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Weather News

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Max. (Aug. 4)	85	Min.	49
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00		
Stream year to date	10.82		
Normal	12.20	Last year	17.85

Forecast: Cloudy.

THREE PUSHES SPREAD DRIVE IN BRITANNY

Yanks Strike Closer To St. Nazaire, Nantes

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 5 (P)—U. S. armored elements have entered the city limits of Brest and struck to a point nearer than 18 miles from the port of St. Nazaire at the base of the Brittany peninsula, a field dispatch announced tonight.

These blows against disorganized German troops west and south of Rennes were coupled with a third American push of 40 miles or more east of Rennes which led to a crossing of the Mayenne river two miles south of the city of Mayenne in the drive on Paris, war front advices were quoted.

Clear Areas

British and Americans cleared large areas of French soil.

On the Caen-Caufort front in the north the British had the Germans reeling backward toward the Seine and swept clear across the lower end of the bloody triangle between the Odon and Orne, reaching the Orne at a point 13 miles southwest of Caen. Southwest of Vire, American infantry routed all the enemy from the forest of St. Sever and were closing in on Vire, ancient capital of Normandy.

May Give Up Area

There was yet no sign of the Germans digging in for a decisive stand east of the Orne. Conjecture arose whether the hard-pressed German high command had decided to give up big areas of western France under the two-front pressure.

A British staff officer said the Germans were so hard hit they would find holding their Orne river line a difficult job.

Cost Mounts

But the cost of the second front was mounting. Headquarters announced heavy losses from the June 6-D-Day to July 30 were 116,148 men killed, wounded and missing, of which 70,009 were Americans.

On the western front there was an indication that the disaffection in the German high command which led to the attempt to assassinate Hitler had penetrated down to field commanders. A German prisoner told American officers a German corps commander on the invasion front had been removed from his post because of his connection with the plot.

(The German-controlled Vichy (Continued on Page Two))

Over 20 Entered In Contest Here

Registration in the Miss Klamath contest to select this county's candidate for Miss Oregon in a contest to be held in Portland this fall, closed Saturday noon with over 20 young local girls entered. Latest official registrant Saturday was Lois Bishop and it was believed that several others had entered today.

They will be presented on the stage at the Pelican theatre tonight.

Sunday the group of girls will be the guests of the Klamath Saddle Club at the horse show to be presented at the fairgrounds. At 6 p. m. Sunday, two of the entrants and a sailor stationed here will be guests of Hershberger's cafe for dinner, followed by a show at the Pelican.

Monday evening the junior chamber of commerce is holding a banquet at the Willard hotel for the Miss Klamath contestants.

On August 12 the girls will be guests at Baldy Evans' dance at the armory.

Final selection of Miss Klamath will take place on the evening of August 16 on the stage at the Pelican theatre. At that time the marine band will play and there is to be a show by the contestants. Following the choosing of Miss Klamath the entire group of girls will go to Jan Garber's dance at the armory where the contestants will be introduced.

Curtain Drops on Cherry Sister

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 5 (P)—The curtain dropped for the last time on one of the most famous (by terrible acts) of the gaslit opera house's Florida days when Effie Cherry, last of the famous Cherry sisters, died in a nursing home today.

She suffered a broken hip last spring and failed to rally. She entered the nursing home only a few days ago.

Effie was left a lonely woman when her sister and stage partner, Addie, died October 23, 1942, at the age of 83. Nobody knew exactly how old Effie was, for she turned aside all queries on her age with the remark "I ain't a-sayin'." However, one source listed her birth date as August 27, 1878, which would make her 65.

Reds In Prussia, Say Nazis

TROOPS DRIVE NEW WEDGE IN BALTIC AREA

Increasing Masses Of Soviets Line Border

By LEWIS HAWKINS
 LONDON, Aug. 5 (P)—Berlin reports indicated today that the red army had carried the war to German soil in East Prussia, but there was no solid proof that the Russians had crossed the border.

The soviet forces appeared to be biding their time while driving a new wedge toward the Baltic sea to cut off potentially powerful nazi forces in upper Lithuania and Latvia.

