

Nazis Push Steadily Toward Grozny Oil In Lightning Thrusts

Reach Mineralnye Vody, Only 140 Miles From Rich Fuel Region

MOSCOW LINE BLAZES

New Fighting Breaks Out In Sector Northwest Of Red Capital

MOSCOW, Friday, Aug. 14.—German troops in a swift 50-mile advance into the Caucasus have reached Mineralnye Vody, only 140 air line miles from the rich Russian oil wells of Grozny, the Soviets acknowledged officially early today as heavy fighting broke out on the long-dormant front northwest of Moscow.

A Nazi column swinging southeastward along the Rostov-Baku railway rolled through Russia's positions in the Cherkessk area to reach Mineralnye Vody. By road Grozny lies approximately 180 miles farther.

Late change otherwise indicated little change in Russian situation. The Red army still has battalions in the Don and in the Kletskaya area inside the Don river bend. Both areas are bulwarks to the approaches to Stalingrad on the Volga and Astrakhan on the Caspian sea.

In the western Caucasus the Soviets said their troops still were fighting in the Malkop - Krasnodar sectors in an effort to prevent a German break - through to the Black sea.

ARMY PUBLICITY TO BE REVAMPED

Stimson, Angered By 'Air Marker' Story Announces Shake-Up

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson, obviously angered at the "fifth column air marker" story, today announced a thorough shake-up of the Army's publicity staff which, he said, would make another such incident impossible.

The reorganization he told reporters, had been ordered into effect even before Army press relations officers at Mitchell Field released a story, with pictures, of huge arrows and other direction markers on the ground pointing to airports and defense plants.

One was an arrow-shaped clearing in a wood, which was later found to have been a bird sanctuary owned by the state of New Jersey. Another was an arrangement of sacks in the shape of a figure nine, with the tail, it was said, pointing to an airport. Investigation disclosed that a farmer on the eastern shore of Virginia had tossed fertilizer bags from a moving truck to dry them in the sun.

SHERMAN CONFERS WITH PROSECUTOR

High Ranking Naval Officer Discusses Publication Of 'Vital News'

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Frederick C. Sherman, former commander of the aircraft carrier Lexington, and other naval officers conferred with a special prosecutor today as a federal grand jury began investigating publication of allegedly "confidential" naval information by three large newspapers.

The newspapers are the Chicago Tribune, the New York Daily News and the Washington Times Herald which published the article June 7.

Intense secrecy guarded the inquiry and the only statement from William D. Mitchell, special assistant to the Attorney General, directing the investigation, was: "I will issue no statements at any time. I never tried any of my cases in the newspapers and I am too old to start now. I would like to help you newsmen out but I am afraid you cannot count on me for any releases."

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Air Activity Begins Anew Over Desert

Australians Bomb German Lighters, Leave One On Fire, Others Are Hit

AXIS AIRFIELDS HIT

RAF Smashes At Flying Port On Rhodes Island With Success

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Light bombers of the Australian air force today attacked enemy motor lighters used to supply German Marshal Erwin Rommel's army and sank two in an action several hours after medium RAF bombers carried out a series of attacks on the Axis island of Rhodes.

The two lighters brought to 13 sunk and two probably sunk the total bag of this squadron against the enemy lighters, which have been increasingly used in the last month.

The first plane scored three direct hits on one lighter. Bomb Rhodes Airdrome "There was a terrific flash midships and its guns ceased to fire," the pilot said.

The pilot of the next plane said he saw the vessel sinking rapidly in the midst of a widening splash of oil on the sea. As the squadron departed the second lighter also was observed going down.

The main feature of last night's air war was the thrust at Rhodes. Bombs straddled 30 Axis planes at

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NAZISTHREATENING TO MURDER SERBIA

Yugoslav Government In Exile Reports German Ultimatum To 2nd Front

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Yugoslav government in London announced tonight that the Germans have threatened to wipe out all of Serbia if continuing disorders in that Balkan land force them to increase the size of their occupation army.

