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| Max. (August 1) | 74 | Min. | 44 |
| Precipitation last 24 hours | | | .05 |
| Stream year to date | | | 10.82 |
| Normal | 12.18 | Last year | 17.85 |

Forecast: Partly Cloudy

Turkey Aligns With Allies

FINLAND MAY SEEK PEACE FROM RUSSIA

Berlin Calls Turkish Action "Prelude To War"

By The Associated Press.
LONDON, Aug. 2.—Turkey aligned herself with the United Nations today to the extent of breaking off diplomatic and economic relations with Germany and there were broad indications that powerful Soviet Russia would consider a new Finnish request for an armistice guaranteeing Finland's independence.

It was reported reliably in Stockholm that Marshal Baron Mannerheim had received Russian assurances before he assumed the presidency of Finland yesterday.

Prelude Sounded
Berlin broadcasts promptly heralded Turkey's action as a "prelude to war." Prime Minister Churchill told commons that if Germany now attacks Turkey "we shall make common cause with her and take the German menace as well as we can in our stride."

Helsinki reports received in Stockholm said German garrisons already were moving out of southern Finland although Berlin broadcasts quoted a foreign office as saying the change of Finland's government "indicates the Finnish people are all out to pull their whole weight in the war effort."

"Abandons Policy"
A broadcast German communiqué said: "Turkey has thus, by breaking off her relations with Germany, taken a step which is of great importance for the progress of the war."

These are great days. Coming mighty events are beginning to cast their shadows at our feet.

France, our Americans are racing toward Rennes (half-way across the base of the Brittany peninsula) and are said this morning to be WELL ON THEIR WAY IN SOME FORCE toward the city.

That is getting elbow room for the immense forces we've poured already and have to pour more into the channel.

At the Caen end of the Normandy line, a British staff officer tells AP Correspondent that "Rommel must stand and fight on the high ground between Villers-Bocage and Caen, and I think WE SHALL DESTROY HIM THERE."

Reports from the battlefield indicate the Germans will have to stand and fight because if they try to retreat toward Paris they will incur terrible losses on the hands of allied planes hammering them from the sky. They follow smash and burn tactics and try to cross the river.

Another Dunkerque seems in the making.

Warsaw, quaking to the roar of Russian guns as on that fateful day a century and a quarter ago Brussels listened to the rattle of the cannon at Waterloo, the Polish underground has been in force and is fighting Germans in the streets.

The Baltic, trapping the German armies to the north.

South of Warsaw they have formed across the Vistula and are in force at the edge of the plain that LEAD TO BERLIN.

HE neutrals and the satellites, reading ARIGHT the handwriting on the wall, START A Turkey severs diplomatic relations with Germany. The Germans mutter in their beads that the Turkish action is the "prelude to war." The Turks retort that whether or not it means war DEPENDS ON THE GERMAN.

"If you attack us, we'll fight" premier tells Berlin.

pro-German Rytel and top commander-in-Chief Mannerheim is believed to have an ADVANCE AGREEMENT with the Russians for an armistice.

Helsinki reports via Stockholm say the German garrisons already MOVING OUT of southern Finland (with the bulk of the Gulf of Finland and practically the whole eastern Baltic already in Russian hands, or about to be, there's nothing else for the Germans to do.)

BERLIN pretends to believe the Finnish move is all for the greater glory of our blessed fatherland, and the Nazi foreign office says the change indicates that the Finnish people are ALL OUT to pull their whole weight (for Germany) in the war effort."

Berlin broadcaster proclaims: "Our brotherhood in arms with Finland will be still closer in the future."

WELL, what would you do if your very life depended on a dangerously frightened people in shedding its last drop of blood for you?

You do as the Nazi big shots are doing—you pretend that what Finland has done is all to the good and it won't be long until the wicked enemy is licked.

THIS beginning of the stampede of the neutrals and satellites is important because they are close to the fighting and know the truth. They can't be bamboozled with propaganda. They KNOW that German power is waning.

CHURCHILL'S statement is a great news, because we BELIEVE him. He told us the truth when the future was black. So we take his word when he says that victory MAY be near.

Of the internal German what-ifs, Churchill says merely: "The highest personalities in the German Reich are murdering one another, or trying to, while avenging allied armies close upon the doomed and ever-narrowing circle of their power."

