesterday 88.3 Lowest this morning 48.8 Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.0

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YANKEE VANGUARDS ENTER PARIS

ANNIHILATION OF NAZI 7TH ARMY IS CHIEF OBJECTIVE

Patton's Tanks Form New Pincers for Foe; Escape Route Closed, Supplies Burned.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sunday, Aug. 20—(U.P.) With U. S. reconnaissance vanguards already reported in Paris, Allied armies trapped part of the German Seventh army Saturday by throwing a cordon of troops across the escape gap east of Falaise and drove the bombarded enemy troops who escaped that pocket into the closing arms of a new pincer near the mouth of the Seine.

Reliable reports said that as the Yanks struck into greater Paris, the German garrison, hopelessly isolated, began blowing up stores and arsenals in apparent preparation for withdrawal across the storied river Marne to the east.

To the northwest, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's main tank columns smashed up to the Seine or close to it on a 20-mile front extending from Vernon, 50 miles from the sea, through Mantes-Gassicourt to the Poissy area about 10 miles from Paris. Striking north nearly 30 miles from their last officially reported positions near Drueux, Patton's tanks formed the southern arm of the new pincers. The Canadian First army, lunging east from its long-held Orne estuary bridgehead, drove along the coast six miles to within 18 miles of the Seine mouth, forming the northern arm of the pincer and forcing the Germans into a narrow corridor.

Climaxing an historic 200-mile drive in three weeks—half the time that it took the German army to reach Paris from the same distance in the original blitzkrieg of 1940, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's brilliant tankmen apparently could take Paris at a moment's notice.

Paris is a great political and sentimental prize but the primary military consideration was to make sure that the Seventh army would never fight again and if possible to hurl the German line in the west beyond France's borders to the Rhine itself.

Thus only light, probing elements were believed to have entered the limits of the great sprawling city of nearly 5,000,000 normal population. Vichy reports via Madrid said that U. S. tanks were milling through Croissy and Manteuil in the western suburbs of Paris and other unofficial advice said they had entered historic Versailles, four miles west of the city proper.

Patton's smash to the Seine in the Mantes area, 30 miles northwest of Paris, had cut off the city garrison from any possibility of relief and at the same time trussed up possibly 100,000 men of the beaten Seventh army in a tight box 75 miles wide and 50 miles deep at its broadest point.

German reports said that American troops were trying to force the Seine in the Vernon area, 11 miles northwest of Mantes and only 50 miles from the sea, and had smashed up to the river south of the area, thus putting the city in a clamp whose ends rested on the river.

Back in the Falaise gap, the German escape corridor had shrunk to a mile in width and every enemy troop column or machine that tried to get through came under withering fire from Allied cannon, machine guns and even rifles as the range decreased. Canadian and American troops reached their closest point of juncture not in the immediate Falaise area but in the Trun area some 10 miles to the east, catching in a second pocket a considerable body of enemy forces that had escaped the first at Falaise.

Odds and ends of 18 German divisions were being mopped up in the fluid area to the west as the sides of the original pocket collapsed, and although thousands of prisoners had been taken, there was no authoritative estimate of their number in the confusion.

Southern France Invasion Casualties Removed to Hospital Ships



Yank casualties, injured while making D-Day landings in southern France, are carried by litter crews to beach where they will be evacuated to waiting hospital ships. Casualties in this sector continue to be extremely light as Allies still find no evidence of any general all-out effort by enemy to hurl invaders back. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from Italy.

ENEMY READY TO ABANDON CANNES, BASE AT TOULON

Allied Armored Columns Enter Vital Rhone Valley; Many Prisoners.

Rome, Sunday, Aug. 20—(U.P.) Swift-driving Allied armored columns, seizing more than 10,000 German prisoners in five days, thundered onto the approaches of the vital Rhone valley above Marseille early today, threatening to trap the disorganized German 1st and 19th armies, while to the east outflanked Nazi garrisons were reported preparing to abandon the Toulon naval base and the Riviera Gold Coast citadel of Cannes.

