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Weather News

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Max. (July 23)	87	Min.	53
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00		
Stream year to date	10.42		
Normal	12.10	Last year	17.85

Forecast: Cooler

PLANES AID IN LANDINGS ON TINIAN

Opposition Light on Second Day of Invasion

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 24 (AP)—The day-old invasion of Tinian island, moving smoothly from firm beachheads, rushed American conquest of the strategic Marianas today while other Yank forces isolated key objectives on Guam, 130 miles southward.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique last night said landings, begun at dawn Sunday by assault units of the second and fourth marines, were being "continued against light opposition" on Tinian, three miles south of conquered Saipan. The invasion was made under protection of carrier and land-based planes, warship guns and land-based artillery.

1958 Casualties

American forces on Guam suffered 1958 casualties in three days' fighting. They have isolated the island's best airfield and finest harbor in closing their grip on Port Apra. The casualties included 348 killed, 1500 wounded and 110 missing.

The swiftly moving Pacific war spread to Philippine waters with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's announcement that his bombers sank a 100-foot Japanese vessel Saturday 70 miles off Mindanao. He disclosed that this area had been under patrol for some time, and made the first mention of the Philippines in a communique since Corregidor's fall May 6, 1942.

Planes Support

The Tinian assault, the third invasion in the Marianas, was launched four days after the Guam landings. The Tinian is (Continued on Page Two)

Tokyo Radio Says Landings Fail

NEW YORK, July 24 (AP)—Several hours after Admiral Chester W. Nimitz had announced the landing of American forces on Tinian island in the Marianas, the Tokyo radio today told the Japanese people that the "enemy" had attempted a landing but asserted that it had been repulsed.

The Tokyo broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission, said the Americans had become "fearful of our fierce certain-death attacks" and had "at last abandoned their plans."

The Japanese people were warned however, that "the progress of the war situation is such that it does not permit any optimism."

Death Toll in Fire Increases

HARTFORD, Conn., July 24 (AP)—The death toll in the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey circus fire disaster here July 6 rose to 164 today when Grace Clark, 48, whose 81-year-old parents also perished in the "big top" blaze, succumbed of burns.

Six persons remain missing since the catastrophe.

War Bulletin

LONDON, July 24 (AP)—Russian troops have reached the river San in southern Poland on a front of 50 miles in another big westward advance, the Russian communique announced tonight.

BERN, July 24 (AP)—The French section of the village of St. Gingolph straddling the border with Switzerland was burned to the ground yesterday by a raid by French patriots, and 350 elderly men, women and children fled across the border to Swiss soil.

Generals Die From Blast

GERMANS FLEE AS REDS MOVE NEAR WARSAW

Lublin Rail Center Taken in Russian Advance

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW, July 24 (AP)—The German army fled in disorder through central Poland today as the Russians advanced within 70 miles of Warsaw and fought through the streets of Lublin only 25 miles from the Wisla (Vistula) river line Hitler must hold to stage off a direct assault on the city.

In Stalin's juggernaut offensive entering its second month with increasing momentum, the red army has captured 23 German generals and knocked out possibly 50 of the Germans' 250 divisions in the east (perhaps 500,000 or more men).

LONDON, July 24 (AP)—Premier Stalin announced tonight the capture of the rail center of Lublin in southeastern Poland. The announcement came several hours after Berlin had acknowledged a Russian penetration within 50 miles of Warsaw, with German troops abandoning Siedlce and Jaszow.

The battle of Poland, already assuming catastrophic consequences for Hitler's eastern front, was shaping into a struggle in the near future for Prussia itself.

Strike Defenses
The red army moved deeply into the Baltic republics and in the south struck close to the Carpathian defenses of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, but it was over the wide, rolling Polish plains that Stalin's war of movement hitously gained new decisions.

Brest Litovsk was by-passed in a pocket 40 miles deep. Soviet troops mounted a frontal attack which battered into that Bug river city's suburbs.

Red army columns spearing from rail lines northeast and (Continued on Page Two)

Americas Reach Agreement About Argentine

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull indicated today that the American republics have reached a general agreement on their attitude toward the government of Argentina, but he declined to discuss its details.

At a press conference, Hull recalled that conferences had been going on for some time concerning the Argentine situation. Recently, some of the conferring ministers had sought to clarify the situation because of confusion created, Hull said, by sinister and subversive elements.

