

# TOWNS TAKEN AS GERMANS FLEE RHONE

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was taken without any opposition. Damage was confined chiefly to the harbor area, allied headquarters said.

**Prisoners Bagged**  
The total of prisoners captured by the seventh army since it swarmed ashore on the beaches of southern France passed the 50,000 mark, with additional thousands rounded up from Nazi units intercepted and cut to pieces in the Rhone valley pockets south of the junction of the Rhone and Drome rivers.

**2000 Vehicles**  
In a pocket of slightly more than 11 miles south of Livron "losses inflicted by our ground forces included 2000 motor vehicles, 1000 horses, 27 five-mile anti-tank guns, 12 seven-inch millimeter guns, three batteries of field artillery pieces, six railroad guns, 40 twenty millimeter anti-aircraft weapons, eight self-propelled guns and a trailer with a printing press," Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's headquarters said.

Additional hundreds of vehicles and guns knocked out by allied planes littered the roads throughout the valley and 200 enemy dead were found in the same area.

**Breaks Contact**  
Yesterday morning the Germans locked in sharp battle with an American column in the vicinity of Livron on the north banks of the Drome river, 11 miles south of Valence. In the afternoon the enemy broke off contact and fled north when the avenue of escape was threatened by another allied column that punched into Chabeuil, six miles southeast of Valence.

"By accepting heavy losses of the last several days a substantial portion of the enemy personnel has succeeded in reaching the Lyon area," an official headquarters statement conceded.

# Polish Coalition Cabinet Formation Offered to Reds

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constructed when Warsaw is liberated.

2. Mikolajczyk would return to Warsaw and consult various political parties and get their candidates for government posts.

3. A cabinet would be formed with equal representation of the popular, social democratic, national democratic, Christian labor and Polish workman's political parties. The last is a Russian-sponsored group.

4. The government will include no person known to be a fascist.

5. The new government would renew diplomatic relations with Russia, and agree with Russia on administration of civilian affairs behind red army lines.

6. Preparations would be instituted for elections.

7. A war cabinet would be created on the pattern of the British, to govern military forces and the post of commander-in-chief would be abolished.

This provision was designed to meet Russian antipathy to Gen. Sosnkowski.

# Mutt Show Slated At Hillsboro

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HILLSBORO Aug. 31 (AP)—Fido won't need a pedigree to win a prize at the dog show here Saturday afternoon.

Sponsored by the Rotary club as part of the Washington county junior fair, the show is for mutts only.

The Hans Norland Insurance Agency is centrally located, 118 North 7th. Phone 6080.

# Nazis Control Raid Precaution

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LONDON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Adolf Hitler has ordered the Nazi party to take control of the nation's air raid precaution services.

This move announced by the German radio today means that air raid wardens henceforth will take orders from gauleiters and trusted local group leaders of the party. Apparently many non-party personnel had been cracking under the strain.

In a companion decree in Dr. Goebbels' "total mobilization" drive, all theatres were ordered closed in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Alsace, the province annexed from France in 1940.

# BULGARS REBUKED BY RED OFFICIALS

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will not be forgotten, they asserted.

Russia and Bulgaria are not at war.

"The maneuver of the Bulgarian government will not fool anybody and the allies are taking this into full account," a Moscow broadcast said.

Thus, as a Romanian delegation reached Moscow to formalize that country's armistice and red army hordes drove more deeply into Romania and Transylvania, the stage was set for collapse of Hitler's Balkan ramparts.

**Armistice Near**  
An Ankara dispatch said Romanian signature of an armistice appeared likely within 48 hours.

Romanian troops already are fighting beside the Russians.

Ankara reports said the Germans bombed Bucharest, causing heavy damage in residential districts. These same reports said General Cestenberg, head of the German air mission in Romania, was taken prisoner but escaped.

# ALLIES KNOCK OUT 23 JAP VESSELS

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freighter-transport, were found by bombers which ranged from Mindanao island, in the southern Philippines, southward to Celebes, Ceram and Kai islands, all now within easy range of allied aircraft operating from newly won bases in northwestern New Guinea.

