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ALLIES RACE FOR REICH BORDERS

ALLIED ADVANCES POINT AT SEDAN, METZ AND VERDUN

Battle For Germany Shapes
—Foe Is In Full Flight;
British Drive For Calais.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sunday, Aug. 27—(U.P.) Six Allied columns raced headlong for the borders of Germany Saturday, and early today their spearheads were reported pointed toward the world war fortresses of Verdun and Sedan, where Adolf Hitler's legions cracked through the Maginot line in 1940.

Both objectives lie 130 miles beyond Paris, indicating spectacular Allied advances as the battle of France swiftly resolved into the battle for Germany.

More than 2,800 heavy bombers paved the way for the almost parade-like Allied thrusts across the French flatlands, blasting the retreating Germans from the Marne eastward and raiding Sedan and Verdun themselves as well as Metz, gateway to the Moselle valley route to the Rhine.

An Allied spokesman indicated that the pattern of air attacks indicated "the march of battle." Sedan is only 18 miles from the Belgian border and is the spot where Gen. Corp's army collapsed in 1940, permitting a German breakthrough that carried all the way to the English channel.

On Historic Ground
Verdun, scene of some of the bloodiest battles in history, is 50 miles from the German frontier and only 35 miles from Metz.

British second army troops, "leap-frogging" over American positions, crossed the Seine northwest of Paris Saturday and drove for the Pas de Calais robot bomb coast and an American vanguard which forced the river below the capital was reported within 100 miles of the German frontier in a smash toward Metz.

The British bridgehead was established in the Vernon-Louviers area, 40 miles downstream from Paris, where the Americans smashed up to the river on a broad front earlier this week, and marked the sixth Allied crossing of the Seine.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters broadcast a warning to the people of Luxembourg and Alsace-Lorraine, whose borders converge with Germany's in the Metz corridor, that our armies soon would cross their soil en route to the Reich. German broadcasts virtually announced that a full-scale retreat to the Rhine was under way.

Reconnaissance pilots reported a huge stream of German traffic moving eastward from the Marne and heavy bombers blasted the retreating enemy in the area of such famed battle grounds as Verdun, Metz and Sedan. The pilots blasted fuel dumps at Rouen and reported Allied artillery was shelling that Seine city.

GERMANY PLANNED TO STARVE PARIS

By Robert C. Miller
United Press War Correspondent
Paris, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Germany would have starved Paris to death if the Americans had not come, two French women told me today, weeping and kissing my hands and cheeks. "They took all but two percent of our food away from the city," one woman said, "although they promised when they first came in to take only 85 percent of the foodstuff." "Nothing came into Paris during the last few months," the other woman said, "because all transportation was stopped on account of the Allied bombings—but we were glad to hear the rumble of the bombs and guns." The women, who ate heartily of my K rations, said that only parsley had been plentiful for several weeks.

Allies Join Patriots to Crush Nazis in Paris



Crowds of French patriots surround this Allied jeep, one of the first to enter Paris, as American and French armored forces drove into city to aid hundreds of thousands of Parisian patriots battling against fierce German resistance. Final capitulation of the enemy garrison with all arms and equipment was announced by Paris radio. This photo, one of the first made inside the city since its liberation, was radioed from Cherbourg to New York, telephotoed from New York to San Francisco, rushed to Mail Tribune by Acme Newspictures, Inc.

VETERAN SOLONS TRAIL IN TEXAS PRIMARY VOTING

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 26—(U.P.) Veteran Congressman J. J. Mansfield of Columbus and Rep. Nat. "Cousin" Patton of Crockett were trailing their opponents in the Texas Democratic run-off primary election tonight on the basis of early and incomplete returns.

Mansfield, chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors, fell slightly more than 600 votes behind State Senator L. J. Sulak of La Grange in the race which determines whether the 84-year-old congressman returns to Washington for his 16th term.

With returns in from five of the 15 counties in the Ninth district, none of them complete, Mansfield had 3171 and Sulak had polled 3821.

Patton, running for his fifth term in the house, was trailing District Attorney Tom Pickett of Palestine on the basis of returns from eight of the 12 counties in the 7th district, one of them complete. Pickett had 10,698 and Patton 9952.

Rep. Sam Russell, the third incumbent who was forced into a run-off, a two-termer from Stephenville, picked up an early lead over Clyde Garrett of Eastland. Russell defeated Garrett in the 17th district in 1940. Garrett had polled 9455 to Russell's 10,372.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT LOSS "ENORMOUS"

By United Press
Only a handful of the Seventh army was getting away to join the German 15th army—the last sizable concentration of Germans in upper France—in its precipitate retreat toward the Rhine. The Luftwaffe came up in force Friday to cover the last withdrawal but failed to fend off Allied raiders who destroyed enormous quantities of enemy equipment including 56 tanks. Fifty-one German planes were shot down.