He did not define those elements nor in what they had been sinister and subversive.

German War Installations Targets of Allied Bombs

LONDON, July 24 (AP)—A maximum of 500 U. S. heavy bombers attacked German airbases, harbors and other objectives today in southern France, northern Italy and Yugoslavia.

A great fleet of British bombers cast 2800 tons of explosives on the great naval base of Kiel before dawn and allied planes from Italy bombed the Romanian capital of Bucharest.

British heavy bombers attacked flying bomb installations in northern France for the third time in about a day's span. This was the only daylight operation reported from England up to late afternoon. Weather worsened over Norway with only a few small breaks in the virtually complete overcast.

Airdromes Hit
Airdromes were hit in the south of France.

The leading Italian port of Genoa, 85 miles up the west coast from the battlefield of Pisa, was struck. Four German troop concentrations in southern Yugoslavia were targets across the Adriatic from Italy.

Other objectives included tank

Allies Ready Forces For New Smashes

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 24 (AP)—The allies were massing their forces today for new drives to break out of the Normandy beachhead and only two engagements were reported all along the 100-mile front.

Eight miles east of Caen British Tommies pushed into the western edge of Troarn, ran into stiff resistance and fell back to the railway station just west of this gateway to the great port of Le Havre.

The salient which Lt. Gen. Omar H. Bradley's forces drove across the little Seves river toward the German stronghold of Periers last Saturday was shoved back to the north bank by a German counterattack yesterday, and the village of Sevas was lost. Supreme headquarters announced, however, that American defensive positions were intact.

PART OF MT. DOME FIRE UNDER CONTROL

The Mt. Dome fire had been stopped today on the Lava Beds monument front, but the situation on other sides of the 16,000-acre conflagration was not certain. Modoc forest offices at Tulelake said there were no reports from the fire line today.

No new calls were made here for firefighters, indicating that the situation is less serious today. The fire camp at the Lava Beds monument was discontinued today, and the regular Lava Beds crew was patrolling the fire line.

Three new fires were reported by the Klamath Forest Protective association office. One blaze covered six acres on the California side of the state line near Dorris. A hunter's fire was found in the Parker-Grizzly mountains area. The third blaze was on Hagar mountain near Silver Lake.

The Modoc Point fire on the Klamath Indian reservation was held in check today.

State GOP Meet Set in August

PORTLAND, July 24 (AP)—The republican state central committee will hold its organization meeting here August 19, and a public rally will follow a day of party conferences.

State Chairman Neil R. Allen of Grants Pass set the date after U. S. Representative Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois accepted a bid to be keynote speaker at the meeting which will take on the nature of a republican state convention.

Lumber Worker Injured in Fall

Neils Neilson, an employee of the American Box company, was quite seriously injured today when he fell from a lumber pile between the Kerns Implement company and the Great Northern freight office.

His address is 3049 Delaware. He was taken to Hillside hospital where he was in a serious condition Monday afternoon.

Negroes Vote in Texas Primaries

DALLAS, Tex., July 24 (AP)—Negroes voted for the first time Saturday in a Texas democratic primary and today there were no reports of any unusual incident nor of a negro having been denied a ballot.

Amerillo reported eight negroes voted in 27 precincts in Potter county.

At Silsbee, in deep east Texas, where the lightest vote in years was cast, the negro vote was reported heavier in proportion to the population than the white vote.

Identity of Dead Girl Unknown
PORTLAND, Ore., July 24 (AP)—The identity of a girl about 17 years of age and dressed in a red coat, believed to be from Washington, who was discovered dying in a hotel bathroom last week, remained a mystery today.

Police described her as about 5 feet 7 inches tall, 160 pounds, black hair and pudgy nose with a one-inch scar below the left ear. An autopsy is expected to determine cause of death.

BLOOD PURGE CARRIED ON BY GESTAPO

Nazis Take Steps to Assure Loyalty Of Army

By The Associated Press
LONDON, July 24—Two German generals, one chief of the air force general staff, have died of injuries from the Thursday bomb-blast aimed at Hitler's life, Berlin radio announced today.

Gestapo squads, meanwhile, were reported carrying forward a vast blood purge to quell what Prime Minister Winston Churchill termed a revolution in Germany.

