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Partly cloudy tonight and
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PARIS FIRMLY IN ALLIED HANDS

AXIS COMMANDER SURRENDERS CITY AS AID ARRIVES

Yankee and French Tanks Pour Into Capital—Allied Comment Withheld.

New York, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle has arrived in Paris, Radio Paris said today.

London, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Paris was reported firmly in allied hands tonight, conquered by the overwhelming might of American and French armored forces and a motley street army of hundreds of thousands of Parisian patriots.

Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc and the unnamed commander of the French partisans accepted the German surrender in the Montparnasse railway station and issued a stern warning that any Germans who continued fighting would place themselves outside the rules of war and liable to execution if captured.

A dispatch from BBC correspondent Robin Duff said all the Germans had been cleared from Paris this afternoon.

United Press war correspondents James McGlinchey and Robert C. Miller both entered the capital in the wake of the American and French armor, and other United Press reporters were believed to have followed them in. Henry T. Gorrell, writing from the outskirts of the city, said the roads leading to Paris were black with American tanks and troops, and Edward W. Beattie reported that a similar great force of British armor and men was marching on the capital.

An unidentified announcer, reported to be an American war correspondent, broadcasting from a secret fighting French transmitter said to have been set up in the center of the city, said the Yanks stormed through the Orleans gate on the south side of Paris at 10:40 this morning and fanned out swiftly along the main avenues.

A few minutes later the spokesmen announced that doughboy columns had reached the Luxembourg gardens and had gone on beyond into the Latin quarter, where regulars of the French 2nd armored division already were attacking Nazi strongpoints.

The German DNB news agency said the Americans broke across the Yvette river at two points just south of the capital under cover of an aerial barrage, and asserted that violent fighting was in progress in and around the capital.

Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc, the French desert warrior, led his 2nd armored division into Paris early today, bringing the first regular army relief to the city's embattled and outmatched partisan army.

(NBC Correspondent Merrill Mueller, broadcasting from General Eisenhower's headquarters in France said this afternoon that the liberation of Paris "is a fact," but the statement was not elaborated.)

The unidentified announcer said also that Canadian troops were in action inside the city, but he did not expand on their part in the battle.

Allied headquarters, guarding against the possibility of another premature victory announcement such as the French partisan report of the capital's liberation two days ago, made no official comment pending word from the front.

The Paris transmitter said, however, that the capitulation of the enemy garrison with all arms and equipment had been confirmed by allied commanders in the city.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Sigora Cleven deciding that some patriotic woman should start a barefoot fat among the feminine citizens and thereby solve the problem of shoe leather.

Thurman Hart describing a pool game with appropriate flourishes.

Allies Gain Everywhere in Battle of France



(Acme Telephoto) American troops in north France have seized important Seine port of Elbeaux while French troops fought last German snipers inside Paris. South France invaders crumpled last defenses at Toulon and American units are reported to have reached Swiss frontier after swift advance from Grenoble. On Bay of Biscay Bordeaux was liberated by French and Americans.

PRESIDENT DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT NELSON'S RETURN

Washington, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt told his news conference today he did not know whether Donald M. Nelson would resume his duties as chairman of the War Production Board after his trip to China, which begins today. The President explained that it was difficult to say what was going to happen in the future.

The President's statement came shortly after he had ordered Lt. Cmdr. J. A. Krug, once a WPB vice chairman and now just returned from a navy assignment in Normandy, to take WPB and "run it" in the absence of Nelson and the surprise resignation yesterday of Executive Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson, former General Electric president.

Mr. Roosevelt was asked whether he contemplated that Nelson would resume his duties as head of WPB after the trip to China which Nelson is making with Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley on a mission assigned to him by the Chief Executive.

He replied that Nelson was leaving today and that the mission was very important. He said the question was almost iffy and he did not know.

He went on to say that it is sort of iffy to say what's going to happen in the future. And again, he said he did not know.

BREMERTON CHAT OF F. R. POLITICAL

Washington, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—The war department revealed today that it has agreed to a request of the socialist party for radio time to make a shortwave broadcast to servicemen overseas on grounds that President Roosevelt's Aug. 12 speech from Bremerton, Wash., was a "political address." It said the socialist party will have time equal to that of the president's address for its broadcast.

The department said other political parties asked for and have been furnished copies of the correspondence between the war department and the socialist party concerning the matter.