Of the Pacific (close to our hearts here of the West Coast) Churchill says: "The interval between the defeat of Hitler and the defeat of Japan WILL BE shorter—perhaps MUCH shorter—than I had at the time supposed."

Our own General Douglas, (Continued on Page Two)

Conquest Of Tinian Ended; Guam Half Won

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 2 (AP)—The nine-day conquest of Tinian, a campaign shortened by use of a death-dealing secret weapon on the 4500 Japanese defenders, gave the United States a second "unsinkable aircraft carrier" today next to Saipan, won in 25 days.

On Guam, marines and soldiers who already have won its best harbor and airfield pushed north on the 14th day of invasion against 10,000 doomed Japanese being whittled down by bombs and rockets of carrier planes.

To Speak Here



Senator Guy Cordon

Cordon to Talk On Legislative Matters Here

Pending legislative matters of national and international importance will be discussed here Friday evening by U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, who will speak at a community dinner scheduled for 6:30 p. m. at the Willard hotel. This will be Senator Cordon's first visit to Klamath Falls since his appointment to succeed the late Charles L. McNary.

All interested persons are welcome to attend the no-host dinner, and should make reservations before Thursday evening at the chamber of commerce or the Willard. It was stated by the chamber forum committee which is making arrangements for the affair.

Senator Cordon's talk will be of a non-partisan nature. One subject he is expected to discuss is the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

Miss Russell Enters Contest

Betty Lou Russell, 19, is the latest entrant this week in the Miss Klamath contest which closes at noon this Saturday.

So far 15 girls have entered the race. The girl chosen Miss Klamath will go to Portland this fall to compete with other entrants from all over the state in the selection of a Miss Oregon.

Miss Klamath Contestants



In the contest for the title of Miss Klamath are, from left to right, Lavina Triber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Triber of North Dakota; Virginia Benoit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Benoit of 4709 Bisbee, and Christina Demetrakos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Demetrakos of 2197 Main. All three girls are 18 years old. Photos by Kennell-Ellis

RED ADVANCE TO BALTIC SEA TRAPS NAZIS

Drive Reopened on East Prussian Front

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Aug. 2 (AP)—Thousands of Germans trapped in Latvia and Estonia by a swift Russian plunge to the Baltic sea 30 miles west of Riga thrashed at the Russian nose today while other Nazis fought violently on a 20-mile suburban arc in defense of besieged Warsaw.

Northeast of the invested Polish capital, youthful Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky reopened a huge drive toward East Prussia on a 200-mile front, striking within ten miles of the pre-war frontier of the land of the junker generals.

Cross River
The German communiqué suggested that Russian troops were pouring across the broad and swift Vistula river south of Warsaw, asserting that Nazi planes "sank on the Vistula 28 Soviet ferries crammed with troops." The communiqué said "heavy, fluctuating fighting" was continuing on the approaches of East Prussia between Augustow, eight miles from the frontier, and the Memel river. The Germans acknowledged loss of Kalvarija, Jelava and Wilkowskoken in Latvia and said they recaptured Birsen. Fighting still was reported against a Russian bridgehead over the Vistula below Warsaw. Continued Russian advances toward the Beskid Pass through the Carpathians to Czechoslovakia were reported.

Armies Split
The German 16th and 18th armies have been operating in the Baltic states and these were split by the drive to the sea west of Riga. Once estimated at 30 divisions of perhaps 300,000 men, there was no official estimate of the number trapped in an area (Continued on Page Two)

New Air Force Chief Appointed By Goering

By The Associated Press
Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering has appointed Lt. Gen. Werner Kreipe as chief of the general staff of the German air force to succeed Col. Gen. Guenther Korten, who was killed in the explosion of a bomb intended for Hitler, a DNB broadcast said today.

Kreipe formerly was in charge of air training.

The British radio said in a German-language broadcast that according to Stockholm reports the attack July 20 upon Hitler and his military associates was made in Insteburg, a city in East Prussia 57 miles east of Konigsberg.

Hitler was declared in the BBC transmission, recorded by Kreipe to have moved his headquarters from Insteburg because of the red army advance.

Himmler Demands Work From All

LONDON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Heinrich Himmler as commander-in-chief of the German home army has demanded that every officer and man renounce "all egotism and that damned spirit of fatigue," Berlin broadcasts said today.

