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Allied Thrust Aimed To Take All Peninsula

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 8 (AP)—Allied invasion troops, over the first hurdle of winning footholds in France and buttressed by reinforcements, threw back repeated Nazi armored counter-thrusts today, fought inland beyond Bayeux and menaced bomb-blasted Caen.

A Berlin broadcast declared the allies had thrust into Caen, 16 miles southwest of Bayeux, "with tanks, mounted infantry and mobile troops," and said violent fighting raged in the city. It also acknowledged the fall of Bayeux, which it described as "reduced to a heap of rubble."

German broadcasts indicated a developing allied pincer drive to the west to chop off the tip of the Normandy peninsula and its prize port of Cherbourg, and placed the allied wings below Cherbourg only 20 miles apart.

American, Canadian and British troops repelled all the German counterblows—forerunners of heavier smashes yet to come—and were "getting along" all along the battlefield, a dispatch from 21st army group headquarters said.

FIRST PHASE FINISHED

Supreme headquarters said the first phase of winning invasion footholds was accomplished, with the second step of defeating Nazi tactical reserves already underway. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower asserted the ground troops were "performing magnificently."

From 750 to 1000 U. S. heavy bombers and other planes smashed 10 major rail targets in a wide arc below the Cherbourg peninsula to hamper the flow of Nazi reinforcements. Improving weather sped the rush of allied strength by sea and air.

As to the pincers threatening Cherbourg itself, Berlin reported fierce house-to-house fighting in Ste. Mere-Eglise, 20 miles southeast of the port, and said paratroopers had landed on the west coast of the peninsula, south of Cherbourg and only 20 miles from the battleline at Ste. Mere-Eglise. There was no allied confirmation of these actions.

CAEN STRUCK

Specific directions and progress in today's fighting were not disclosed, but headquarters announced that medium bombers had struck heavily at the town of Caen, 18 miles southeast of Bayeux, starting fires. The allies have plunged near Caen, nine miles inland on the peninsula's base.

Prime Minister Churchill said Tuesday that there was fighting in Caen, perhaps referring to paratroopers who had reached there. Nazi counterblows near Caen were repulsed yesterday, headquarters said.

American heavy bombers blasted railway installations at Rennes, Laval, Tours, Le Mans, Nantes and Angers, in support of the beachhead forces, flying out 750 to 1000 strong.

The Fortresses and Liberators met enemy opposition and destroyed seven out of one attacking force of 12.

Marauders and Havocs also bombed railroad installations at Valognes, Vireux, Lessay, Portaubault, Rennes and Laval, while fighters peeled off and raked thin-skinned and armored vehicles of the enemy close behind the front.

A German broadcast, totally without confirmation, said 1300 gliders used to rush in a huge air-borne army, had been destroyed or captured.

Capture of Bayeux snipped the railway between Paris and Cherbourg, 45 miles to the northwest, and opened the way for a thrust deeper inland.

NEAR JUNCTION

But farther west the Germans pictured allied forces already within 20 miles of a junction that would choke off Cherbourg itself. Berlin declared house-to-house fighting raged in Ste. Mere-Eglise, 20 miles southeast of the port, and said paratroopers had landed on the west coast only a score of miles southwest of Ste. Mere-Eglise.

There was no allied confirmation of west coast landings or fighting at Ste. Mere-Eglise, on one of the two main roads to Cherbourg.

Heavy battles, with tanks and reserves sped up by both sides, flared over the peninsula. Allied beachhead troops are linking up with airborne forces dropped deeper inland, headquarters said, and improvement in adverse weather aided reinforcements from glider sky trains.

Field reports declared British-Canadian troops had captured a number of French towns and villages, advancing on open roads to points some miles from the coast. Infantrymen rode up to battle on bicycles and tanks to speed the advance.

British Advance
A Berlin broadcast said British troops pushed through Bayeux early today and are advancing southwest toward the Vire river, which cuts across the peninsula.