The American and French spearheads, in lightning advances which carried them 50 miles into southern France, ripped east and west through mediocre opposition, and a senior Allied staff officer reported that the German high command had exhausted virtually all its reserves in France. His report indicated that the enemy was pulling out fast and adding strength to this were dispatches from the front and the Franco-Spanish frontier which said the Nazis were blowing up stores and installations.

Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army by-passed the beleaguered Toulon base to cut it off from three directions and raced toward Aix-En-Provence, 33 miles from Marseille, in a 10-mile advance aimed at gaining control of the strategic Rhone valley, virtually the last escape route for Col. Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz's armies.

"Their tails are certainly up and they are on the way," a special announcement quoted the staff officer as saying of the Seventh army.

LEGION PROGRAM FOR PEACE TOLD

Indianapolis, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Suggesting a "complete and conclusive" victory as the primary prerequisite of an "enduring peace and a sound and expanding national economy," the preliminary program of the American Legion's commission on post-war America was revealed today by Col. Louis Johnson, Clarksburg, W. Va., commission chairman.

The commission's report, to be presented to the executive committee in Chicago September 17, and to the national convention there September 18-20, dealt with military, industrial, economic, security, agricultural and international questions.

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Cincinnati won the mid-west sectional tourney of the American Legion Junior Baseball championship tonight defeating Minneapolis Richfield post, 1943 champs, 8 to 1.

LEGION PUTS BAN UPON CANDIDATES AT FUTURE MEETS

Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Nevada Legionnaires attending the 1944 state convention here yesterday got their fill of politicians and speeches after they admittedly made the mistake of inviting a number of this year's candidates to speak.

As it turned out, practically every candidate for a state office showed up—whether invited or not—prepared to extol his virtues.

One candidate for the United States Senate, Kenneth M. Johnson of Carson City, was quite irked when he did not get a chance to address the group and two others, Senator Pat McCarran and Lt. Gov. Vail Pittman engaged in a more or less verbal duel to the death.

Result of it all was the Legionnaires said they were worn out by and also embarrassed, so to save themselves hereafter, they passed a resolution: "No person who is then a candidate for a remunerative public office will be invited or permitted to address any Legion convention or banquet hereafter and all advertising in Legion papers, magazines and programs will be limited to announcements of candidacy."

VFW TO CONSIDER 400 RESOLUTIONS

Chicago, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Post-war veterans' welfare plans and a program for swift post-war rehabilitation of returning service men will keynote the 45th national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, which opens at Chicago Tuesday, Commander-in-Chief Carl J. Schoeninger, Detroit, said today.

He estimated the encampment will act upon nearly 400 resolutions, many of them concerned with "winning the peace," and said his keynote speech would include discussion of a proposed V. F. W. program which would commit the organization to an expenditure of \$1,250,000 for veteran rehabilitation during the next year.

Oregon Per Capita E Bond Sales Lead

Portland, Ore., Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Oregon's per capita purchases of E bonds were \$3.19 ahead of its nearest competitor in the Fifth War Loan drive, it was revealed here today by E. C. Sammons, chairman Oregon war finance committee.

WANTED FOR MURDER

Los Angeles, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Spurred by information that up until a week ago, he was chef at a large Los Angeles hotel, California authorities tonight intensified their hunt for George Lee, 60, charged with the murder of his first wife, whose body was unearthed accidentally last week.

PRICE CONTROLS TO LAST 2 YEARS AFTER WAR ENDS

OPA Czar Says "Imponderables" To Rule Rationing; America Lucky.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles predicted here tonight that government price controls would continue for at least two years after the war.

There were too many "imponderables," he said, to say when rationing would end. The administrator was in Dallas on his first visit to the six-state fifth OPA region on a swing from Washington to the west coast to learn at first hand how the southwest was getting along with rationing.

In the final analysis, Bowles told reporters, the production and distribution of war-rationing commodities held the answer to when the government's inflation-control system would be abolished.

Among the "imponderables," he said, were how much food would have to be shipped to Europe and other war-ravaged areas, what disposition was made by the army of stockpiles and how fast European nations could get back into production.

Frankly admitting success of the rationing program, the OPA chief gave most credit to America's "luck" in having three years of bumper crops.

