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Forecast: Cloudy and cool with scattered showers tonight and Saturday.
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Precip. past 24 hours .29

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YANKS TAKE ST. MIHEL, VERDUN

BATTLE OF REICH OPENED BY TANKS ON 100 MI. FRONT

Huns Flood Belgium and Holland; Storm Maginot Line, Ardennes.

By United Press
Eighth Air Force Command Headquarters, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—American fighter pilots returning from strafing sweeps reported late today that the Germans were flooding large areas of Belgium and Holland in front of the advancing allied troops.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Two American tank armies opened the battle for Germany and Belgium along a 100-mile front tonight capturing Verdun and St. Mihiel and breaking into the historic Ardennes gap above Sedan.

Working through the outer works of the Maginot line, tanks, guns and riflemen of the American 1st army were reported moving in force into the Ardennes forest on the Franco-Belgian border just north of Sedan.

Unconfirmed reports said the Americans also were attacking the citadel of Sedan, guarding the Ardennes gap, and had broken into the outskirts of the city.

Unofficial reports also said Canadian troops captured Dieppe, scene of the great commando raid of August, 1942, when thousands of dominion troops were killed or wounded in a full-dress invasion for rehearsal.

Some of the same Canadian regiments that came through the hell of Dieppe in 1942 were reported to have led the triumphal re-entry today, winning back the channel town without a struggle.

At the opposite end of the battle line, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops drove 18 miles past Verdun to capture St. Mihiel, where the first all-American army to see action in Europe wiped out the great German salient in 1918.

The fall of St. Mihiel, reported in a front dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Robert C. Miller, placed the Americans only 31 miles southwest of Metz, which was annexed by the Germans along with part of Alsace-Lorraine in 1940.

German accounts said another American force had broken into the Lorraine basin to the north, apparently in the Briey area, barely 12 miles northwest of Metz and about 25 miles from the borders of Germany proper.

Attacking under a mighty aerial barrage that littered the roads to the Rhineland with enemy dead and the wreckage of thousands of Nazi transport vehicles, the American 1st and 3rd armies pounded in on Germany and Belgium along a front of 100 miles.

German resistance melted away under the paralyzing American thrusts that stabbed at Belgium and the Ardennes where the Germans were sprawling iron and steel centers of Lorraine at the southern end of the line.

A host of armored troops—Berlin estimated that possibly a quarter of a million Americans were on the march for the Rhineland—drove, almost without firing a shot, through the Argonne forest, across the Meuse and on beyond the line on which the Kaiser's armies surrendered in 1918.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Little Sherry Anthony being awarded a prize at Twin Plunges for purchasing the 10,000th admission ticket this year.

Helen Thompson braving the discomforts of a wet course to improve on her golf game.

Fred Strang skillfully soloing on his baritone in the Ashland park for the final band concert this summer.

U. S. Tanks Near Belgian Border



American forces are reported less than 36 miles from Belgian border after capturing Chateau Thierry, Soissons, Belleau Wood and other hallowed ground over which their fathers fought and died in World War I. Other units to southeast were less than 90 miles from Germany. Nazis were believed to have quit Rouen, opening way for Allied smash at robot coast.

ALLIES UNLEASH AERIAL ATTACKS ON FLEEING FOE

London, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Allied warplanes resumed their great aerial offensive against Germany's European fortress today, striking from England and Normandy against the enemy transport system, flying bomb installations and troops, and from Italy against eight interior communication targets in Hungary, Yugoslavia, and the Po valley.

As the sun bathed the channel and French battlefields, releasing the allied air power in its full might for the first time in three days, 8th air force dive bombers and fighters were turned loose on the Germans falling back through Belgium and Holland.

Wrecked motor vehicles and railway cars mounted into the thousands and the savage onslaught apparently was blocking the supply and retreat lines of the Germans. Allied aircraft struck in a great, oblong box extending roughly from Hertogenbosch, Holland, through Antwerp to Mons on one side, across the Namur through Liege to the Dutch-German frontier at Roermond—with the western end of the box sealed by an attack on the vital marshalling yards at Charleroi.

Orders were to "hit everything moving."

WHITE HOUSE DOG NOT ON SEA TRIP

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., today denied that President Roosevelt's dog Fala was inadvertently left behind in the Aleutian Islands and returned to his master by a destroyer dispatched from Seattle to recover the pet.

Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn., charged yesterday that the destroyer had been sent to the Aleutians for the scotty dog. McCormack quoted Admiral William D. Leahy as his authority for denial of the Fala story as well as "rumors about battleships and cruisers accompanying the president."

PAPAL PLEA ASKS PEACE GROUNDED ON CHRISTIANITY

London, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII, in an address broadcast to the world on the 5th anniversary of the beginning of World War II, said tonight that the war has reached a "decisive point."

He expressed horror at the violence now sweeping the earth and appealed to the victorious nations to insure a peace that would uphold the "fundamental rights of all peoples."

"We are appealing even to those who do not belong to the family of our church to reconsider collaboration with all nations of a Christian civilization because there can be no advantage to humanity without a basis of Christianity," His Holiness said.

"In the midst of so many ruins of souls, some honest people have remained pure and are now preparing for the great work of reconstruction in the world."

"All men are waiting for the end of the war. The promises made by statesmen must be fulfilled."

DE GAULLE FILES INDO-CHINA PLEA

Paris, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle's French provisional government restated France's claim to French Indo-China today and reiterated its intention to continue with Britain and the United States in the war against Japan, even after the defeat of Germany.

In a statement repudiating the authority of the Vichy-appointed governor of Indo-China, Vice-admiral Decoux, the provisional government charged that Vichy had given Decoux full powers to collaborate with the Japanese and make Indo-China an "autonomous province" of Japan.

DEWEY'S ELECTION "UNTHINKABLE" TO FLORIDA SENATOR

"Isolationists" In Power, Sen. Pepper Claims Need F. R. To Demobilize.

Los Angeles, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Sen. Claude Pepper, Florida New Dealer arriving for a series of speeches told reporters today that democrats must be reelected in the November balloting to prevent "isolationists" from moving into positions of power.

"We simply must be aware of the danger of filling congress with a group of legislators who will allow repetition of what happened last time—I mean 1918," Pepper said.

Pepper said that such legislators as Sen. Gerald P. Nye, N. D., Rep. Hamilton Fish, N. Y., and Sen. Hiram Johnson, Calif., would assume positions in a republican administration, if elected, because of their congressional isolationism.

"With all due respect to the views of these gentlemen," the Floridian added, "we cannot afford to allow the views they hold to be those of our country."

Pepper said he thought calculations that the war will be over this fall might be a little optimistic.

"If it isn't over, however, it's unthinkable to consider replacing President Roosevelt with a totally inexperienced man—just as unthinkable as it would be for Russia to replace Stalin or Britain to replace Churchill."

"Even if the war is over soon, it will take at least a year to do a decent job of demobilization. Who could do that job more efficiently than the man who did the mobilizing?"

Pepper said he staunchly supported the reelection campaign of Sen. Sheridan Downey, D., Calif.

He appears for a talk before the state CIO convention later today and before a democratic rally tonight.

ARMY SELECTS CENTERS IN LAND FOR DISCHARGES

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Eighteen army posts where soldiers will bid their last farewells to khaki uniforms and early morning reveille when their fighting is over were designated today as army personnel centers by the war department.

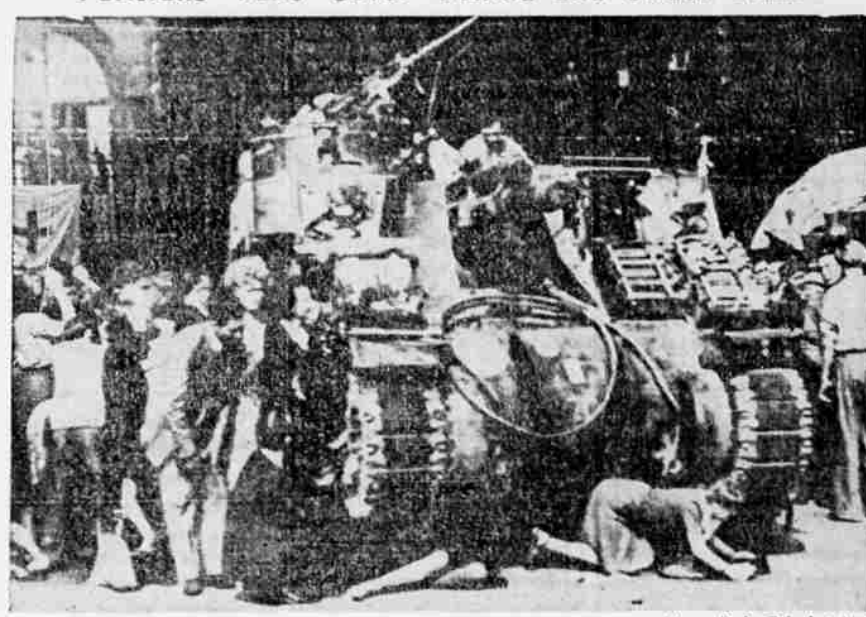
The centers, scattered from Massachusetts to California, will handle newly-inducted men and men sent from overseas for reassignment, as well as those being discharged or otherwise released from active service.