On the third day of the invasion, Supreme Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared:

"My complete confidence in the ability of the allied armies, navies and air forces to do all they are asked to do has been completely justified."

Even as he spoke, Berlin radio reported the Russians had launched an offensive north of Iasi in Romania—perhaps the beginning of a coordinated nutcracker blow from the east.

Eisenhower praised the naval landing operations as surpassing any other amphibious operation he has seen, and lauded the

"long and brilliant" aerial campaign that proved such effective preparations for landings.

Defenses Attacked
Powerful air armadas scourged German defenses today, with 750 to 1000 Flying Fortresses and Liberators mauling bridges, railroad targets and airfields in an arc 100 to 150 miles south of the beachheads, and U. S. Marauders starting fires in Caen, southeast of Bayeux, toward which a beachhead force is driving.

Canadian and British troops have captured several hundred prisoners and shot up numerous Nazi 88-millimeter guns, field reports said. Canadian Press correspondent Ross Munro, with Canadians in an unidentified sector, said the Germans were

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Allies Aim To Cut Off Peninsula



This map shows the major invasion theater and points of special interest in today's news. Allied forces, having landed on the coast between Le Havre and Cherbourg, are driving inland and today have taken Bayeux, cutting the vital Cherbourg-Paris railroad shown on the map. There are reports that Caen, Parisward on the rail line, has been taken. Apparent allied purpose is to swing southwest to cut off the Cherbourg peninsula, giving them the great port of Cherbourg, and an ideal base for a drive toward Paris.

Yanks Take Biak Field

COUNTY BUYS BUILDING FOR HEALTH CENTER

Former Soule Hospital Bought For \$25,000; New Job Cancelled

Klamath county court this week negotiated the purchase of the old Soule sanitarium building (Community Hospital) on Main street, to be used as headquarters for county health unit and detention home for venereal cases.

The deal, papers for which were being drawn today, cancels the plan for construction of a new building for the same purpose at Third and Klamath.

The Community hospital was recently purchased and renovated by Mrs. Kathryn Wilson, who is now selling the building to the county for \$25,000, this amount covering all equipment and furniture now in the hospital.

Houses 20
The hospital has three floors with a total of 28 rooms. The second and third floors house 20 beds. The first floor has been

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Avery Hit In Ward Case

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP)—James B. McAree, secretary-treasurer of the CIO, testified today that Montgomery Ward and company's resistance to government seizure of its Chicago plant demonstrated that Sewell Avery is a "petty tyrant" holding his own interests "above the welfare of his country."

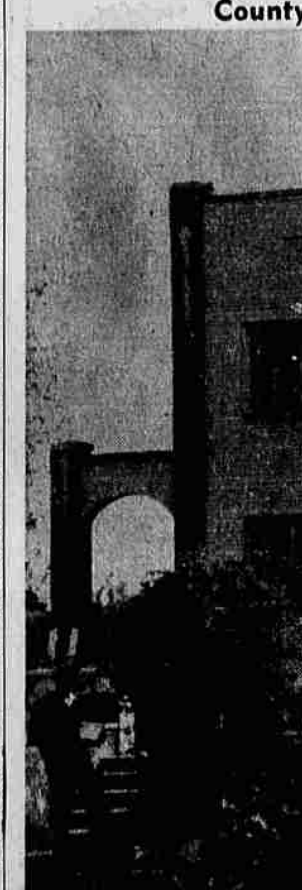
Appearing before the house committee investigating the seizure, Carey said that Avery, Ward board chairman, persistently has denied employees the right to organize and that the collective bargaining in which he did engage was a "sham and pretense."

Recalling the NLRB is considering a rule to give employers the right to petition for a new election, if they doubt the status of the union, within five days after a contract expires, he said this would be a "deadly weapon" which would disrupt labor relations.

