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## REDS CAPTURE TWO VILLAGES NEAR BORDER

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up more than 270 towns and villages during the day on a long front stretching from the Pripyat marshes to the Latvian frontier area.

Moscow, however, had not confirmed the new soviet offensive in southern Poland which Berlin said had begun.

**Strike From Northwest**

The German high command said the Russians struck from northwest of Tarnopol, where they last were reported within 30 miles of strategic Lwow, and west of Luck, 120 miles southeast of Lublin, which guards the southeast approaches to Warsaw.

A drive from Luck also would pose a southern flanking threat to Brest-Litovsk, fortress town scarred by two wars, which stands on the main line west to Warsaw and anchors the enemy's Bug river defenses.

**Reds Eliminated**

"Some Russian penetrations were eliminated in counter-thrusts," the Berlin radio said of the new offensive.

Moscow, habitually silent on new operations until they are well developed, had not mentioned any new drive south of the Pripyat marshes.

**Break-Neck Pace**

The Russians kept up their break-neck pace through wavering defenses as they struck on in the Baltic states toward the

## BATTLE NEARS ANCHOR POINT OF SAINT LO

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tor, supreme headquarters said.

**Bad Weather**

The worst flying weather since invasion day limited the powerful allied air arm to less than 50 sorties up until this afternoon.

Three towns fell in the four-mile southward drive from the marshes of Pleissis toward Peilers closing in the American line menacing that middle stronghold, in the largest single-day advance since Cherbourg's capture. Sixteen towns and villages on the American front have been seized in the last 24 hours.

**Fight Desperately**

The Germans fought desperately to hold their line on the lateral road running from Lessay 21 miles southeastward through Peilers to St. Lo. A front dispatch said the enemy poured the toughest artillery fire yet encountered against one U. S. column near the Pont-Herbert road north of St. Lo after a 800-yard advance. Infantrymen fought yard by yard for the big road hub of St. Lo, and were closing in from positions at La Barre de Semilly, two miles to the east.

British troops have captured more than 7000 Germans and killed or wounded four times as many - 28,000 to 30,000 - since D-Day, a British staff officer at the front declared, as a full period on the British-Canadian sector to the east.

The whole allied bag of prisoners was above 54,000, for an American announcement June 11 said 46,819 enemy troops had been taken by U. S. forces.

**Positions**

This was the position of the American front this morning:

Lessay—One mile north of the town after the capture of the hamlet of Beauvais, converging on the town from the east where they were two miles away at Pissot, while on the west they were about a mile and a half away after advancing from St. Germain-Sur-Ay.

Peilers—A late telephone call from the 21st army group this morning said the Americans had driven to within two miles of the town from the north. Previous information a few hours before recorded the capture of Les Granges and Gouffreville, four miles north of the town, and St. Patrice de Clais, three miles northwest.

St. Lo—Late information this morning said the Americans had pushed west from La Barre de Semilly, breaking the deadlock there. This one pincer was closing on the town while a half-mile advance northwest of St. Lo, down the Vire river through Creteville, placed a northern American column less than three miles from St. Lo in this direction.

## DIPLOMATIC BREAK EYED BY TURKEY

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the war "before the end of October," a transoceanic broadcast from Berlin said today that most foreign representatives had left Ankara for summer residences.

The Japanese, Hungarian and Bulgarian envoys will follow the lead of German Ambassador Franz von Papen in quitting the capital, the agency reported, saying this showed "the calm prevailing in political circles."

## Japs Renew Hengyang Offense

CHUNGKING, July 15 (AP)—Japanese vigorously renewing their assault on the Canton-Hankow rail key of Hengyang in southern Hunan, succeeded in breaking into the streets of the city but were annihilated, the Chinese high command announced today.

Vigorous fighting was reported underway in the broad area comprising Hengyang's outer defenses, particularly at Yuhsein, Liling and Yungfeng with the Chinese making some progress.

## AIR FACILITIES AT KLAMATH HUB FOR NORTHWEST

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ers, and rotating beacons to guide him, as well as constant radio contact with weather and emergency landing stations along the line.