The disorganization of enemy communications in the Pas de Calais area was credited in London quarters with the decline in flying bomb attacks, and Allied columns beyond the Seine were now reported within reach of the bomb sites themselves.

War Bulletins

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sunday, Aug. 27 (U.P.)—Liberator bombers blasted Japanese airdromes on Ceram and Ambona south of Halmahera Friday with 101 tons of bombs, starting large fires among parked planes without meeting enemy air interception. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Lisbon, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Rail and air communications between Portugal and Germany have been suspended. It was revealed tonight. Commercial planes of the German Lufthansa line ceased operating between the two countries several days ago. Numerous mail bags and 10 tons of parcels are piled up in Lisbon awaiting transport to Berlin.

BERLIN REPORTS HUGE RED DRIVE TO TAKE WARSAW

(By United Press)
A Berlin military spokesman, quoted by the Transocean News Agency, said Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's First White Russian army, after a month-long, slogging battle northeast of Warsaw, had opened a drive of the "greatest possible extent." "Hugh new forces of Russian troops were thrown into the 'bloody battle' this morning," Berlin said, and it appeared that the final assault to take the Polish capital had begun.

At least 12 to 14 infantry divisions and several tank corps went over to the attack on a 50-mile front after terrific artillery preparations, the German DNB agency said.

The German high command admitted that "several breaches" had been driven into hard-held Nazi lines northeast of Prague. Warsaw's great industrial eastern borough, while other German broadcasts said that the "climax of the fighting has not yet been reached."

The Red army was attacking between the Vistula and the Narw rivers, Berlin said, indicating that Rokossovsky's forces had swept across the Bug river, running crimson with the blood of thousands of Germans, and were sweeping north of Warsaw in a great outflanking movement, perhaps coordinated with Russian attacks from Vistula river bridgeheads south of the capital.

Riverside, Cal. Aug. 26—(U.P.) The temperature reached 112 degrees today in Riverside, the hottest day since Aug. 22, 1943, when 113 degrees was registered.

FRENCH PATRIOTS LIBERATE VICHY; HUN AIDES FLEE

London, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—The French forces of the interior, in a spectacular drive, have liberated Vichy for four years the symbol of France's humiliation, according to a special broadcast from FFI staff headquarters there today.

With Paris in their hands and seven more towns freed during the past 24 hours, Maj. Gen. Joseph-Pierre Koenig's patriot forces now control 60,000 square miles of territory.

The FFI broadcast announcing that Vichy had been freed and calling upon the city's inhabitants to maintain order and cooperate with the new authorities, came as reports from neutral capitals indicated that Marshal Petain's erstwhile diplomatic representatives abroad were scurrying to abandon the sinking ship.

An unconfirmed Algiers report that Petain had been arrested by the FFI at Metz and shot was termed "incredible" by authoritative French quarters here. It was recalled that the FFI "collaborationists" death list" issued some time ago did not contain the name of the aged marshal. A free French spokesman at that time said Petain would probably be tried by a French court after the war.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF T. R. IS BRIDE

Manchester, Mass., Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Miss Paulina Longworth, 19, daughter of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth and granddaughter of former President Theodore Roosevelt, was married here today to Alexander McCormick Sturm, 21, of Westport, Conn.

The ceremony, held in the Emmanuel (Episcopal) church, was performed by the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, bishop of Pennsylvania, who was assisted by Dr. Phillips Osgood of Boston. Fewer than 200 guests attended the wedding which was simplified because of the recent death of the bride's uncle, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Miss Longworth wore a cream colored duchess satin gown with a long train and a crown of orange blossoms that was matched by her bouquet.

21 OIL CENTERS IN REICH BY AIR ATTACKS

Mustangs Lash at Brest—
Belgium Roads Blasted;
Warnings Given.

London, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Some 1500 American planes smashed anew today at oil refineries and synthetic oil centers in the Reich where 21 such targets have been hit in the last 48 hours in a round-the-clock campaign to leave Nazi motorized forces dying of thirst along their routes of escape.

Seven hundred and fifty Flying Fortresses and Liberators struck from the Ruhr valley down into southwest Germany, following approximately 1000 night raiding British bombers which hit five of the great oil centers. American bombers previously had hit 16.

Plastering their targets in clear weather, the American heavies scored good results. They met no fighter opposition but flak was moderate to intense.

Escorting Lightnings and Thunderbolts swooped down to rake railroad yards and highways on a broad belt from Belgium to Dijon, 150 miles southeast of Paris.

About 300 Mustang-covered Fortresses lashed at German fortifications at Brest, presaging an all-out offensive against that important port.