LEBANON, Ore., June 8 (AP)—Three woodsmen faced charges of involuntary manslaughter today in the death of three Oregonians, passengers on a bus crushed by a falling tree near Cascadia, Ore., Tuesday.

Charles H. Brown and William G. Lightie, woodsmen who felled the tree, and their employer, Glen Ohling, were named on a coroner's jury charge on the ground they should have posted flagmen on the highway.

County Gets Hospital Building Here



This well-built brick hospital building on Main street near the canal is to be purchased by Klamath county as headquarters for the health unit and detention home for social disease cases. It replaces the proposed structure for Third and Klamath. The price was \$25,000. The building was known for years as the Soule sanitarium, and later as the Lightfoot hospital and Community hospital.

Terrific Gale Hits Woodland

WOODLAND, Calif., June 8 (AP)—A gale of more than 50 miles an hour struck Woodland and Yolo county early today and in more than three hours' duration destroyed crops valued by brokers in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, uprooted fruit trees, damaged business establishments and some residences and interrupted power communication services.

Grain brokers said the damage to the barley crop was possibly the greatest loss. Damage to 20,000 acres of tomatoes, the largest planting in the history of the county, also was reported great.

Street trees by the score were blown down, George Hazeman, street superintendent, reported.

VITAL POINTS FALL TO ALLIES IN ITALY

By NOLAN NORGAARD
ROME, June 8 (AP)—Allied armored forces driving steadily against fleeing enemy troops west of the Fibero today captured Civita Castellana strategic highway and rail junction 32 miles north of Rome, after their fifth army units had seized Civitavecchia, Rome's principal seaport 38 miles northwest of the eternal city.

Civita Castellana is a junction of three highways, and also of electric railways to Rome and Viterbo.

The Germans still appeared to be withdrawing in a bad state of demoralization, without any indication yet available as to when they might turn and attempt a determined stand.

Disorganized
An official spokesman declared "the battered remnants of the German 14th army are in a considerable state of disorganization."

Woodsmen May Be Accused In Death From Falling Tree

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP)—Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire reported today President Roosevelt's health is "excellent in all respects."

McIntire Says
FDR Health Good

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP)—Detailing to reporters the result of a recent physical check-up the president underwent at the naval medical center, the president's personal physician said Mr. Roosevelt's present weight is about 180 pounds.

"He is in better physical condition than the average man his age," said McIntire.

As a result of the president's spring vacation in the south, he added, Mr. Roosevelt is now in better health than he has been at any time for a year—"and you know that is very good shape."

M'ARTHUR GETS BASE TO BOMB PHILIPPINES

Japs Score Gains In Drive on Changsha; Bangkok Rocked

By WILLIAM PHIPPS
Associated Press War Editor
Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordered an airstrike today within bomber range of the Philippines—the allies' first since Japan's steamroller crushed them back against Australia early in the Pacific war.

Toughened American invaders of Biak, largest island of the Schouten group off Dutch New Guinea, outsmarted the Japanese defenders to grab Mokmer airfield after 12 days of savage fighting. Mokmer is only 880 miles southeast of the Philippines.

Japs Gain in China
Announcement of the Yanks' Mokmer triumph highlighted Japanese setbacks in every Pacific theater except Central China where fierce Chinese resistance was being overcome around Changsha.

This key Hankow-Canton railway center in Hunan province was being strangled slowly by six Japanese spearheads in a drive to split China from north to south.

But the Chinese pressed ahead (Continued on Page Thirteen)

Reds Open Up With Broad Front Drive

LONDON, June 8 (AP)—DNB in a Berlin broadcast today announced that the Russians had launched an offensive on a broad front in the sector north of Iasi, Romania.

A broadcast Romanian communique said "heavy fighting is in progress."

There was no confirmation immediately from Moscow, but a new offensive on the Russian front has been expected to put new pressure on Germany's east while American and British forces are attacking in France and Italy.