The command was given in an order of the day in which Himmler openly acknowledged Germany's manpower shortage by demanding that "each officer and man who can be spared at home be sent to the front."

"Those left at home because they are over age or unfit must take up work in arms factories," said the order which was dated yesterday.

Robert Gustin Hurt on Saipan

Pvt. Robert T. Gustin, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Gustin of Klamath Falls, has been seriously wounded in action, according to word received here last week.

Pvt. Gustin was wounded on June 21 on Saipan island.

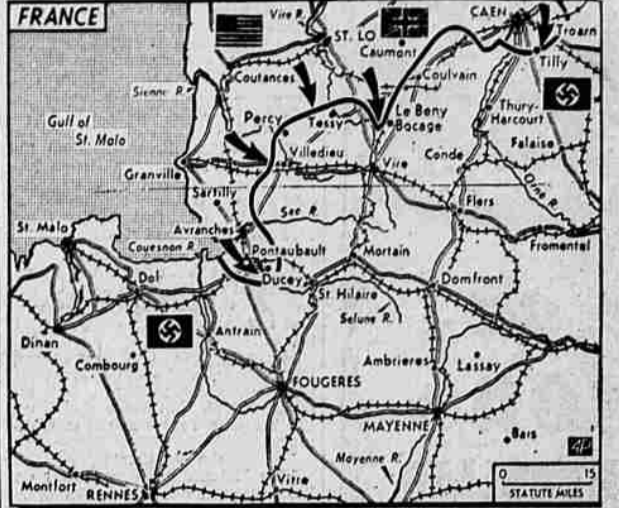
McNair Killed By Allied Bomb

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The army announced today that Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, whose death was announced Thursday, was killed by the explosion of an allied bomb which fell short in the intensive bombardment of enemy lines in preparation for the latest breakthrough in Normandy.

This report was sent to the war department by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the brief announcement said.

The fact that some bombs were released over their own troops by allied airmen was announced in the theater by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, tactical air force commander, who said that a number of casualties were inflicted by this premature release of bombs among forward elements of the American lines.

Americans Drive Onward



Arrows show allied drives along the French front (black line). Americans, pushing beyond captured Avranches, enveloped Pontaubault and Ducey, British driving south from Caumont reached the area of Le Beny Bocage. (AP wirephoto).

Churchill Says War May End Sooner Than Expected

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Aug. 2.—Prime Minister Churchill said today he felt that the final end of the war against the axis would come sooner, perhaps much sooner, than he once expected.

"On every battle front all over the world," he told the house of commons, "the armies of Germany and Japan are recoiling. I am increasingly led to feel that the interval between the defeat of Hitler and the defeat of Japan will be shorter—perhaps much shorter—than I had at one time supposed."

No Dates
He mentioned no dates. But, confident and cheerful, he sketched bright pictures of a swiftly approaching victory. He spoke one hour and 45 minutes before the house, which had just (Continued on Page Two)

YANK SIXTH ARMY EXPANDS LANDINGS

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Aug. 2 (AP)—Americans of the sixth army expanded their landings on Vogelkop peninsula, Dutch New Guinea, and attacked 45,000 by-passed Japanese 700 miles to the east, headquarters announced today.

The Yanks landed at dawn Monday on both sides of a Japanese barge base, 10 miles beyond the Sansapor beachhead established 24 hours earlier.

No Opposition
Expected opposition failed to develop. Abandoned Japanese guns and mess hall tables set with rice bowls and chopsticks testified to the haste of the enemy's departure.

By noon the Americans had (Continued on Page Two)

Lt. Barlow Held Prisoner of War

In a war department release today, it was learned that Second Lt. James E. Barlow, 26, of Klamath Falls is being held a prisoner of the Germans.

Lt. Barlow is the son of Edward A. Barlow of 707 South Sixth, in Klamath Falls.

He was a student at Oregon State college for two years, majoring in civil engineering. Before entering the army air forces he was employed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company here.

Signposts Tell Story of Endo

AN ADVANCED SOUTH WEST PACIFIC BASE, Aug. 2 (AP)—Once Adm. Kitchi Endo commanded a Japanese fleet base at Wewak, New Guinea.

Allied bombings reduced the fleet to a couple of submarine chasers and some barges. Then the admiral was trapped by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's leapfrog landings at Hollandia. Endo fled into the Cyclops jungle where it is believed he perished.