This official report was released while talk of an Allied second front was rife in all Europe and executions, disorders and arrests continued unabated in virtually all occupied countries in spite of orders from the refugee governments to their people to hold off until the proper moment—the second front, presumably—arrives.

Several hundred Serb boys have been sent to concentration camps or deported to prevent them from joining guerrilla bands, the Yugoslavs said.

Early in August, the exile government added, German General Turned, military commander of occupied Serbia, told several hundred civic representatives in Belgrade that "if the German military command is compelled to use one more soldier than the present occupying force for the suppression of disorders this will mean the annihilation of Serbia."

Indicative of the fighting in Yugoslavia, the Berlin radio broadcast a report that the Yugoslavians lost 3,000 dead and 9,700 taken prisoner between July 23 and August 8.

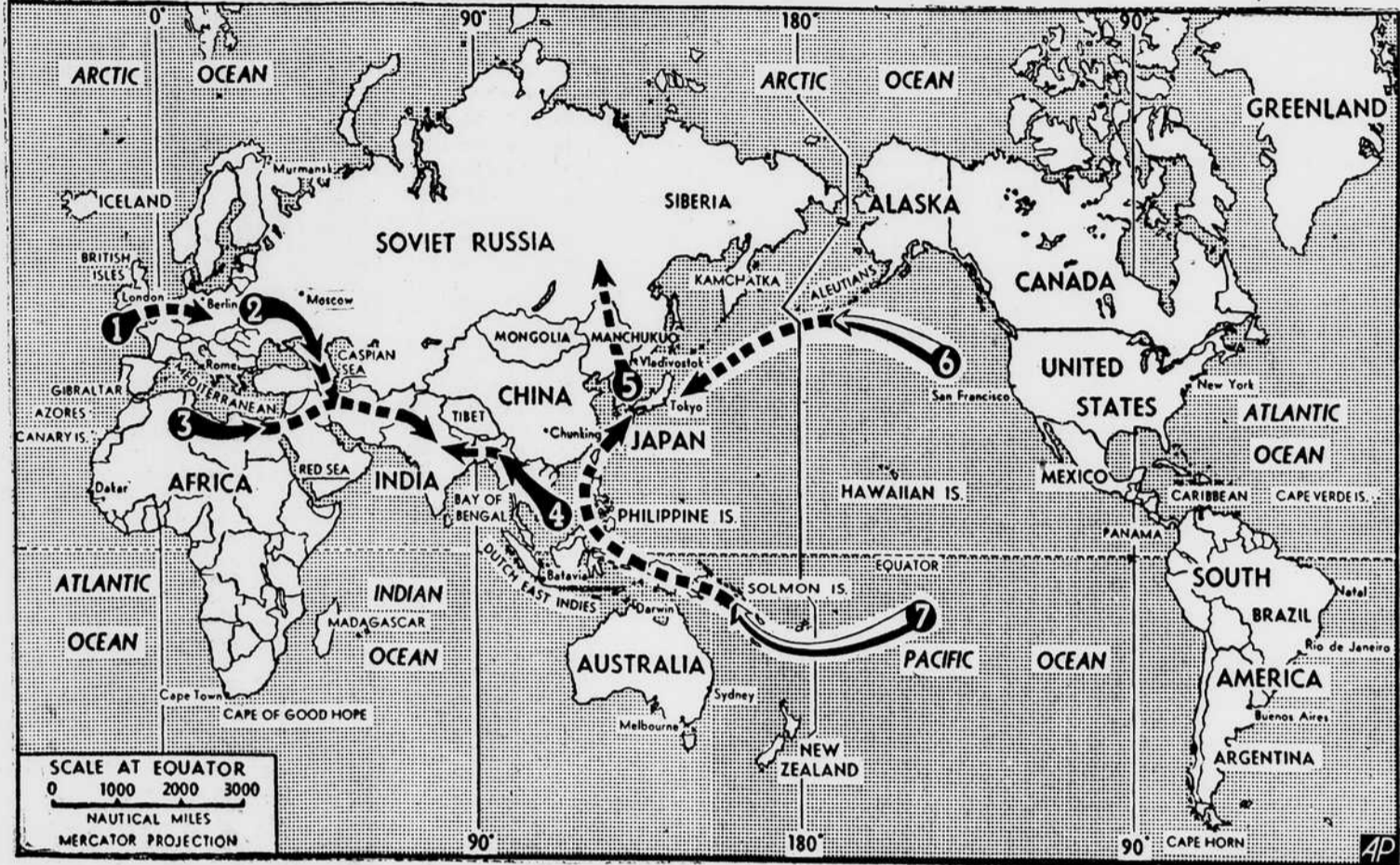
The second front idea is ever-present, the Nazi press and radio and movies are constantly telling the Germans of preparations made to resist it; France is jittery over its possibilities; the Italians have been assured by Premier Mussolini there would be no second front in Italy or elsewhere.