Last night's Moscow communique said German attacks north of Iasi have "diminished considerably," indicating the Germans may have been stopped in a push which they announced earlier.

Wright Resumes Limited Output

CINCINNATI, June 8 (AP)—Production of finished airplane engines resumed on a "very small scale" at the Wright Aeronautical corporation plant today on the heels of company order to strikers and absentees to return to work by Friday or stand discharged.

The assembly line reported shortly before noon that a "few" engines were being turned out—first since a racial dispute on Monday caused a strike and walkout that brought idleness to 15,000 workers.

Company officials declared, however, that the full effect of the "work or be fired" order might not be ascertainable until Saturday.

Chief Calls For Victory



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), allies invasion commander in chief, gives his order of the day—"full victory—nothing else"—to paratroopers somewhere in England just before they took off in planes for the D-Day invasion of France. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radio.)

War Bulletin

LONDON, June 8 (AP)—A commentator on the Nazi-controlled Paris radio said tonight that 20 allied divisions now have landed in Normandy and added that the battle was "growing in depth."

Simultaneously the German radio reported an allied tank push had driven as much as six miles south of captured Bayeux, itself five miles from the coast.

LONDON, June 8 (AP)—The German radio reported at 10 p. m. tonight (1 p. m. PWT) that two more allied airborne divisions "in many hundreds" of gliders had landed north of Bayeux today. It was the first report of a daylight operation on such a large scale.

LONDON, June 8 (AP)—The German high command said today that the allies had launched an attack to the southwest—in a direction that would cut off Cherbourg—from their bridgehead between Bayeux and Caen and that heavy fighting was in progress with the Germans throwing reserves into counterattacks. The communique declared the German counterattacks on the flanks of the beachhead were making progress, however.

Poll Tax Issue
These demands, as outlined in resolutions adopted by the convention, were outlined in resolutions adopted by the convention, were strongly reminiscent of those previously approved by Texas and South Carolina conventions. They included opposition to anti-poll tax and racial equality planks in the platform.

The resolutions also urged "a return to state's right" and the restoration of the two-thirds nominating rule for national conventions.

The regular Texas democratic convention previously had instructed that state's electors not to support the party nominee unless similar demands were fulfilled by the convention. South Carolina democrats took the same course, except that they delayed choosing electors (Continued on Page Thirteen)

Stalin Assures Polish Freedom, Says Lange

CHICAGO, June 8 (AP)—Prof. Oscar Lange, University of Chicago, economist who recently interviewed Premier Stalin, declared today the soviet marshal "made it very clear that the independence and sovereignty of Poland will be fully recognized" by Russia after the war.

"There will be no interference in internal affairs," of Poland, Lange quoted Stalin as saying. Lange, Polish-born, arrived yesterday in Chicago from Moscow where he conferred with a private citizen with Stalin on May 21. He made his first statement of his trip at a press conference today.

Lange offered as support of what he said Stalin told him these two observations:

1. The soviet government is arming the Polish army which one Polish general said was expected to grow to 1,000,000 men before the end of the war.

2. The Russians are permitting in schools for Polish refugee children new textbooks written by the union of Polish patriots, a Polish organization in Russia, and the committee for Polish children. These are replacing old textbooks because they contained communist teachings.

Baseball Scores
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago 10 13 2
Pittsburgh 6 12 3
W. S. Vandenberg (5) and
Holm, R. O. Cucurullo (2),
Butcher (6), Strncevich (3), and
Davis, Camelli (6), Lopez (9).

Philadelphia 1 6 1
Brooklyn 8 8 2
Gerheuser, Hussill (2), Mathawson (3), Covington (7), and
Finley; Head and Bragan.

WEATHER
June 8, 1944
Max. (June 8) 70. Min. 35.
Precipitation last 24 hours, trace.
Stream yes to date 2.69
Normal 11.26. Last year 17.14
Forecast: Unsettled.

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