Indications that the Allied air assaults continued into darkness were given in a German radio warning late tonight that Allied bombers were approaching Schleswig-Holstein in northwest Germany and a Budapest wireless announcement of planes over Hungary.

A report from Helsingborg said a "very large number" of Allied bombers crossed southern Sweden this evening, indicating possible heavy raids on northern Germany.

TENNESSEE BOSS ACCUSES GOP OF VARIED MISDEEDS

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 27—(U.P.) E. H. Crump, Shelby county political leader, today blasted the Republican party, and served warning to officers of the law who divide their duty with business interests, as in case of Constable Burnham Hobbs, who killed two Ford plant workers at his night club last week.

Referring to the republicans, Crump said: "Every presidential year the Republicans are looking for the 'Queen Isabella.' They want money; a lot of it." "The local Republican treasurer said \$15,000 of a goal of \$45,000 for this district had been raised. At that ratio with 10 districts in the state, the Republicans would have \$450,000."

"There are 48 states and a great many are larger and richer than Tennessee. The Republicans are evidently figuring on big money far beyond what the law allows," said Crump.

He took a broadside at Carroll T. Reese, congressman from the first district, whom he accused of trying to use the legislature on a questionable power deal; "It was one of the worst grab bills I have ever known of. It was proposed to take over the power business in six east Tennessee counties, taking all authority from the State Public Utility Commission, setting up their own board as to rates and everything else. To say it was a grab bill is putting it mildly."

NO PENSION CUT
Portland, Ore., Aug. 26—(U.P.) Old age assistance payments will not be in danger of curtailment if those receiving them are employed in seasonal or temporary work, the Oregon public welfare commission announced today.

BALKAN PUPPETS BOLT NAZI CAMP; COLLAPSE NEARS

Bulgaria Asks Terms, Mar-
tial Law in Slovakia—
Hungary Acts.

London, Sunday, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—A Romanian communique quoted by BBC said today that Romanian troops had encircled and were liquidating a powerful German force which had gathered in the forests outside Bucharest for an attack on the city.

The Germans tried to reinforce their troops in the Bucharest area with strong forces which crossed the Danube at Giruia but in a counter-attack the Romanians forced them back across the river.

London, Sunday, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler's Balkan front collapsed Saturday as Bulgaria announced it had asked the Allied Big Three for peace terms. Romania accepted a Russian armistice offer and Hungary and Slovakia were reported bolting the Nazi camp.

Hitler, startled by events in Romania which found American bombers supporting the Romanians in their fight against the Nazis, was reported to have called a conference of his political leaders at his Berchtesgaden retreat in Bavaria.

Hungary was said to have frustrated a German coup against the government, executing 500 Nazis and clamping 36,000 into concentration camps.

The Bratislava radio said Allied parachutists, possibly part of Czech brigades operating with the Russians, had been dropped in Slovakia and that martial law had been declared in that puppet state after the parachutists, assisted by local guerrillas, attacked Slovak troops and police.

Slovak Deputy Premier Sano Mach, in a curiously worded broadcast, urged the people "not to betray" the Germans, asserting that the country had not been occupied (by the Germans) and that if order were kept, guarantees had been given that its freedom "will be left untouched."

Developments in the Balkans—tinderbox of Europe—were reaching a swift climax as the Nazi eastern wall crumbled under the impact of Allied diplomacy and Russian arms.

WHEREABOUTS OF PATTON UNKNOWN

By United Press
Again official silence shrouded the exact whereabouts of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army in its advance probings, but authoritative quarters said that German reports of an Allied column having forced the Marne and reached the cathedral city of Reims were "not impossible."

(The secret radio, Atlantic, said that some American units had crossed the Marne between St. Dizier and Chaumont, south-east of Reims.)
Reims is 106 miles from Germany, 82 miles from Luxembourg and only 52 miles from the Belgian frontier as well as only 96 miles from Metz by direct highway.

OVERJOYED PARIS RULED BY ALLIES

By United Press
Overjoyed Paris was under the complete control of Allied troops and her citizenry, except for isolated knots of resistance, notably in the Champs-Élysées section. It was announced that a German garrison of 10,000 had surrendered Friday to French armored forces which entered the city.

A Soldier's General

On the American Front, Orleans, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—"About this Patton thing," said Pvt. "Bomb" Baugh of Winder, Ga., today, to United Press War Correspondent Robert Richards. "You can tell the folks back home that as far as we are concerned, Patton can slap our whole damned regiment, one by one—see? He can line us up and knock us in a heap, and we will still bounce along after him. You know why? Because he knows how to fight, that's why, and we like guys who know how to fight."

HOOVER, FISHING ON M'KENZIE, IS POLITICALLY MUM

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 26—(U.P.) Former U. S. president, Herbert Clark Hoover, is perfectly willing to talk about Oregon's scenic wonders and fishing streams but he remains silent on the political situation.