Halmahera, south of Mindanao, was given a 113-ton bomb drubbing Tuesday by heavy and medium bombers. The attackers made no interception as they concentrated on coastal defenses, supply and barracks areas on Wasile and Kaeo Bays. Five days ago allied planes hit this stepping-stone to the Philippines with 156 tons of explosives.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in a Pearl Harbor press release said one enemy patrol vessel was destroyed and another one, along with a tanker and a cargo ship, damaged when army and navy planes Sunday attacked Paramushiro and vicinity, in the Kuriles. Another Japanese patrol ship also was attacked, but the results were not announced.

# Bill to Continue Tax Rate Prepared

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Legislation continuing during 1945 the same old age retirement social security tax rate on employers and employees—one per cent for each—has been prepared for introduction in the house by Rep. Le Compté (R-Ia.).

Unless such a bill is passed by this session of congress the tax automatically will increase to two per cent for employers and two per cent for employees on January 1. The increase has been several times postponed by congressional action.

Le Compté contends the social security fund has a sufficient reserve.

# BRITONS TAKE AMIENS, CROSS SOMME RIVER

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border of Germany was 87 miles ahead of this force.

Forty-five miles ahead of the American drive was the gateway city of Sedan, where the Germans won the battle of France in 1940 by skirting the Maginot line.

Verdun, 40 miles north of St. Dizier, along with Metz and Nancy were strong points of the French defense line.

**Gun Reversal Improbable**  
There have been reports the Germans were able to reverse guns to point west, but many observers doubt that any real reversal has been attempted.

This would take years, and the Germans have had a few scant weeks since it dawned upon them that allied armies were loose and headed for their own borders.

Equally, there is no indication that Eisenhower intends a head-on attack through the Maginot and Siegfried lines.

Spearheads are aimed instead at the Ardennes forest, skirting the north end of the Maginot and leading into Germany where the German chain of forts probably is thinnest.

**The British bridgehead across the Somme—last natural barrier on this front before Belgium—was established in strength.**

The dashing British were half-way from the shattered Seine line to Belgium and at Amiens they were where the "black day" defeat of the German army in 1918 brought Ludendorff to ask for peace.

The Germans were pulling out along a whole 120-mile arc in a top speed withdrawal which suggested final abandonment of northern France, the buzzbomb coast and all, for the defense of the menaced homeland.

The Canadians not only smashed into Rouen but drove 15 miles north to within 17 miles of Dieppe to capture Rotes, allied pattern for invasion two years ago.

Further down the Seine, Belgians won a new bridgehead at Quillebeuf, 18 miles inland from Le Havre.

# Underground Seizes Most of Slovakia

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seph Tiso, president of Slovakia, had appealed to Germany for aid and that it had been given.

**Attacks Launched**  
Czecho-Slovak sources in London had announced the uprising yesterday and said it was the work of the Czecho-Slovak forces of the interior.

The London announcement said the forces had launched concerted attacks in several areas against important communications points.

DNB said Tiso addressed an appeal to soldiers and farmers "upon whose initiative the action was started." It quoted "Berlin circles" as predicting "an early end of the riots and punishment of those responsible for them."

# Yanks Drive Toward Belgium



Arrows show allied offensive on the two fronts in France, where allies held the areas shown in black. In the north, Americans crossed the Aisne river and occupied Laon and Reims in a push toward the Belgian border. In the south there was heavy fighting near Loriot, north of captured Montelimar, as Americans drove toward the Rhone river from the east.

# 15 PASSENGERS HOSPITALIZED IN BUS WRECK

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ramento, and Mildred Creverling, Hollywood, Calif.

Two passengers are more seriously injured than the rest, according to doctor's reports.