Naming of the centers at a time when the war in Europe appeared to be drawing to a close, however, made it seem probable that their chief function would be the demobilization of the nation's huge conscript army. The war department explained that the locations were chosen so that three important procedures in an army man's life—induction, return from overseas and discharge—could take place relatively close to his home.

The centers are located to take into account population densities. They include: Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Ft. Logan, Colo.; the Presidio, Cal.; Fort Douglas, Utah, and Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cong. Ellsworth On Air Tomorrow
Representatives Harris Ellsworth of Oregon and William M. Colmer of Mississippi will discuss America's war against forest fires in a national broadcast over the Mutual System Saturday from 1 to 1:15 p.m. PWT. The broadcast, originating in Washington, D. C., will be released on the Pacific coast through the Don Lee network.

Parisians Take Cover Behind and Under Tank



Judging hail of bullets from miniature battle touched off by attempt on Gen. De Gaulle's life in Notre Dame Cathedral, these Parisians take cover behind and beneath this French division armored tank. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

TOKYO SAYS YANK PLANES LOST IN FORMOSA ATTACK

Takao, Important Formosa Port Raided—New Commander In China.

By United Press
Radio Tokyo reported today that ten or more China-based American bombers attacked Takao, important Japanese port on the southwest coast of Formosa, Thursday night, in one of a continuing series of raids on enemy objectives in the Pacific.

The broadcast, heard by United Press in San Francisco, identified the planes as B-24s and B-25s, and claimed anti-aircraft fire brought down two craft and two probable. As usual, only slight damage was admitted.

Tokyo also reported new raids Thursday on Iwo Jima in the Volcanos and Chichi Jima in the Bonins, 615 miles from Tokyo, and on Palau and Manokwari in New Guinea.

By United Press
The Japanese war ministry today announced that Gen. Naokata Okada, member of the supreme war council, has been appointed commander-in-chief of Japanese forces in north China succeeding Gen. Yasuoka Okamura, Tokyo radio reported.

"The new appointment is our operations on the China front are about to make a further remarkable development," the broadcast, recorded by United Press in San Francisco, said.

Okamura has been installed in "an important post," Tokyo radio said.

NO PEACE OFFER MADE SAYS HULL

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the United States had not received any surrender or peace offer from Germany.

He also said that nothing really substantial in the way of a peace offer had been received from Hungary.

War Bulletins

Mexico City, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—President Manuel Avila Camacho, in his annual address to congress, said today that the Mexican air unit now training in the United States would be sent abroad "to fight on the side of the Allies."

Chungking, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Seven divisions of Japanese troops, pushing westward from Hengyang over four different routes, have subdivided into at least 12 spearheads, spread over an 80-mile front and pointed toward the important Chinese city of Kweilin, a Chinese military spokesman said today.

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—British imperial forces, crossing the Chindwin river in northern Burma, have cleared the Japanese from the area between the west bank and Tonhe, an allied communique reported today.

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—The United States has led the world in relief shipments to Greece in the fight to save the Greek people from "annihilation by starvation," the foreign economic administration announced today.

AMERICAN AIRMEN TAKEN IN RAIDS ON PLOESTI, FREE

Bucharest, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—One thousand of 3,000 American airmen shot down in the past three years in the battle of Ploesti paused here today en route to Italy in a great mass air evacuation staged by the 15th Air Force.

The Romanians are crazily glad to see the Americans. They even have made presents in the street.

The Russians are going straight through. They stopped long enough to drop off several thousand Romanian prisoners whom they turned back to the Romanian army.

The Russians are friendly to the Americans and "correct" toward the Romanians but the latter are apprehensive, which is why they are so glad to see us.

The American prisoners who were turned loose in Bucharest two days ago have been winced and dined and given the freedom of the city prior to their evacuation by air.