Hoover, who is vacationing at a McKenzie river lodge near Eugene, only once answered a reporter's questions on politics. When told that Lane county is launching its Dewey-Bricker county-wide organization this week-end and asked if he could give it a word of encouragement, he said, "Mr. Dewey and Mr. Bricker can be elected if the Republicans work hard." To all other questions his answer was "I have nothing to say about politics. That takes too much time."

Mr. Hoover leaves here Sunday for Palo Alto. With him are his younger son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hoover, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mattie of San Francisco.

TROUBLE WARD AT TULE LAKE EMPTY

Newell, Cal., Aug. 26—(U.P.)—The isolation area for segregating trouble-makers in the Tule Lake center was empty tonight for the first time since it was established last November, the War Relocation Authority reported.

The WRA disclosed that a total of 388 men have been interned in the area for periods ranging from one to 10 months, during the last six months 28 aliens were transferred from the isolation area to the internment camp at Santa Fe, Ariz., which is under the justice department.

Medford Third In Safe Traffic Tests

Salem, Ore., Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Winners in the first half of 1944 in traffic safety competition among Oregon cities were Astoria, The Dalles, Lebanon and Enterprise, the state department said today.

Each one of the cities registered the lowest number of traffic accidents for a city in its population classification.
Medford is in third place among cities of 10,000 population and over.

BULLETIN

(Night Games)
Sacramento 0 5 0
Portland 2 9 2
Fletcher and Steiner; Liska and Norager.
San Diego 5 11 1
Seattle 8 15 2
Lucier, Valenzuela (8) and Salkeld; Demoran and Spindel.

(Night Game)

Washington, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—The New York Yankees picked up a full game on the St. Louis Browns, who lost to Detroit today, by downing the Washington Senators here tonight 10-3.
Hank Borowy held the Senators in check while his mates battered the offerings of Dutch Leonard and Bill Lefebvre.
New York 10 18 0
Washington 3 10 5
Borowy and Garbark; Leonard, Lefebvre (6) and Ferrell, Evans (8).

AMERICANS ROLL UP RHONE VALLEY IN SWIFT BREAK

Plan to Cut Off Enemy Re-
treat and Join Eisenhower
Army.

Allied Headquarters, Rome, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—The Nazis were in full flight from southern France tonight as American mobile forces rolled up the historic Rhone valley invasion route to Germany and smashed to within five miles of the Italian frontier on the northeast with the capture of Briancon.

The swift break into the Rhone valley northwest of Marseille overran the towns of Avignon, Arles and Tarascon, spotted along a 20-mile stretch of the east bank, and headquarters announced that the Americans immediately veered northward with the avowed intention of joining Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies in their march on Germany.

(A German broadcast admitted that Col. Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz' southern forces were retreating up the Rhone in an effort to get out of southern France and join the Nazi armies of the north for the final showdown battle before Germany. Berlin said the bulk of Blaskowitz' men had reached the area between Valence, 68 miles north of Avignon, and Lyon, 125 miles north of Avignon. The enemy claimed that an American column which had captured Grenoble was moving toward Lyon, 58 miles to the northwest, to cut across the top of the German road of retreat.)

Far behind the 300-mile front curving up from the Rhone to near the Swiss border and back to the Mediterranean around Nice, French troops virtually completed their conquest of the great naval base of Toulon after an eight-day siege and continued mopping up isolated enemy remnants in Marseille to the west.

RINGLING CIRCUS TO DO AWAY WITH SEAT DISCOMFORT

Chicago, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—The circus may always be the circus, but followers of P. T. Barnum no longer believe in fooling all the people all the time. Their first step toward a realistic approach is going to be installation of splinterless, sagless, commodious metal seats, as soon as wartime priorities permit.

"We've been fooling the fans too long into thinking they have been comfortable on narrow board seats," an official of Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus said tonight. "Now we plan to make them so comfortable they will believe anything."

That isn't all. A fireproof tent, and perhaps air-conditioning will be installed as soon as possible, to make the greatest show on earth even greater, he said. "We want a streamlined circus," he said, "but we also want a completely fireproof one, to preclude occurrence of another disaster such as the fire at Hartford, Conn., last month."

Since the fire, the circus has given 27 outdoor performances at Akron, Detroit and Chicago, using ballparks, fairgrounds or any other available space. Engagements in small cities which do not have adequate grandstand facilities have been cancelled, but the circus will continue its tentless travels until November.

YANKS HOLD CATHEDRAL
Paris, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—American troops who entered Paris Friday morning and advanced to the heart of the city, captured the Notre Dame cathedral quarter, it was learned today.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 26—(U.P.)—There are 130 fewer private passenger cars in Oregon now than there were a year ago, figures released today by the state department show.