An American army staff officer with a flair for signposts put up one at a plantation, reading:

"Admiral Endo slept here."

Near an old ration dump it is another:

"Admiral Endo fed here."

On Pim beach near Hollandia is a third one:

"Admiral Endo died here."

Finally, out in the jungle, a signpost records:

"Admiral Endo dead here—end o' Endo."

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
1—Russian front: 322 miles (measured from eastern suburbs of Warsaw).

2—Italian front: 605 miles (measured from Senigallia).

3—French front: 630 miles (measured from Troarn).

YANK CAPTURE OF CAPITAL CITY LOOMS

Exact Position of Bradley's Men Secret

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 2 (AP)—American armored forces were believed approaching Rennes tonight in a lightning stab across the base of the Brittany peninsula.

Fall of the communications center, former capital of Brittany, appeared imminent. Its capture would advance the Americans 45 miles from Avranches and a third or more of the distance across the peninsula.

Exact Position Unknown
But supreme headquarters was reticent concerning the exact position of the Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's rampaging forces.

Other American forces were striking hard toward Brest, one of the two vital ports which would be isolated by a complete thrust across the peninsula to the Loire river.

Spitzer Lines
The American spearheads, together with British smashes through the center, were splintering the German line into three huge pockets and some smaller ones.

Marshal Erwin Rommel—German broadcast confirmed he is in the hospital with a brain concussion from allied air attack—appeared faced with fresh disaster as Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British second army cracked through the center of the line and reached a position 13 miles south of Caumont.

The many armored fingers probing the confused and distraught German defenses threatened not only the Germans in Brittany with encirclement.

Trap Threatens
A powerful American thrust up the See river to Cuvres, 13 miles east of Avranches, also threatened to pocket Germans between there and the British forces four miles north of Vire. Sixteen miles separated the American and British spearheads, which, if joined, would trap all the enemy in the Tessa, (Continued on Page Two)

Rommel Injured, Not Dead, Says German Report

LONDON, Aug. 2 (AP)—A DNB dispatch broadcast from Berlin today confirmed that Marshal Erwin Rommel was injured in an allied air attack in France July 17, but said he escaped with a brain concussion and his condition was satisfactory.

"His life is not endangered," the German broadcast declared. Rommel was injured while driving in his car, the broadcast added.

This was the first German confirmation of reports received through front line dispatches in Normandy that Rommel had been injured. Some of the reports said he died later in a hospital.

Navy Unable to Use Camp Abbot

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The navy will be unable to use Camp Abbot, Ore., hospital, it advised Sen. Cordon (R-Ore.) today.

The war department declared Camp Abbot surplus two days ago and Cordon urged the navy to use it as a hospital, but the navy said the camp is too far from large cities to be used for that purpose.

The navy told Cordon, however, that when the army finished with Camp Abbot, it would consider taking over the hospital there.

Leaves Home; Home Leaves

PORTLAND, Aug. 2 (AP)—Mark Zets came home—and home wasn't there.

A thief coupled Zets' trailer house to an auto and drove away.

Race Disturbances Flare As Result of Transport Tieuups in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2 (AP)—Gangs of armed negroes roamed a negro residential section in northwest Philadelphia today, smashed 500 windows and attacked and seriously injured eight white persons, police said, as race trouble flared in a tieup of Philadelphia's public transportation system.

The police arrested more than 300 on charges varying from malicious mischief to aggravated assault and battery and carrying concealed deadly weapons.

Three thousand city policemen and 7000 auxiliary policemen were on duty.

Boys in Gang
Police said most of the gangs were made up of teen-age boys armed with bricks, bottles, stones, clubs, knives or guns.

Race disorders broke out last night after a work stoppage stranded many of the city's 1,500,000 daily riders of buses, trolleys and subway trains and cut heavily into war production.

Loot Stores
In some cases the gangs looted grocery stores, taverns and drug stores after smashing in the windows.

William Marquard, a newspaper reporter, and Charles Higgins, a photographer, covering the trouble, reported they were chased by a band of negroes, given refuge by a negro family in its home, and later escorted to safety by police.

Higgins' shirt was torn from his back.

Attack Passerby
Police said the whites attacked were "passerby" in the area except for John Rappaport, 33, a taxi driver, who they said was attacked as he discharged a fare.

Many stores in the section are owned by whites.

In Washington, the war labor (Continued on Page Two)