BASEBALL

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Boston	7	10 3
American		
St. Louis	0	4 2
Detroit	1	5 1

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HULL AND DULLES NOT AGREED UPON PEACE TALK PLAN

Washington, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull and John Foster Dulles, foreign policy adviser to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, issued a joint statement today indicating lack of complete agreement on the question of non-partisan discussion of means of attaining a lasting peace.

The joint statement said that they had agreed on "numerous aspects" of the subject and would continue to confer about developments as they arise. "The secretary maintains," the statement said, "the position that the American people considered the subject of future peace as a non-partisan subject which must be kept entirely out of politics."

"Mr. Dulles, on behalf of Gov. Dewey, stated that the governor shared this view on the understanding, however, that it did not preclude full public non-partisan discussion of the means of attaining a lasting peace."

ROAD FUND SHARE OF STATE 8 MILL.

Washington, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Sen. Guy Cordon, R., Ore., today estimated that in the three-year period immediately following the war Washington and Oregon would receive a combined total of \$18,211,000 in federal aid for roads, if the post-war highway bill, now ready for consideration by congress, is passed. He said Washington would receive \$9,448,000 and Oregon \$8,763,000. Under terms of the bill, the federal government would pay 60 per cent of the cost of construction.

SOVIET TIGHTENS GRIP ON BALTIC; TARTU CAPTURED

London, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Red army troops tightened their hold on the trapped German Baltic army today with the capture of Tartu, key rail junction in central Estonia, while far to the south Romanian troops were deserting the Nazi allies and surrendering by the thousands to the two Russian armies driving on Bucharest.

The capture of Tartu, described as "an important German stronghold covering the roads of the central region of Estonia," was announced by Premier Marshal Josef Stalin in an order of the day.

(The clandestine Radio Atlantic reported in a broadcast recorded by NBS today that large forces of Russian paratroopers had captured Brasov, 25 miles northwest of Ploesti and 83 miles northwest of Bucharest.)

The Romanian troops on the southern front meanwhile, after having been ordered by their king to cease resistance against the Russians were surrendering to the two Soviet armies which have overrun virtually all of Bessarabia and northern Moldavia and driven to within 138 miles of Bucharest.

OCT. 7 DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING

Voters who have failed to vote for the past two years are required by state law to re-register at the county clerk's office at least 30 days prior to the general election on Nov. 7 if they want to cast ballots. County Clerk George Carter warned today.

Regardless of whether they have moved from former precincts, all voters are required to re-register if they haven't voted in two years, Carter explained. Deadline for re-registering, and for those who are not registered is Oct. 7, he stated.

ROAD CONTRACTS LET
Sacramento, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Five contracts entailing expenditures on the state highway system in northern California totaling \$179,000 today were awarded by the department of public works.

CANNES FALLS TO ALLIES; ADVANCE CLOSE TO LYONS

Axis Battle To Delay Capture of Rhone Valley, Key To Escape Routes.

Rome, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Allied forces have captured the coast town of Antibes, 10 miles southwest of Cannes, it was announced officially today.

Rome, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—American forces captured the Riviera resort city of Cannes today and were reported battling the Germans only 15 miles below Lyon, big Rhone valley industrial center, 170 miles inland from the Mediterranean coast.

A United Press dispatch from Annecy, capital of Haute Savoie province, said an American flying column was expected there momentarily from Grenoble, 53 miles to the south.

The fact that the Americans had not yet arrived at Annecy appeared to disprove earlier reports that they already had reached the Swiss border at St. Julien, 16 miles farther north, and Evian, 25 miles northeast of St. Julien.

The Rome newspaper Il Tempo said an American armored column had engaged the Germans 15 miles south of Lyon after an advance from Grenoble, 58 miles to the southeast. French maquis were said to be in control of Lyon, long a resistance center, but the Germans appeared to be fighting to prolong the American advance as long as possible.

The fall of Lyon would cut all the main escape routes for German forces remaining in southwest France and close the gap between the allied armies in central and southern France to 170 miles. The American advance already had cut the last railway link between France and Italy.

French forces tightened their ring of encirclement about the doomed German garrison in Toulon, capturing the land arsenal inside the city and the by-passed stronghold of Ollioules, two and a half miles west of Toulon.

ENEMY BASES IN PACIFIC RAIDED IN NEW ATTACKS

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Army and navy bombers, in a series of new attacks, raided the Bonins, Wake, Ponape, Nauru and remaining enemy bases in the Marianas and Marshalls, Pacific fleet headquarters announced today.

