

# ALLIES MENACE SOUTH OF FRANCE

## Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
NORTHWEST France is still shrouded in darkest secrecy. The staff (allied supreme headquarters) announces this morning that the four day mystery operations west of Paris have the Germans so much in the dark that strictest secrecy is of paramount importance.

It is a fair guess that something big is brewing there. MEANWHILE the dispatches of this morning fairly crackle with intimations of something that may be brewing elsewhere.

Out of the Mediterranean-based operations start smacking the Riviera coast of southern France. The bombardment, which seems to follow the standard pre-invasion softening-up pattern, extends from a small area in Italy northward to Toulon and Marseille. Other allied bombers drop their bombs on Toulon, on the main communications route between France and the Atlantic and on the French Mediterranean beaches. At the same time, allied carrier-based planes attack German installations on the NORWAY coast.

FOR weeks the Germans have been muttering in their headquarters about HUGE allied invasion forces gathering around Corsica. Corsica is just across the Ligurian sea (less than 150 miles) from the Riviera coast, the valley of the Rhone, leading to the valley of the Rhone, historic route for invading France from the south.

The air attack in Norway could be a diversion to fool the Germans. ALL this, please remember, is the purest kind of guesswork. But the time is here to hit the Germans at every possible point. We have large forces available. Some such thing could be.

WE'VE CROSSED THE LOIRE—somewhere between Nantes and Angers, apparently—and are heading into southern France. Bordeaux is our logical objective. The Germans pulled out of the coast below Bordeaux the other day, presumably because they were needed elsewhere.

FOR whatever it may mean, Churchill, U. S. Assistant Secretary of War Patterson and General Somervell, head of American supply services, are in ITALY.

IT is rather generally believed that an American blitz spearhead is pushing north from Le Mans to GET BEHIND the Germans massed in the Caen area. Instead of getting out, dispatches from our headquarters in France report this morning that Field Marshal Von Kluge (German commander in France) is reported "recklessly throwing the bulk of his west wall forces into the area below Caen, despite the development of an allied encirclement threat."

German prisoners taken there say they have orders to withdraw ONLY on authorization from Hitler's headquarters.

OVER and over again in Russia Hitler has ordered his troops to stand and die but GIVE NO GROUND. Over and over, they have stood and died. They are standing and dying in the Baltic states now. Der Fuehrer is apparently ordering them to stand and die at Caen.

One gets unavoidably the impression of a frightened and shivering man cowering in his Berchtesgaden hideout while he issues frantic orders to his armies to stand and die to keep him from being CAUGHT AND HANGED.

THE Russians today are pulling the old one-two punch tactic (of which they are masters) on the Germans in East Prussia. They first aimed a thrust (Continued on Page Three)

**Army Officers Reported Taken**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Nazi DNB agency transmitted a dispatch to the controlled European press today quoting Japanese "military quarters" as saying that "about 20 United States army officers were made prisoners when the Japanese captured Hengyang" in China's Hunan province.

The DNB dispatch, reported by the federal communications commission, declared the American officers had been sent to Hengyang "a few months ago to direct defense."

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### Weather News

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Max. (Aug. 11)	91	Min.	50
Precipitation last 24 hours			.00
Stream year to date			10.62
Normal	12.26	Last year	17.85

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

## CONFAB SET ON 8-STATE TRUCK STRIKE

### Seizure of Lines Authorized by Roosevelt

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 12 (AP)—First action to start trucks moving under government supervision in eight midwestern states will be taken Sunday when operators will meet with representatives of the office of defense transportation.

Ellis T. Longenecker, ODT highway transportation director, and William Wilson, Sioux Falls, S. D., chairman of the midwest operators association, requested all operators in the territory to meet at 10 a. m. Sunday to hear regulations of government operations of truck lines.

President Roosevelt last night ordered seizure of the truck lines and said the army is behind the ODT in its operation of the lines until the strike of approximately 25,000 over-the-road drivers is ended.

Wilson termed the WLB action leading to the seizure as "arbitrary and unfair" but pledged full cooperation of the operators with the government.