Education and understanding largely were responsible, he said, for the negligible number of violations of price controls. Other factors in the success of the anti-inflation program included record production, inherent honesty of the American people, their cooperation by saving through bond purchases and the price control measures taken by the government, he added.

ROBLITZ RENEWED WITH NO DEATHS

London, Sunday, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—The Nazis unleashed another flying bomb attack on London and southern England shortly before last midnight. The sky in one area along the coast blazed with heavy anti-aircraft fire and was also lit from time to time by the flash of exploding robot missiles.

The cannonfire of RAF fighters was heard over the Channel, where more of the winged bombs were shot down.

Last night's assault came after a day of intermittent attacks which caused damage at several places but no fatal casualties. It was the second successive day officials had reported no deaths during daylight hours from the blind terror offensive.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Rep. Everett M. Dirksen, Rep., Ill., is here today attending the conference of Oregon republicans on officials who are planning campaign tactics.

PEGLER TO QUIT SCRIPPS-HOWARD TO JOIN HEARST

New York, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—The New York World-Telegram said today that Westbrook Pegler, World-Telegram columnist, is leaving the Scripps-Howard newspapers by mutual consent at the termination of his present contract to join the Hearst newspapers, which will syndicate his column through King Features.

In response to a request for comment, Roy W. Howard, editor of the World-Telegram, said: "Scripps-Howard has never exercised control over the subject matter, or the opinions of Mr. Pegler as they appear in his column, but we have been unable to satisfy many of our readers on this point, or convince them that Pegler has always expressed his opinions or policy of Scripps-Howard."

"It long has been, and continues to be, our opinion that Mr. Pegler is one of American journalism's most colorful, conscientious and effective craftsmen. Those of us who have been closely associated with him, and who have enjoyed his sense of humor and his comradeship, wish him all the best wherever he elects to pitch his tent."

STILWELL FORCE AND NIPS CLASH

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ROOSEVELT WILL MEET CHURCHILL IN EUROPE, VIEW

Flat Denial It Will Be In London or Paris; Hannegan Warns.

Washington, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—While there has been no official indication of where President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill will hold their forthcoming conference, it was the almost universal belief of observers here tonight that it probably will be somewhere in the European area.

One published report naming London or Paris as the prospective scene drew a flat denial, however, from White House Secretary Stephen T. Early, who said "I can simply say this single fact—the story is untrue."

Washington, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, emerging from an hour and 20 minutes conference with President Roosevelt, tonight described as "favorable" the prospects for returning Mr. Roosevelt to the White House for a fourth term.

But he warned that "everyone must guard against overconfidence."

Hannegan, chosen personally by Mr. Roosevelt to manage his fourth term campaign, said he and the president discussed "politics in general." He replied negatively, however, when a reporter asked if they talked about the role Mr. Roosevelt will play personally, and said he had no idea if the president would make any speeches.

Mr. Roosevelt said in his acceptance speech that because of the war he would be unable to campaign in the accepted sense—touring the country and making speeches.

They also discussed the speech Sen. Harry S. Truman of Missouri is to make in Detroit on Labor Day, Hannegan said.

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War Bulletins

London, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Strengthened by ammunition and weapons dropped from Allied planes winging a 900-mile route, General Bor's Warsaw Liberators today captured German SS headquarters in the historic city after a day-long battle, a Polish communique said tonight.

SOVIET IMPROVES WARSAW POSITION, HURL NAZIS BACK

London, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Battling over a graveyard of hundreds of Nazi tanks and thousands of German bodies before the gates of Warsaw, Russian troops have improved their positions east and northeast of Praga, the Polish capital's great industrial eastern suburb, Moscow announced tonight.

Marshal Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian army was reported to have thrown back all German counter-attacks, while Berlin indicated that a great battle for the Polish capital had begun.

The German high command said that Rokossovsky's powerful army had gone over to the attack on a 43-mile front between Wolomin, eight miles northeast of Praga, and Sokolow, 50 miles east-northeast.

The German Transocean Agency said a new battle for Warsaw was brewing, citing the major movement of Russian troops between Bialystok and Brest Litovsk.

Moscow's operational communique in part confirmed this, by reporting, in the first mention of this area in several days, that Gen. Zakharov's 2nd White Russian army driving a wedge between East Prussia and Warsaw, had captured more than 80 towns and settlements west and southwest of Bialystok.