However, growing masses of red troops are poised on the eastern fringe of East Prussia, and apparently they can cross whenever they choose.

German radio broadcasts in the afternoon reported a Russian "break-through" in the border area at Virbalis, a frontier station about a mile east of the line. Later Berlin reports said the push had been halted.

Moscow dispatches told of "fires raging in East Prussia towns, which now are the objectives of red army infantry attacks."

Capture Stryl
 Marshal Stalin in a special order of the day announced today the capture of Stryl, 38 miles south of Lwow.

Stryl is a road junction of (Continued on Page Two)

Nazis Relieve Plot Suspect

WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 5 (P)—A German prisoner of war told American officers today that a German corps commander on the western front had been relieved of his command because of connection with the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

The prisoner said regular army men were angered by Hitler's order that the nazi salute must be used rather than the army salute.

A high American officer said it was apparent that the plot to assassinate Hitler was not confined to the senior German officers.

A captured document signed by Gen. Paul Hausser, commander of the German seventh army which opposed the Americans in Normandy, revealed a great shortage of weapons in the German army. The order declared "the supply situation is tense" and urged care with equipment.

Oscar Andrews Hurt in Action

It was announced by the navy department today that PFC Oscar D. Andrews of Klamath Falls, had been wounded in action.

PFC Andrews is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Andrews of Klamath Falls and is with the marines.

Hitler Purge May Be Stab In Back for German People

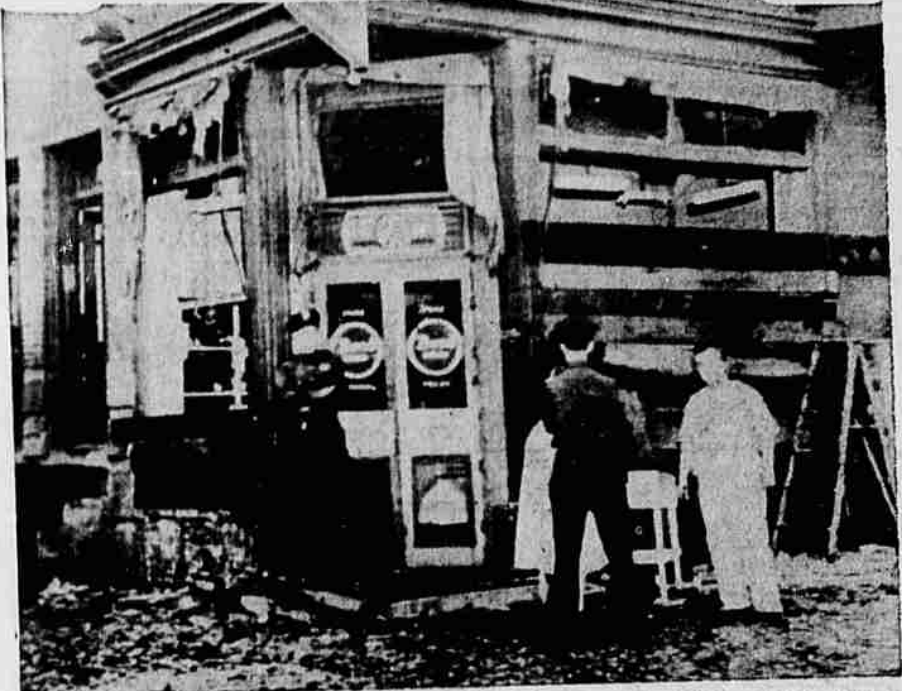
By WADNER WERNER
 LONDON, Aug. 5 (P)—The ruthless purge of the German army ordered by Adolf Hitler looks from here like "the stab in the back" that nazi propagandists have been talking about for the past 20 years.

The German armies at the front apparently are being knifed from the rear and the hand that holds the dagger is Hitler's.

Blamed For First Defeat
 What Hitler and his propagandists called the "dagger thrust of 1918" was the peace signed by civilians. The nazi asserted that the first World war was not lost on the battlefield but on the home front.