"This is, in my opinion, a far- (Continued on Page Three)

## Jap Papers Warn Against Raids

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Superior raids on Japan so far are but attempts on the part of the enemy to gather experience for future raids on a major scale, a Berlin broadcast quoted Japanese newspapers as warning the people today.

## Soviets Endanger German Left Flank In East Prussia

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW, Aug. 12 (AP)—Two Soviet armies, moving through 250 captured settlements over a 100-mile front, advanced upon the Masurian lake country of East Prussia today in a maneuver which seriously endangered the Germans' entire left flank.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rogossovsky's troops driving northward from positions northeast of Warsaw and Gen. Zakharov's forces striking out from west and northwest of Bialystok toward the World War battle theater in East Prussia were applying severe pressure on the Germans.

The Germans who had massed reserves of armor in the East Prussia-Lithuanian frontier began a feverish shifting to meet the new danger.

Dispatches from the field northwest of Bialystok to the army newspaper Red Star said the Russians beat back—often in hand to hand clashes—initial counterattacks launched by the reserves. Ten to 12 counterblows were hurled against separate sectors but these were said to have slackened, with the enemy retreating westward.

## FDR SLATES REPORT TO NATION TONIGHT

By HOWARD FLIEGER  
SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt tonight will give his first report to the nation since he accepted a fourth term nomination—climaxing a 15-day Pacific war tour which in his own words took him far away from politics.

The chief executive will speak by radio from the Bremerton navy yard near here at 5 p. m. Pacific War Time (8 p. m. Eastern War Time). The broadcast will be carried by the four major networks.

Mr. Roosevelt boarded a cruiser at San Diego, Calif., July 21—a day after he accepted a fourth term nomination—and arrived at Pearl Harbor July 26 to confer with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and other top-rank Pacific war chiefs.

From there he moved on into the Aleutians.

The announcement that he will speak from the Bremerton navy yard gave no indication of the president's immediate whereabouts. Neither did it discuss the nature of his address (Continued on Page Three)

## Explosion Kills One, Injures Man

NEWHALL, Calif., Aug. 12 (AP)—One man was burned to death and another was seriously injured in a fire which followed a series of explosions at the Newhall Refining company near here early today and ignited 18 of 25 tanks containing 3,000,000 gallons of crude oil and casing head gasoline.

The fire spread to surrounding brush and grass, causing evacuation of scores of families in the vicinity.

## NAZIS REMOVE FORCES FROM ITALIAN CITY

### Allied Troops Stay On South Banks Of Arno

By LYNN HEINZERLING  
ROME, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Germans withdrew all their forces from Florence today and the ancient cradle of Italian art and culture was spared from the ravages of battle.

Allied troops, who have refrained from firing on the northern part of the city lying beyond the Arno river, remained on the south bank of the stream, but officers of the military government crossed over to assist the hungry civilian population.

Left at Night  
It was apparent, an official announcement said, that the enemy withdrew the bulk of his forces during the night to the north of the Mugnone canal, which flows through the northern outskirts.

## Fire Destroys New York Pier

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 12 (AP)—A spectacular fire that followed a series of thunderous explosions left an 1100-foot Hudson river pier in blackened ruins today with damage estimated in the millions of dollars.

Flames towered 50 feet in the air and a pall of smoke blanketed the entire New York City area before massed fire-fighting equipment brought the four-hour blaze under control at 12:30 a. m. (EWT).

Scores were injured, none seriously, as the flames ate through Pier 4, where the famed Leviathan was loaded in World War I, and damaged two adjacent piers extensively. All three piers were used to load ships for the fighting fronts of this war.

## Five-Alarm Fire Starts in Park

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—A spectacular five-alarm fire broke out this afternoon in Luna park, storied and pictured amusement center at Coney island where some 800,000 persons had gone for relief from one of the hottest days of the year.

## Islands South Of Japan Hit In Bomb Raids

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 12 (AP)—Big U. S. army Liberators on Saipan have opened the same deadly campaign of attrition against enemy islands south of Japan as that of New Guinea-based bombers already perceptibly weakening bases guarding the Philippines.