Striking out from the rubble of Sandomierz on the Vistula Bridgehead, Marshal Konev's Ukrainian veterans were thrusting northward bent on outflanking Warsaw from the south and southwest and splitting the German armies in central and southwest Poland.

MRS. GAULT HURT IN AUTO MISHAP

Mrs. Chester Gault, 46, of 115 Kenwood avenue, was confined in Community hospital last night with head injuries she suffered when struck by a car on North Riverside avenue in front of the Coffee Pot about 9:15. She was believed not seriously injured, although a complete examination had not yet been made.

The car, city police said, was operated by Philip John Sands of Trail who was given a ticket for reckless driving. Sands, according to city police, was traveling north on Riverside avenue, his car striking Mrs. Gault, as she was crossing the street. Police quoted Sands as saying he didn't see the woman until it was too late to avoid striking her.

MISS SPROUL WEDS

San Francisco, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Miss Caroline Sproul, member of a socially prominent Pennsylvania family, and Lt. Blaine E. Fairless USNR, son of the president of United States Steel Corp., were married this afternoon at St. Peter's Episcopal church.

SECY HULL REPORTS

Washington, July 19—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said tonight that the United States and its Allies are recording "steady progress" in the development of permanent arrangements for safeguarding the future peace.

CARTOON HITS VATICAN

London, Aug. 18—(U.P.)—The London Evening Standard's low-famous cartoonist David Low created a minor political sensation today with a satirical cartoon criticizing the Vatican's foreign policy.

The Revolutionary War commenced in 1775.

FOREIGN POLICY MAJOR ISSUE IN DEWEY CAMPAIGN

Policing of Germany Up to Liberated Lands, Separate From Peace.

Albany, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey plans to make foreign policy one of the major issues of his campaign for the presidency but is willing to "co-operate" with President Roosevelt in working out basic ideas for a "durable and lasting peace," it was revealed tonight.

The republican presidential nominee's position was disclosed by John Foster Dulles, his foreign affairs expert, at a press conference held in Dewey's presence.

"I don't think it is healthy or desirable to eliminate from the campaign a discussion of these international problems," Dulles said. "The only way in which a democracy makes up its mind, and makes up its mind in a way that sticks, is by having these issues debated and discussed."

Dulles met with the press shortly before he began a series of conferences with Dewey and Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum on the peace plan he will present to Secretary of State Cordell Hull in Washington Wednesday.

Dulles explained he is operating as "go-between" for Dewey and the Roosevelt administration.

He said that "one thing which I think all Americans are united on and want to achieve is a practical and effective organization for a durable peace."

The organization he said, must not be charged with the responsibility of policing Germany and Japan after the war. He said the policing activities and future world peace must be separated.

The United States, Russia, Great Britain and some of the liberated countries such as France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway will have to be held responsible for keeping Germany disarmed and under control, he explained. China, Great Britain and the United States should be charged with controlling Japan, he added.

'PRAVDA' FLOUTS POLES' UPRISING

Moscow, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Pravda, official party newspaper, said today in a front page dispatch that the Warsaw insurrection was doomed to failure from the beginning and that the men who died fighting Nazi mechanized troops in the Polish capital were "foolishly deceived by a group of adventurers and political speculators of London emigre governments."

Not only has been freed by the combined blows of Soviet troops and citizen insurrections, Pravda pointed out, although hundreds of cities have been liberated by troops alone in Russia, Lithuania, White Russia and Poland.

"The reason is that only stupid adventurers think success is possible by the insurrection of inadequately armed civilians in cities filled with German panzer troops, planes and guns," Pravda said.

Road Fires Blames On State Autoists

Salem, Ore., Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Oregon motorists have been responsible for many roadside fires which caused extensive damage to valuable grain lands, farm fields, and forest lands, Charles Pray, state superintendent of police, said today.

Pray said burning material thrown from cars caused the fires and reminded motorists of the state law prohibiting such action.

Managua, Nicaragua, Aug. 19—(U.P.)—Major Carlos G. Zelaya today was appointed Nicaraguan consul general in San Francisco, Cal.