Proceeding to the north out of Klamath Falls, he may follow one of two beams to the airways over Medford; he may proceed direct to Portland, although this route is over rugged terrain; he may follow a new airway to The Dalles, or go direct to Pasco, Wash., and from there through Snoqualmie pass. The safety route for contact flying from Oakland to the north is now via airways to Red Bluff, Klamath Falls and The Dalles.

**Flat Terrain**

This brings the airman up a series of valleys, over almost flat terrain and eliminates the necessity of climbing to high altitudes in the event of bad weather over the mountains. The contact flier may, at low altitude, go to Portland through the gorge route or if that is closed, go through Snoqualmie pass via Yakima.

Although the number of transient aircraft now utilizing the Klamath Falls hub is a military secret, it is known that daily more aircraft pass through this city than formerly flew the coastal routes in an entire year.

**Commercial Activity Bids**

Already members of the chamber of commerce aviation committee are bidding for post-war airline and commercial activity.

The extensive airways installation will give this civic group a trump card in this bidding, inasmuch as aviation executives ordinarily will follow the routes upon which facilities are already available.

In addition, it was pointed out that military expansion of the local airport is fitted to handle not only any present day aircraft, but the weight and size of those which are still in the drafting board stage.

## Bombers Hammer At Railroads Near Paris

LONDON, July 15 (AP)—British Lancaster bombers hammered at railroads in the suburbs of Paris early today. This was a climax to widespread night air assaults in which other heavies hit flying bomb installations in France and Mosquitos ripped into German positions in Normandy and objectives in Germany.

The important Villeneuve-St. Gorges railroad yards on the southeastern outskirts of Paris gave the Lancasters their target for this morning. Reconnaissance had disclosed large concentrations of rolling stock there, loaded with supplies for the battle area.

## DEMOCRAT LEADERS STILL IN DARK

By JACK BELL  
CHICAGO, July 15 (AP)—National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan kept democratic convention leaders in the dark today on the White House attitude toward the party's vice presidential nomination and its platform—but there were strong indications President Roosevelt had decided to let the delegates write the second half of their ticket.

Reportedly bearing an expression of the president's views, Hannegan went into seclusion immediately after his arrival from Washington without even meeting with such convention leaders as Senator Samuel Jackson of Indiana, the permanent chairman.

Aides said he was "not ready to talk."

There were apparently authentic reports, however, that Hannegan had in his possession a letter from the president to the convention, which is expected to nominate him for a fourth term Thursday, expressing his preference for Vice President Henry A. Wallace as a running mate but leaving the final choice to the delegates.

Mr. Roosevelt was said in this connection to have rejected strong pleas by Hannegan that the president make a second choice, or at least list several others who would be acceptable to him besides Wallace.

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## OBITUARY

**NELLIE THORA MANLY**  
Nellie Thora Manly, a resident of Tionesta, Calif., for the past three months, passed away near Tionesta, Calif., on Friday, July 14, 1944. The deceased was a native of Guile, Wis., and at the time of her passing was aged 42 years three months and four days. She is survived by her husband, Phil Manly, and one daughter, Marjorie, of Tionesta, Calif., and her father, Al Johnson, of this city. Two sisters, Ora Cummings, of Cusick, Wash., and Pearl Guivaine, of Klamath Falls, Ore. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 925 High, where friends may call after 7 p. m. Saturday. The notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## Invaders Pushed Out of Hills

**SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, Ceylon, July 15 (AP)—**The Japanese northeast of Imphal apparently were on their way out of the Manipur hills of India today. They were fighting a rearguard action toward the Chindwin valley of Burma in the closing phases of their ill-fated invasion.

Allied troops, pushing after the main body of the Japanese retreating from the Ukhrul area above Imphal have established contact with the enemy rear guard at Maoku, 10 miles southeast of Ukhrul on the track to Humine, "the exit from the Manipur hills to the Chindwin," a communique from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced.