While Gen. Douglas MacArthur added five more ships today to the 11 his August reports have listed as sunk by planes south of Mindanao, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed the first heavy land-based strike at the Volcano islands, 750 miles from Tokyo.

Nimitz did not say from whence the Liberators carried their 47 tons Wednesday to Iwo Jima but he identified the bombers as elements of the seventh army air force, previously reported to have moved its advanced base to Saipan.

## JOHN HERSHBERGER DIES IN HOSPITAL

John Robert Hershberger, 53, veteran Klamath Falls restaurant operator who was widely known throughout this area, died at Klamath Valley hospital at 9:55 a. m. Saturday.

Mr. Hershberger was taken to the hospital on Thursday evening, but was not at the time believed in serious danger. Word of his death came Saturday morning as a sudden shock.

He had lived in Klamath county for 34 years. For 25 of those years, he operated restaurants (Continued on Page Three)

## Poles Appeal For Support

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Declaring the Polish underground army faces the possibility of "extermination," the executive board of the Polish-American congress appealed today to the United States government to grant full lend-lease assistance to General Bor, commander of Polish forces in Warsaw.

The board, completing a two-day session, declared Bor had made "frantic but unavailing appeals for necessary equipment."

## Germans Report Landing Attempt

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP)—German broadcasts today said allied warships had tried to invade the harbor of Lorient, German submarine base on the south coast of Brittany which is under American siege.

The Germans declared the sea thrust was turned back.

The German communique declared German U-boats off the invasion coast and in other waters sank four allied freighters totaling 22,000 tons and two minesweepers, and torpedoed another three ships and a destroyer.

There was no allied confirmation.

## India Virtually Cleared of Japs

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 12 (AP)—Allied troops have almost cleared Japanese forces from northeastern India by occupying the last large village before the Burma frontier on the Tiddim road, headquarters announced today.

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Chicago	0	5	0
Lyon and Williams			
Melton and Owen	R	H	E
Boston	0	5	0
Cincinnati	0	12	1
(10 innings)			
Hutchinson, C. Barrett (9) and Hoffert, Mast (6), Gumbert, Carier (6) and Mueller.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
Chicago	0	11	0
Boston	0	8	1
Lyon and Carlinio; Bowman, F. Barrett (6) and Parise.			
Cleveland	0	10	1
Philadelphia	0	10	1
Kilman, Heving (7) and Roark; Harris and Hayes.			
St. Louis	0	5	0
New York	0	5	0
Kramer and M. Washburn; Dunlap, Johnson (7), J. Turner (6) and Homaley.			



Here is the first released picture of planes in flight from the Klamath naval air station. The torpedo bombers are shown flying in formation over the Olene gap, and the photo shows a big slice of the mountainous country to the east of Klamath Falls as it looks from the air. The camera, in another plane, was directed northeast when the shot was made by a navy photographer. Torpedo bombers drop their eggs on targets located in such bodies of water as Drew's reservoir, Goose lake and Clear lake.

## MYSTERY PUSH DOUBLE THREAT TO NAZI ARMY

### Kluge Throws Bulk of Forces Into Caen Area

By GLADWIN HILL  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 12 (AP)—The allies by land and air developed a two-way threat to southern France today, as supreme headquarters announced that the four-day mystery operations west of Paris had the Germans so much in the dark that strictest secrecy was of paramount importance.

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## Armor Thrust

The menace to southern France strengthened with an American armored thrust 10 miles southward across the Loire river, while up to 750 U. S. heavy bombers from Italy blasted Nazi coastal defenses along the Mediterranean. This was the second straight day of air thrusts against positions guarding the enemy's as yet unbreached southern wall in the Riviera sector.

Supreme headquarters announced formally that the allies' dazzling scythe-like sweep across northwestern France—last officially reported on Wednesday to be driving beyond Le Mans 110 miles from Paris—was calculated to baffle the Germans with its speed and extent, that "the situation must remain obscure purely for security reasons."

## Push to North

The only news since then has been front reports of a push northward toward the channel—which might cut off the great (Continued on Page Three)

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