

# TANKS DRIVE TO SWISS BORDER

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### Weather News

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Max. (Aug. 23)	79	Min.	37
Precipitation last 24 hours			.00
Stream year to date			10.82
Normal	12.36	Last year	17.85

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

## Germans Try Large Scale Evacuations

**By The Associated Press**

LONDON, Aug. 24 (AP)—American troops slashing north from the Riviera reached the border of Switzerland today, and Hitler's hold on France was slipping rapidly away.

At the mouth of the Seine the Germans attempted a large-scale "Dunkirk" from threatened Le Havre, with many ferocious assaults by allied aircraft.

Bordeaux, last German stronghold in southwestern France, was reported to have been captured by American troops with the aid of French Maquis.

Even Paris, whose "liberation" was announced yesterday by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, set off premature rejoicing the world over, was expected to fall momentarily.

**EVACUATION FLEET BOMBED**

The Germans' evacuation fleet of Le Havre, including a wide assortment of torpedo boats, gunboats, corvettes and merchant ships was bombed for eight solid hours from midnight on today by relays of British naval aircraft and other RAF planes.

The attempted German flight coincided with advances all around the Seine, corner which hourly were choking off German escape routes.

The Germans were retreating all along the front from Lisieux to the sea.

Front line dispatches said Field Marshal General Guenther von Kluge's seventh and 25th armies had been reduced to about 10 divisions.

The British closed in rapidly on the dwindling Seine pocket, capturing Thiberville, 10 miles northeast of Orbec, and two other nearby points.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U. S. seventh army reached the Swiss frontier after a drive of 200 miles in 10 days through the French Alps from the Mediterranean.

## Romanians March Against Hungary

### ABOUT-FACE ACTION STUNS NAZI LEADERS

Germans Appeal to People to Keep Faith

**By FRANK JENKINS**

Europe today is shrouded in the fogs of censorship, propaganda and genuine lack of communications.

So we'll have to do a lot of guessing.

One thing, however, we can be certain: The end in Hitler's hourglass is running out.

HEAF (called supreme headquarters) tells us officially that Paris didn't actually fall yesterday and adds that allied troops are fighting their way into the city.

There is much confusion, but it seems to be the outline of what happened: The French underground made some sort of mistake permitting the Germans to leave. The Germans reneged. Whereupon the French called on us for help.

The Paris Germans apparently tried to work a foxy scheme to get the German army units to the southwest of the city use of a short cut to get out of the trap that had been sprung on them.

There is a mysterious, obviously heavily censored, report today of an attempted German Dunkerque out of HAVRE. The warships and other vessels, loaded with troops, came pouring out of the Seine estuary and were attacked "ferociously" by allied planes. The flight lasted several hours, and "large numbers" of the German ships are reported to have been sunk.

Why were they taking this long chance to get out of HAVRE by sea?

There can be only one answer: They are afraid we will push IN BEHIND HAVRE and cut them off. They are badly needed for the coast defense. So they tried to get there by way of the sea.

This is pure guesswork, remember.

WE must be threatening the pocket coast MORE DIRECTLY than appears in the dispatches. Patton's armored spearhead that crossed the Seine BEHIND HAVRE is still unaccounted for. It may be heading north.

WARSAW falls. Bordeaux seems to have fallen. Patch, coming up from the south, is less than 200 miles from a junction with Patton's forces pushing east from Paris. When that junction is made, ALL the Germans left in France south of Paris will be cut off and trapped.

There will then be THAT MESS AGAIN: Germans for the final stand behind the Rhine.

WITH France won back all but the mopping up of the spot-light shifts to the Balkans.

Romania (apparently) quits the Germans and comes over to our side. IMMEDIATELY starts FIGHTING HUNGARY, to whom Hitler had given half of Romania Transylvania.

AGAIN Hitler's chickens are coming home to roost.

In a typical gangster fashion, back in the days when he was going good, he took half of Transylvania away from Romania and gave it to Hungary. He took slices of territory away from Greece and Yugoslavia and gave them to Bulgaria.

Bulgaria is trying to hold onto its loot and offers to come over to our side if we'll confirm her possession of her ill-gotten gains. But she is squeezed between Germany and Romania, neither of whom is anxious to see Bulgaria enriched.

The Balkans, you see, are a MESS AGAIN—as they more or less have been before.

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### French Hold Part Of Paris, Allies Smash Into City

**By The Associated Press**

LONDON, Aug. 24 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters disclosed today that allied troops were fighting their way into Paris, large sections of which are held by the French forces of the interior.

(An official statement from supreme headquarters, as distributed by the OWI, said French patriots were in possession of "a greater portion of Paris".)

Fall of the city is expected momentarily, but so far as allied headquarters is concerned it has not yet been liberated. Gen. Charles de Gaulle and the commander of the French forces of the interior, Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, had announced early yesterday that the capital was liberated and their statements were hailed by governmental leaders the world over.

French underground leaders after four days of street fighting in Paris, negotiated an "armistice" with the German garrison, presumably on the terms that the nazis were to leave the city, supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary force said.