They are Mrs. Effie McEwen, 51, of Eldridge, Calif., who is at Klamath Valley hospital suffering from a broken arm and leg and chest injuries; and Sammy Butler, 7, of Cottonwood, Idaho, who is at Hillside hospital suffering from serious abdominal wounds.

Other passengers who spent the night in hospitals are as follows:

- A. W. Pittinger, Box 312, Escalon, Calif., back injuries.
- A. L. Birch, 703 South street, Corning, Calif., chest injuries.
- Mrs. A. L. Birch, Corning, Calif., bad bruises.
- Mrs. Marion Elliot, 221 East South, Hynes, Calif., lacerations of scalp and bruises.
- Joelin Elliot, 7, Hynes, Calif., lacerations and bruises.
- Mrs. Jessie Atkins, 11 1/2 Golden, Long Beach, Calif., fractured arm and bruises.
- Mrs. Mildred J. Strand, 225 Alverado, Vallejo, Calif., chest injuries.
- Mrs. Sarah Bellah, Redmond, Ore., bad bruises.
- Mrs. Martha Whitlock, Box 262, Sacramento, fractured heel, cracked pelvis, and bruises.
- Mrs. Claude Ivy, 417 Cedar, Wallace, Idaho, bruises and heart ailment.
- Elmer Pangborn, Fairfield, Calif., in York hospital.
- June Lancaster, Rt. 5, Box 198, Olym-

# 7000 GERMANS CAPTURED IN ENCIRCLEMENT

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manian capital from the north," Stalin said.

Advancing against disorderly German resistance, mobile Russian columns had advanced to within 17 miles of Bucharest last night.

They drew within sight of the city's tinted plaster houses this afternoon and apparently entered without major opposition.

Bucharest was occupied by the Russians in 1828 and again in 1848 and from 1853 to 1854. Tonight they spread through 20 square miles of the city as partners of the Romanians, who last week cast off the Nazi yoke and aligned themselves with the United Nations.

**Balkan Paris**  
King Mihail's capital, sometimes called the "Paris of the Balkans," is the third major European capital entered by United Nations' troops.

Moscow reported a few days ago that Romanians themselves had driven the Germans from most of the city, and German warplanes have been bombing the capital since King Mihail flipped over to the allied side.

**Bombed by Yanks**  
Bucharest (pop. 650,000) was bombed for the first time by American planes last April 4, and fell under allied bombsights repeatedly thereafter in blows that hastened Romania's capitulation.

The victory rated a salute of 24 salvos from 324 of Moscow's guns—duplicating the biggest salutes of the Russo-German war.

Bucharest is 31 miles north of the Bulgarian border. At midnight last night the soviet communique had placed red army forces 17 miles from the city.

# Fuel Priorities In Effect Again

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SEATTLE Aug. 31 (AP)—Effective tomorrow, priorities on the sale of coal and firewood by Pacific Northwest dealers will again be in effect.

The OPA, announcing resumption of the same system in operation last winter, said a threatened fuel shortage made the step necessary.

# Completion of Tunnel Scheduled

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BEND, Aug. 31 (AP)—A 3400-foot tunnel, second in the north unit project, will be completed in about a week. U. S. bureau of reclamation engineers said today.

Located in jagged tufa formation overlooking the deep Crooked River gorge near Terrebonne, the tunnel will first serve as a roadbed, and eventually will carry water for reclamation of central Oregon land.

May Here—Supervisor Larry May of the Fremont national forest was in Klamath Falls on business from Lakeview today.

# Paramushiro Hit By Bombing Raid

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—The navy has added another bombing raid against Paramushiro island to the pounding that northern Pacific Japanese base was given recently.

Army and navy planes flying out of the Aleutians carried out the latest reported attack Sunday night and encountered only meager anti-aircraft fire, the navy said today.

The navy reported yesterday two other raids made on Sunday in which one Japanese patrol vessel was sunk and three other enemy craft damaged off Paramushiro.

Other bombers, meantime, operating over a front extending south some 4000 miles again bombed Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, and attacked Ponagan island in the Marianas.

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