## Exchange Plan Off Schedule

IRUN, Spain, July 15 (AP)—A proposed exchange of British and German nationals this week at Lisbon has been thrown off schedule by failure of three trainloads of British refugees to arrive at this border town, apparently because of disrupted lines in France.

Spanish railway officials spent hours yesterday telephoning the Germans at Hendaye in an effort to obtain information and finally the nazis admitted they knew only that the trains, which left Germany July 8, were "somewhere east of Bordeaux."

Trains have been waiting in Spain since July 8 to take the refugees to Portugal. The exchange was scheduled to begin in Lisbon two days ago. The liner Drottingholm is waiting there with approximately 900 Germans.

## Madame Chiang Makes Residence On Island

**RIO DE JANEIRO, July 15 (AP)—**Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of China's generalissimo, who arrived here this week for a three-month rest, has taken up residence on the tiny island of Broccio in Rio de Janeiro bay. The island once was the home of a Brazilian multi-millionaire. It was purchased by the municipality of Rio de Janeiro recently for use as a civic garden.

(Chungking dispatch said China's first lady suffered nervous exhaustion, insomnia and chronic urticaria—an inflammation of the skin—and went to Brazil to avoid the intense summer heat of China.)

## CHAMBER APPROVES CARRIER PROPOSAL

Chamber of commerce directors on a split vote this week approved a national chamber referendum favoring permitting one type of carrier to operate other forms of transportation "when in the public interest."

The vote was 8 to 3.

It is reported that principle interest in the issue before the national chamber is between railroads and airlines, the latter favoring policies which would prohibit railroads from going into the airline business.

The chamber directors went on record favoring a series of declarations on aviation policies in national chamber referenda, including the establishment of a "federal aid" program in connection with airports.

## Japs Execute Captured Pilots

**NEW YORK, July 15 (AP)—**A Japanese broadcast directed to American forces in the Southwest Pacific and recorded by the federal communications commission today said several American airmen captured in the first Superfortress raid on northern Kyushu last month had been executed.

The broadcast warned that "any airman who falls or bails out over Japan will be executed."

"This is the order of the day," it added.

The American airmen met with "the same fate which was meted out to raiders of Tokyo some two years ago," continued the broadcast.

## Service Women Die In Line of Duty

**WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—**More than two score women members of the nation's armed forces—nurses, WACS, WAVES, marines—have died in line of duty since the start of the war and even more are prisoners.

Six army nurses died in the bombing of army field hospitals on the beachhead at Anzio, Italy. Twenty-three others died in accidents while in performance of duty, army records show.

The women's army corps lists one WAC killed in line of duty, a jeep accident in North Africa. The marines have lost seven members in accidents while the women were on duty.

Four navy nurses have died in plane crashes while on assignments.

About 60 army nurses and 16 navy nurses are prisoners, all of them captured when the Philippines fell to the Japanese.

## Grass Fires Put Out by Department

A grass fire Friday evening and one on Saturday morning brought the fire department out to extinguish them.

At 4:08 Thursday they were called to 1237 Front street in Shippington and Friday morning they went to the 200 block on Hillside.

## Wolfe Doubts Jap Threats

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif., July 15 (AP)—**Doubt that Japanese have executed captured airmen from the first Superfortress raid on northern Kyushu was indicated today by Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Wolfe.

"That's the kind of propaganda thrown out by Japan right along to boost morale on the home front," he told a newsman. "Every time they lost an island or a strip of territory they make new threats."

Gen. Wolfe is visiting his wife and daughter here.

## Thompson Freed by Judge's Ruling

A directed verdict yesterday ended the trial of Everett Gerald Thompson, who was charged with the theft of \$80 from the Crosscut cafe at Chiloquin.

Judge David R. Vandenberg held that the state had failed to present evidence connecting Thompson with the crime. The judge's ruling freed Thompson, defended by A. C. Yaden.

State evidence was to the effect that Thompson was at or near the scene of the theft, that a considerable sum of money was found on his person, that his hat was found nearby, and that he told Indian Officer John Arakell that he didn't know whether he had stolen the money but if he did he would pay it back.

Defense evidence was unnecessary as the judge directed the verdict at the close of the state's case.

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