This time the whole military hierarchy from field marshals down to lieutenants faces an iron purge that already has cost

Violence Flares In Philadelphia Trolley Strike



Police stand guard outside this Philadelphia building, damaged in racial outbreaks that followed strike of city's 5900 transportation workers. The city, center of vital war industries, awaits federal troops as a final attempt to end the paralyzing tieup which started over resentment at company announcement that negroes would be trained as motormen.

ENEMY PUSHED BACK ON ITALIAN FRONT

By NOLAND NORGAARD
 ROME, Aug. 5 (P)—Eighth army troops have completed occupation of the suburbs of Florence south of the Arno river and, bearing down along a 25-mile back against the stream on both sides of the city, allied headquarters said today.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's command announced that "although the enemy proclaimed that he regards Florence as an open city, he has seen fit to use it for his military traffic, and when outfought south of the city has blown up all the bridges except the historic Ponte Vecchio."

Guard to Keep Order
 "It was further reported that the troops would not take part in the maintenance of order, but that should military assistance in this district be needed, it will be given by mobilized regiments of the Pennsylvania state guard."

The Philadelphia army public relations section declined comment on the report. In Washington the war department referred queries to Philadelphia.

Guard Mobilized
 Meanwhile three regiments of the Pennsylvania state guard

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 5 (P)—The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin said today a "competent authority" had reported two regiments of army troops are on the way to Philadelphia to "take a hand" in the city's five day old transportation strike, which has caused race violence and curtailed war production.

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Nazi Inner Defense System Myth, Say Aerial Observers

By JAMES M. LONG
 LONDON, Aug. 5 (P)—The American armored break-out of the Normandy invasion beachhead has ripped the western front wide open, and allied aerial observations indicate there is no coherent system of fixed German fortifications short of the Maginot and Siegfried lines.

There have been reports for two years now—stemming from Germany by radio and press dispatches of herculean labors to complete inland cross-France defense systems dignified by such names as "Hitler," "Von Rundstedt" or "Rommel" lines.

There is yet no evidence they were anything more than bubble-blowing—a wall of paper propaganda and radio works.

But all those in position to know emphasize that this does not mean that the Germans can not make another strong stand. Somewhere in the great Seine-Loire triangle, they must try, but undoubtedly it will be a mobile line of men, tanks, guns and of improvised mine and wire fields not a Maginot line or anything like one.

Relied On Coast
 In plain fact, Marshal Erwin Rommel or Marshal Rudolf Karl von Rundstedt, or whoever schemed it all out, appears to have put his eggs all in one basket—a gun-bristling coast.

Between that coast and the Franco-German frontier there is no indication that the nazis have any other built-up work of defense works. They broke through on and just after D-Day," one allied officer declared.

Adept At Improvising
 But the German army, which is schooled in the military theory of defense by counterattack, already has proved adept at a stand without fortifications.

And the German infantryman has proved equally adept at digging in as a last resort—and being laboriously hard to dig out of his hole.

SEATTLE, Aug. 5 (P)—Recruiting outings, such as that taken by 85 Italian prisoners at Mt. Rainier last Sunday which has prompted a request for a congressional investigation, are authorized "by the commanding general of the army service forces, as the only reward received by service units for their contribution to the American war effort." Col. C. E. Pease, executive officer for the army service depot here, said last night.

He added: "There is no secret about it and, therefore, nothing to investigate."

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French Workers Open Warfare

MADRID, Aug. 5 (P)—French workers in the "red zone" have begun open warfare against German occupying forces, information received here today.

Chief Has Way Of Being Sure

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (P)—One Solomon's Island native chief, says Navy Comdr. Myron W. Graybill, is positive the Japanese force that occupied his domain had a woman with them.

Baseball Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
New York	1	8	0
Philadelphia	2	5	0
Boston	2	5	4
Washington	2	5	4
Boston	2	5	4
Wolf and Ferrell; Hughson and Wagner.			

More Entrants In Contest

Two more contestants in the Miss Klamath contest for which registration ended at noon today, are Betty Lou Russell, left, daughter of Mrs. Katy Russell of route 3, box 844, and Genevieve Heup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander P. Heup of 417 Lincoln street. Betty Lou is 19 years old and Genevieve is 18. There are also several other entrants whose pictures will appear next week. —Photos by Kennel-Ellis.