The Germans apparently repudiated the agreement and kept on fighting and the underground called on the allies for help.

The Germans were said to have threatened widespread destruction to public buildings and installations. A French underground leader who came to London from Paris a month ago said the Germans then had at least 10,000 regular troops in the capital and strong forces of secret police.

The supreme headquarters announcement was a surprise to French sources in London, who acknowledged there might be fighting around Paris as the allied troops sought to break in.

The French said their best information indicated that the French forces of the interior still were in control of the center of the city and the main buildings.

**Mysterious Call**

A mysterious German call, possibly code, repeated over and over on the Paris radio wave lengths asserted tonight: "Attention, Attention, enemy tank spearheads which have broken through are to be wiped out at strongpoints. This is under speaking."

While great popular interest centered in the struggle in Paris, an operation of far greater military import was going on down the Seine where allied armies were attempting to destroy utterly the fleeing German armies.

**No Previous Knowledge**

The "armistice" negotiations by the French street fighters in Paris apparently were made without previous knowledge of the supreme command. A director (Continued on Page Two)

### FINNS SPEED MOVES TO TERMINATE WAR

**By EDWIN SHANKE**

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 24 (AP)—The Finnish minister to Sweden, G. A. Gripenberg, suddenly departed by air today for Helsinki in a journey obviously connected with efforts to get Finland out of the war.

Reliable sources said, however, that "as far as we know, the Finnish government has made no attempt directly to contact Moscow up to Thursday morning."

**Second Trip**

It was Gripenberg's second trip to Helsinki in two weeks.

Opinion here was that Romania's exit from the war might hasten action by Baron Malmerheim, president and marshal of Finland.

Finnish sources said the old leader has been "clearing the decks" for an armistice. Reactionaries, Germans and the former Finnish minister to the United States, Hjalmar Procopce, were reported taking advantage of inactivity by pushing a "go slow" propaganda campaign regarding peace.

**Propaganda Spread**

Information from Finland said the Germans were spreading propaganda that they were giving up France in order to launch a tremendous offensive against the United States.

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### Officers Trace Lost Money Here

Juvenile and police officers are still busy tracing the balance of the \$850 found and distributed by three small boys here recently. About \$650 of the money has been recovered, and the youngsters are being questioned as to the names and descriptions of persons to whom they gave the money.

Harold Hendrickson, head juvenile officer, requests that those who received money from the boys assist the authorities by notifying the juvenile office.

### Stock Market Trends Downward

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—The stock market, with scattered exceptions limped into lower territory today without being given much of a liquidating push.

While issues with good peace prospects did better than others, both may face reconversion difficulties, bidding for these was on the timid side and few were able to make any notable progress. Quitting of Romania and the quickened allied drive against the nazis accentuated investment conservatism.

### Wilson Resigns WPB Post, Charges Unfair Attacks By Aides to Nelson

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—The top structure of the war production board was blown wide open today with the unexpected resignation of Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman, who charged unfair attacks had been inspired against him by aides of his boss, Donald E. Nelson.

Wilson's letter of resignation to President Roosevelt came only a few days after Nelson himself was reported ready to walk out.

A wholesale reorganization of the upper level of WPB appeared in prospect.

**Differences Smoulder**

Differences between Nelson and Wilson and their prospective adherents long had smoldered at WPB. In accepting Wilson's resignation after conferring with Nelson, the president took note of this fact by saying "It was made aware of some dissension within the war production board."

Recently the disagreements appeared to have centered on industrial reconversion problems.

In the WPB organization, Wilson's action came as a stunning surprise to most officials. Both Nelson and Wilson addressed a staff meeting held behind closed doors only minutes after the resignation announcement.

Just before it broke up, loud cheering was heard inside the auditorium. Questioned afterward, Wilson joking said: "Maybe they were glad to get rid of me."

**Plans to Leave**

Nelson said he still planned to leave soon for China on a special mission for President Roosevelt. The original White House announcement that Nelson might be in Chungking two or three months—coming at a time of intense dispute over how great a resumption of civilian production should be permitted—had connected with the personal staff of Mr. Nelson.

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### Barracks Medical Program Progress Told at Luncheon

A mild flurry of local rumors about the Marine Barracks received a conclusive de-bunking from Colonel E. D. Dabel and Commander Lowell T. Coggeshall in talks before the Kiwanis club at a luncheon meeting held at the Barracks today.

Dr. Coggeshall, the senior medical officer at the Barracks, said that a single case of suspected malaria had been reported among the civilian population here, and that diagnosis failed to show that this patient actually had malaria. He said there is no danger of any serious spread of the malady here, whereas filariasis cannot possibly maintain itself in an area possessing elevation and climatic conditions such as those at Klamath Falls.

**Marines Move Out**

The first "graduating class" of marines who have thrown off the tropical maladies has moved from here. These boys were given final tests including three lengthy hikes with equipment, a half-day at manual of arms and a vigorous workout with cross-cut saws. They came through these tests satisfactorily.

Although marines at the Barracks number more than 2000, it has not been necessary yet to open the second dispensary ward for bed cases.