The boys laughed and shouted and patted the big forts and embraced the crews. These fellows had parachuted or made forced landings during the long aerial campaign to keep Germany from getting the oil of Ploesti.

RUSSIANS REACH BULGARIAN LINE; MOVE ON HUNGARY

Bulgar Cabinet Resigns and Armistice Discussions Cease.

Moscow, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Soviet tanks and mechanized cavalry swept 35 miles beyond Bucharest, liberated capital of Romania, to the Danube river border of Bulgaria today in relentless pursuit of Germany's fleeing, decimated Balkan legions.

Other elements of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army to the north already had swung west through the Transylvanian and Carpathian Alps toward Hungary, a junction with Marshal Tito's partisan army in Yugoslavia.

Front dispatches disclosed that a Russian armored column had reached the Danube and the Bulgarian border in the neighborhood of the inland port of Giurgiu, terminus of a pipe line from the Ploesti oil fields, now in Soviet hands.

London, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Peace negotiations between representatives of Bulgaria and the Allied powers were suspended abruptly at Cairo today because of the resignation of Bulgarian Premier Ivan Bagrianov's cabinet.

Cairo dispatches also reported that Bagrianov may form another cabinet to include pro-Ally elements, and would empower Stoiche Moshanov, vice-president of the Bulgarian parliament, to carry on conversations and receive armistice terms from the Allies.

The interruption of the negotiations was announced at Cairo as German troops were reported occupying the seething Hungarian capital of Budapest, and other Balkan Nazi satellites showed increasing evidence of unrest.

RELIEF SHIP TO JAPAN APPROVED

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—The state department said today that the Soviet government has granted permission for a Japanese vessel to transship American relief supplies which have long been awaiting removal from a Russian port for distribution among U. S. and allied prisoners of war and civilians held by Japan.

The Japanese had imposed conditions for handling the supplies which now have been agreed to by this country and Russia, the announcement said.

NAZIS EVACUATE LYON AND SOUTH FRANCE SECTORS

High Command Orders Flight—Allies Rule Entire Coast.

Rome, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—The German 19th army, following reported high command orders to get out of southern France as best it can, apparently was evacuating Lyon today before onrushing American forces thundering up the Rhone valley from four sides.

Heavy enemy movements have been observed on roads leading north and northeast from Lyon, allied headquarters announced today as the four allied columns made new gains which put them within 45 miles of the city.

The movements confirmed one captured German general's admission that the 19th army had been told to make its way back into Germany "by any means possible."

(Allied - controlled Radio France said today that more than 60,000 prisoners have been taken by the allies in southern France.)

One American column operating east of the Rhone river, a late communique revealed, advanced 15 miles past Grenoble to Voiron, 45 miles southeast of Lyon, while another closer to the river advanced to a point opposite Valence.

On the west bank of the Rhone, Americans were in contact with the enemy between Bourg de Jeage and Tournon, the latter point less than 48 miles south of Lyon. French forces of the 7th army, the communique disclosed, driving northward still farther west, had reached and occupied St. Agrege, 55 miles southwest of Lyon.

While the drive up the Rhone was under way, the 300-mile French Mediterranean coast from Italy to the Spanish border came under complete allied control.

SEC. HULL LISTS PEACE PROBLEMS

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the paramount postwar problem will be "establishment of regimes that will work toward general public welfare as the ultimate objective of national and international action."

Hull spoke at a special meeting of the Pan American Union's governing board at which Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin, president-elect of Cuba, was guest of honor.

In reply to Hull's welcome, Grau said that "Cuba is ready to sacrifice everything for the cause of justice and liberty."

"That," he added, "is why we admire that international new deal which has been brought by the concept of good neighbor, and whose policy is in splendid coincidence with Cuban ideals."

New York, Sept. 1.—(U.P.)—Stocks opened steady to firm in quiet trading today.

BASEBALL

American			
Philadelphia	3	8	0
Boston	4	10	1
Black, Berry and Partee.			
Bowman, Barrett and Partee.			
Washington	10	15	0
New York	7	11	2
Thesenga, Carrasquel, Wolf, Haefer and Ferreri; Roser, Johnson, Turner, Donald and Garbark.			

National			
New York	1	4	1
Brooklyn	8	11	0
Feldman, Hansen, Gee, Adams and Lombardi; Herring and Owen.			