Seventh AAF Liberators bombed Iwo Jima, approximately 700 miles southeast of Tokyo, Wednesday night, against only slight anti-aircraft fire. A navy Liberator bombed Ponape in the Carolines Tuesday and army Mitchells returned for another attack Wednesday.

Venturas attacked Japanese installations on the phosphate island of Nauru both Tuesday and Wednesday.

Marianas-based planes hit Pagan Island, north of Saipan, and Aguijan, between Rota and Tinian Wednesday, attacking gun positions, storage facilities and buildings and starting several fires.

Search planes bombed Wake Tuesday, while Dauntlesses and Corsairs and Liberators carried out further neutralization raids against enemy positions in the Marshalls.

QUAKERS AID JAPS
Palo Alto, Cal., Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—The Pacific Coast Association of Friends, representing Quaker groups in California, Oregon and Washington, has pledged aid to Americans of Japanese ancestry seeking to return to former homes on the Pacific coast, it was announced today.

ROMANIA AT WAR WITH HUNS, CAIRO BROADCAST SAYS

Troops Surrender En Masse, Confusion Rife — Reds Give Terms.

London, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—The Romanian government has declared war on Germany as a result of fighting between Romanian and German troops, BBC reported late today, quoting radio Bucharest, and the same source said the German garrison at Bucharest had surrendered.

London, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—The British Broadcasting company heard Radio Cairo broadcast an announcement that the new Romanian government had declared war on Germany.

The German Luftwaffe bombed Bucharest late today, BBC said.

Moscow, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Romanian troops ordered by their king to cease resisting the Red army, were surrendering by the thousands today in the face of a Russian onslaught that already has overrun virtually all Bessarabia and northern Moldavia and carried to within 138 miles of Bucharest.

Front dispatches indicated that the Romanian army had collapsed completely as the 2nd and 3rd Soviet Ukrainian armies, advancing up to 28 miles in 24 hours, rolled to within 40 miles or less of the Galati gap to southern Romania and 118 miles of the great oil center of Ploesti.

German forces still were offering last-ditch resistance at many points and some engaged in armed clashes with the Romanians, who were surrendering en masse. More than 25,000 prisoners, most of them Romanians, were rounded up yesterday alone.

Dispatches likened the confusion to that prevailing in Italy following Marshal Pietro Badoglio's capitulation to the Allies while the Germans still were resisting fiercely in his homeland.

The Soviet foreign commissar, in the first official Russian statement since King Michael's announcement that Romania had accepted a Soviet armistice offer, warned last night that the Red army must continue military operations in Romania until German forces there had been destroyed.

WILLKIE ADMITS BID TO F. R. TALK, DATE UNCERTAIN

Washington, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Commenting that he sees lots of people privately, President Roosevelt said today that he had been in private contact with Wendell L. Willkie.

Mr. Roosevelt, under news conference questioning, said he knew of no plans for a "private" meeting with the 1940 republican presidential nominee. Then he went on to say he might meet him but that no date had been set.

Asked whether he had been in touch with Willkie, the President said, well, yes; privately. "Does privately preclude any...?" a reporter started to ask. But he was quickly cut off by the President who said yes, it precluded.

New York, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Confirming reports that President Roosevelt had invited him to a conference, Wendell L. Willkie said today that he would prefer such a meeting after the election, but that if Mr. Roosevelt wished to see him sooner he would comply.

LT. COL. ALLEN PASSES
Fort Douglas, Utah, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Lt. Col. Charles J. Allen, 55, commanding officer, eastern security district, ninth service command, died of a heart attack at his home here yesterday.

War Bulletins

(By United Press)
Tokyo radio heard by United Press reported today the cabinet of Premier Kuniaki Koiso had set Sept. 5 as the date of the opening of the next extraordinary session of the imperial diet. The session will last five days.

Chungking, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Chinese forces are making coordinated attacks at some two dozen points along the Hankow-Ichang highway and the Hwajung-Ichang section of the Yangtze waterway to divert Japanese troops from Hunan to Hupeh province, a Chinese military spokesman said today.

GERMANY OUT OF WAR BY OCTOBER, WOODRUM CLAIMS

Washington, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Chairman Clifton A. Woodrum, D., Va., told the House Committee on postwar military policies today that the army "tentatively" estimates that the war against Germany will end in October.