**Men Not 'Sick'**

Dr. Coggeshall explained that a major feature of the medical (Continued on Page Two)

### Gabreski Taken By Germans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, 25, America's leading ace who was reported missing in action July 20, is a prisoner of war in Germany, the war department disclosed today.

No details were given. Gabreski, a fighter pilot from Oil City, Pa., had 31 kills to his credit when he was reported missing—28 of them in the air.

### Contract Award For Bonanza School Deferred

Awarding of the contract for the construction of Bonanza high school has been deferred for legal counsel, according to Harold Ashley, county school clerk. As the low bid submitted by Brostherous Construction company, Klamath Falls, at \$94,260 was above the amount stipulated in the school budget, the present building plan probably cannot be carried out.

The board is considering two alternatives to the original plan, one of which would involve the omission of the gym, the other the elimination of the gym and the interior, until money can be budgeted for the completion of the building. The decision of the board will be announced in a few days.

### Melon-Loaded Truck Hits Car

A truck loaded with watermelons sideswiped a stalled car on highway 97 about 10 miles south of Klamath Falls Wednesday night, sending both of them toppling into the irrigation ditch at the side of the road. No one was injured.

Names of occupants of either vehicle were not immediately available from state police records.

One car was stalled on the highway at the side of the road when the truck coming the same way tried to avoid it, but did not turn out far enough and sideswiped it. The occupants of the stalled car got out of the way in time to escape injury.

As the car was sideswiped, it was knocked into the ditch, according to state police, and the truck went about 70 feet when the driver lost control and it too, went into the ditch.

### RUSSIANS CAPTURE CHISINAU, ROMANIA

LONDON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Russian forces have captured Chisinau and Roman, 33 miles southeast of Iasi in Romania, Marshal Stalin announced in two orders of the day.

Bacu, 53 miles southwest of Iasi, was among several other towns, captured in a sweeping red army advance deep into Romania, whose government already has announced it was deserting Adolf Hitler.

**Near Oil Center**

The advance took the Russians to within 120 miles of the oil center of Ploesti.

Both Roman and Bacu are on the Cernauli-Bucharest rail line linking the Carpathians.

Kishinev (Chisinau) had been bypassed by the red army's capture of Iasi, 55 miles to the west, and Tighina, to the southeast.

**Capital City**

The city was the capital of the soviet Moldavian republic, which includes Bessarabia, annexed from Romania in 1940.

Stalin's order was addressed to Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army group and G. Fedor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian group.

### Supply Ships Sunk in New Air Smashes

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 24 (AP)**—The allied air campaign to isolate Japan's island garrisons by sinking supply ships yielded reports today of new blows on the Philippine's doorstep and in Japan's front yard.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Thursday communique listed successful attacks in his command area on six enemy vessels, including a freighter sunk near Mindanao, southern Philippines.

At Pearl Harbor, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced a raid Tuesday by two navy Liberators on a five-ship convoy off Chichi Jima, in the Bonins, a little over 600 miles south of Tokyo.

### Youth Dies as Result of Fall

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 24 (AP)—A rescue party radioed today it found 17-year-old Larry Strathdee dead at the foot of a Mount Baker ice cliff over which the Seattle youth plunged Thursday in a hiking mishap.

The body was being brought to the Komo Kulshan ranger station.

Jack Schwabland, 16, with whom Strathdee had made the dangerous climb over ice slopes, guided the rescue party. He reported his companion slipped and fell over a sheer cliff at the 9000-foot level, landing on a frozen ice field.

### Britons Urge Speeding Up Of World Security Plans

**By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—Evidence in Europe that Hitler's Europe is beginning to collapse on political as well as military fronts gave new emphasis today to British insistence at the Dumbarton Oaks conferences for early decisions on postwar world security organization.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, chief of the British delegation, has taken the lead in urging that at least a part of the security organization should be set up soon to span the gap between the end of the European war—which he says may come sooner than expected—and the formal creation of a new international league to preserve peace.

**Views Coincide**

The British view, it was learned, is in line with the feeling in some quarters of the American delegation that the British-Russian-American-Chinese pledge made at Moscow to cooperate in the enforcement of peace after the war should now be given some specific and organic form.

This has raised speculation in diplomatic circles here that the speedwork of the Dumbarton Oaks talks might be followed relatively quickly by a meeting of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin to confirm and set in action three-power cooperation in the European area in the immediate postwar period.

**Work May Be Rushed**

Despite recent assertions that the work might be rushed through to a full-dress United Nations conference this fall, the opinion in informed quarters here still is that it will be the end of the war or the first part of 1945 before such a meeting can be arranged.

While the conversations were pushed forward at Dumbarton Oaks, Secretary of State Hull (Continued on Page Thirteen)



The inconveniences of warlike travel don't bother Clair Birtwhistle, (above) of Montpelier, Ida. With his handy pushcart he has travelled from Pocatello, Ida., through Klamath Falls on his way to visit his brother in Tulelake, Calif., and he went by foot almost all the way. He said he would work a few days in the towns along the way, sleeping by the road when night came. The steep grade on the South Sixth street viaduct had him stopped when The Herald and News photographer snapped his picture.