Three Killed
Berlin listed the dead officers as Col. Gen. Guenther Korten, chief of the German air force general staff, and Maj.-Gen. Heinz Brandt, first officer in the army general staff's operative section. This brought to three the announced death toll of the explosion. The nazis already had announced the death of "the fuhrer's collaborator" and double, whose name first was given as "Berger" but was reported today as Heinrich Bernger.

Another Berlin broadcast declared the "Hitler salute" had been introduced in place of the army salute in the German armed forces—apparently as another step to assure loyalty of the troops to Hitler and nazidom.

Leaders Barely Touched
On the German frontier, the Associated Press learned from reliable but secret channels that the Himmler purge has barely touched the real leaders and organizers of resistance to Hitler, even though the nazis apparently had won their first major battle (Continued on Page Two)

Shortage of Houses Shown In Survey

Only 30 habitable family accommodations, or six-tenths of one per cent of local family housing, was vacant in Klamath Falls when a survey was conducted here last month, it was disclosed today by the national housing agency.

The survey was made in the second week of June by the bureau of census, at the request of NHA. The gross vacancy rate set in the survey was 1.4 per cent.

"The gross vacancy rate indicates a considerable decrease in the number of unoccupied dwelling units in this city since August, 1943, when a similar survey was made," said the NHA.

"The gross vacancy rate at that time was 9.7 per cent."

To relieve the local shortage, NHA has started construction of 40 housing units here and has set up 55 "stop-gap" trailers. Only four of the trailers had been occupied today. These trailers are for in-migrant war workers, and those who move into the trailers will establish eligibility for rental of the row-housing now under construction.

Mass Killings Reported in Rebellion Purge

BERN, Switzerland, July 24 (AP)—Journal de Geneve in a dispatch from Germany said today "there have been mass executions of officers of all grades" to quell the rebellion against Hitler.

Firing squads worked overtime in interior Germany and also at the front, the dispatch said, with hundreds of officers put to death on three days ended July 21.

"At Langericht and Grause Haus," (two notorious Vienna prisons), the article asserted, "executions of military persons for the past four weeks occurred regularly, twice a week. At Grause Haus two cells were devoted to this bloody and regular work."

Polish Council Given Power

MOSCOW, July 24 (AP)—The Polish council of liberation announced today a "people's national council" has been given temporary executive power for "safeguarding the independence and reestablishing the Polish state."

Organization of the Polish council, announced over the weekend by Moscow, drew fire from the Polish government-in-exile in London, which is recognized by the United States and Great Britain. Moscow more than a year ago broke diplomatic relations with the Polish government in London.

The Polish council's decree, dated Warsaw, July 21, was released to foreign correspondents here.

Terrorists Harm German General

LONDON, July 24 (AP)—The German radio at Paris said tonight that "terrorists" had seriously injured Gen. Otto von Stuepnagel, military administrator for occupied France. The attack was said to have occurred July 21 during a tour of eastern France.

Hitler Purge Victims



Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck (right), described by German news sources as one of the German generals leading revolt against Hitler, is reported executed. At left is Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, former chief of German general staff, whose retirement for "health reasons" has raised speculation about possibility of his involvement with generals who sought to oust Hitler.

Fifth Army Yanks Hold Southern Pisa District

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ROME, July 24 (AP)—Americans of the fifth army held the southern district of historic Pisa today while other forces wiped out virtually all enemy positions on the southern banks of the Arno river from the sea to near Empoli, and additional columns pushed north from Poggibonsi to within 12 miles of Florence.

Weekend operations established the fifth army firmly along the Nazi gothic line water barrier to a point less than 20 airline miles from Florence.

Cross Canal
Advance elements crossed the Arno canal and occupied Cascina, 10 miles east of Pisa.

Latest official reports said the Americans had not crossed the Arno at Pisa, but held that

CHINESE ATTACK JAP STRONGHOLD

CHUNGKING, July 24 (AP)—Chinese troops are attacking the Japanese stronghold of St. Anging in northern Hunan province and have thrown back other Japanese forces which again penetrated Chinese positions in Hengyang, the Canton-Hankow railway city 60 miles to the south, the Chinese high command said last night.