His statement came as President Roosevelt declined at his press conference to make any guess on when Germany will collapse or how long the war in the Far East will last.

It followed by 12 hours a statement by Secretary of Navy James Forrestal quoting Gen. Dwight Eisenhower as saying there was no rational way to predict when the Germans could be finished off.

Woodrum declined to expand on his statement. But the committee heard Rear Admiral James H. Irish, who was testifying on disposal of surplus property, declare that the navy is "assuming that the war against the Japanese will proceed on at least until the end of 1945."

POPE ASKS ITALY BE NOT PUNISHED, MADE FULL ALLY

Rome, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—Vatican sources reported today that Pope Pius XII had informed Prime Minister Winston Churchill during a 45-minute conversation Wednesday that the church recognizes the justice of punishing war criminals.

The Pope, however, was said to have expressed the hope that punishment not be extended to the people of Italy, which he suggested be made a full ally with other United Nations.

The church's attitude toward war criminals was among many important international subjects discussed by the Pope and the British Prime Minister at the Vatican, informed quarters said.

These sources, expressing belief that the conference tended to increase the church's influence in world affairs, pointed out that the nature of subjects had emphasized that Churchill's visit to the Vatican was not just a courtesy call.

The Pope was said to have expressed keen concern over forthcoming peace terms and urged Churchill, when he is at the peace conference to consider the principle of nationalities on the contention that nationalities do not die.

Cut Public Debt By Excess Food Sale

Washington, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—The senate today amended its surplus property disposal bill to earmark government revenue from the sale of excess war foods for retirement of the public debt. Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., objected that the amendment restricted the future powers of congress over appropriation and expenditure of public funds. Wherry replied that it would insure that "this money is going to a purpose for which it is needed—reduction of the public debt."

NAZIS EVACUATE BOMB COAST, FLEE TO SHORTER LINE

Mass Flight to Marne and Reich Border Underway; Havre Fall Near.

By Virgil Pinkley
United Press Correspondent

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 25.—(U.P.)—The Germans were reported evacuating the bomb coast of northern France at top speed today, falling back towards the valley of the Marne and the western borders of the reich.

Word of the mass enemy withdrawal was flashed back to headquarters by allied airmen, who reported the roads leading east and south from Dieppe, Amiens, Beauvais and the surrounding areas jammed with German traffic.

Throughout Thursday, large numbers of Nazi trucks were spotted racing down toward the Marne and the German frontier, and RAF night fliers reported that the flow of traffic increased after dark.

For the first time since the battle of France began, the Germans ignored the presence of allied night planes overhead and rode bumper to bumper with their headlights blazing, indicating the frantic haste of the evacuation.

Headquarters spokesmen had no immediate comment, beyond the grim note that the weather in northern France was clear today and that allied warplanes already were ranging over the crowded highways.

The reported evacuation of the channel coast from which Nazi robot bombs have been spreading death indiscriminately through London and southern England since mid-June, came as four allied armies crushed thru the beaten remnants of the German seventh army with a speed that indicated the battle of the Seine had reached its final hours.

British and Canadian forces from the west slashed as much as 10 miles into the Nazi pocket between the Risle and Seine rivers while the American 1st army crushed in from the south in converging drives that threatened to carry quickly into the great channel port of Le Havre.

Canadian 1st army troops pounded along the channel coast to the outskirts of Honfleur, directly across the Seine estuary from Le Havre and within full view of the port, while the Americans last were reported at Elbeuf, less than 40 miles south of Le Havre, and closing in rapidly.

RAF fliers smashed one apparent German attempt to evacuate Le Havre early Thursday morning, and an unconfirmed report broadcast by radio France at Algiers said British air-borne troops had been landed near the port in the Seine estuary area.

HITLER WEAPON IS HOLY TERROR

(By United Press)
German secret weapons "will overwhelm the allies at the very last moment" on the western front, a Domei news agency dispatch from Berlin, broadcast by Tokyo radio, asserted today.

"The much-rumored V-2 secret weapon has made its appearance on the eastern front and it will not be long before it comes to make its influence also felt on the western front. The time for its employment depends on the always well-timed decisions of Fuehrer Adolf Hitler."

"It is stated a miracle will happen in which a full division of the enemy forces will be smashed in a few moments by incredibly high explosives and a group of tanks and armored cars may share the same fate by the pressure of liquid air."