A communique said fighting continued with unabated fury at Hengyang, and indicated the Chinese were trying to smash the enemy encirclement ring to the southwest, hitting at Japan (Continued on Page Two)

Supreme Court To Decide on Folkes' Rehearing

SALEM, July 24 (AP)—The state supreme court will end its summer vacation tomorrow by considering a petition for a rehearing of the case of Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro sentenced to die for the knifing of Mrs. Martha Virginia James of Norfolk, Va., in lower berth No. 13 of a train near Albany in January of last year.

Baseball Scores NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	7	11	0
Boston	1	5	2

Wilks and W. Cooper; Tobin, Klopp (6), Hickey (9), and Masi.

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
Mileages on the routes which the allied armies are travelling to Berlin:

- (1) Russian front—365 miles (measured in a direct line from Siedlce). This is 70 miles closer than a week ago.
- (2) Italian front—610 miles (from Ancona). 620 miles from Pisa.
- (3) Normandy front—630 miles (from Troarn, near Caen).

By FRANK JENKINS
The what-is-it in Germany is still the most fascinating subject for speculation in the world. But we still don't know JUST what it is.

ANDON calls it a "vast unprecedented blood purge" in aid of Hitler's enemies inside Germany.

Berlin insists it is a SUCCESSFUL and nearly completed "putting down" of an abortive attempt by a few wicked traitors to beseech the fuhrer's life. Churchill frankly calls it a REVOLUTION.

WHAT is probably the best picture is offered today by the which says in a London dispatch:

"On the German frontier, the Associated Press has learned from reliable but secret channels that the Himmler purge has BARELY TOUCHED THE REAL LEADERS AND ORGANIZERS of resistance to Hitler."

Superficially, Germany is today, with SS and nazified units in apparently unopposed control, but the leadership of the internal opposition to the nazis, except for a very few gaps created by the blood purge, has REMAINED INTACT.

The "committee" and resistance organization, the AP continues, has existed in Germany for more than six months. Its members include not only military but representatives of the German Evangelical and Catholic churches.

It then answers the hitherto puzzling question as to why such an upheaval (if it is not an upheaval) should have started with the mere bombing of a not very efficient bomb at Hitler. The speech says:

"The attempt at Hitler's life was designed NOT to overthrow the nazis... but to show the people of Germany that it is POSSIBLE TO ACT AGAINST HITLER despite the SS and the Gestapo."

WHAT makes sense, for it is understandable that dread of the bloody Gestapo has been a powerful restraining influence in Germany. Before there could be a revolution, somebody had to prove that revolution was feasible.

THIS story isn't official. It may be more dependable for all very reason.

Officials don't like to go out on limbs that may be sawed off behind them and are apt to fall into the habit of thinking that the less said the better. They seldom tell all they know.

Much more is known inside Germany about this affair than has been permitted to get out, and it is quite probable that the German association men on the German borders know people who can SECRETLY give them the pretty straight inside story.

So don't disregard this AP version.

CHURCHILL, who has been in Normandy for the past three days, is almost jovial today, speaking to allied soldiers, he says.

Opposite you is an enemy whose central power is CRUMBLING.

"The Germans weren't happy before on their fighting fronts. Now, suddenly boiling up in their stomachs, has come a deadly quarrel at home. It's not a nice thing for a man to hear of REVOLUTION going on in his own country when he's being attacked."

He then adds:

"There are grave signs of weakness in Germany. The war might come to an end earlier than we have a right to say."

THE Russians today, by German account, are only 50 miles from Warsaw and 365 miles from Berlin.

They're far across the Bug, and only 20 miles from the last natural defense barrier before Germany. They've left Brest-Litovsk and Lwow far behind their rear, to be mopped up later.

They've gained 20 miles since last midnight.

SHAEP says today: "The allies are massing their forces for a new drive to break out of the Normandy beach head." According to unofficial accounts, the forces being massed are mighty.

They are also waiting for better weather. Even the weather MIGHT turn against Hitler.)

ON Guam, we have Port Apra and the island's best airfield "isolated," and are closing in. In Japan opposition is reported lighter than at Saipan. Our casualties so far are 348 dead, 1500 wounded and 110 missing.

We're landing also on Tinian, three miles south of Saipan.

MACARTHUR tells today of sinking a Jap vessel 70 miles off Mindanao, southernmost island of the Philippines. This is taken to mean that he has Mindanao under constant patrol and bombardment.