and no reliance should be placed in them." An official British report is expected tomorrow.

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AMERICAN 'DEVIL-DOGS' THROW JAPS BACK IN SOLOMON JUNGLE

Germans Believed Driving For Junction With Japs



Military experts regard the over-all Axis strategy as involving plans for a German drive into the Middle East through the Russian Caucasus (2) and from Egypt (3) for a junction with Japs pushing into India (4) when the Monsouns there stop. American smashes at Japs in the Aeutians (6) and the Solomon islands (7) were seen—aside from being the first United Nations' offensive in the Pacific—as diversions which might cost the Japanese some of their forces needed for a possible drive into Russian Siberia (5). The projected British-American second front (1) against Germany could divert Nazi troops needed in the push to the east.

Internal Disorders Subsiding In India As Police Keep Watch

Bombay Quiet And Life Apparently Returning To Normal In New Delhi

BOMBAY, Aug. 13.—(AP)—India's civil disorders apparently were subsiding tonight with armed police and troops in watchful control of the main trouble centers of the week's earlier outbreaks against British rule in a campaign which Mohandas K. Gandhi had pledged to non-violence.

Bombay was quiet. Workers were returning to mills which they had quit Monday and Tuesday. At New Delhi, India's capital, some shops still were closed, but people were moving freely through streets which yesterday were the scenes of repeated disorders.

The India office announced in London that reports which it had received were "encouraging," and said conditions in Bombay and Old Delhi, where police fired into rioting crowds three times yesterday, were "much nearer normal."

"From some provinces including Bengal, the Punjab and Madras," the Indian office statement said, "only very few isolated incidents were reported . . . The general situation is improving."

MOLZAHN FORGIVES FEDERAL LAWYER

Lutheran Minister Tells Prosecutor He Is Pardoned For Accusations

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Rev. Kurt E. B. Molzahn asserted today that assistant Prosecutor Joseph P. Cooney had accused him of being "the head of the Gestapo" before his indictment on an espionage conspiracy charge, and publicly "forgave" the government attorney for making the accusation.

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ATLANTIC SINKINGS TOLL REACHES 422

Loss Of Two Small Cuban Merchantmen Boosts Total Of Sub Victims

(By The Associated Press) Destruction of two small Cuban merchantmen by enemy submarines in the Gulf of Mexico was announced yesterday by the Cuban Navy General staff, while Brazilian sources disclosed that cruisers may have joined the hunt for an Axis surface raider following recent attacks on Allied shipping in the South Atlantic.

Reports from Rio de Janeiro indicated the cruisers may have planes to supplement the search which was said to be under way following radioed reports last Monday that at least two United Nations vessels, about 1,000 miles east of Rio de Janeiro, had been attacked by a marauding surface craft.

The Cuban Navy staff reported the ships sunk in the Gulf were the 1,685-ton Sant' Agustin and the 1,025-ton Manzanillo, and that five crewmen were known dead and 26 others missing. All but three of the 27 seamen who were rescued were

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SEC Orders Power Groups To Sell 16 Of Utilities; Tide Water Power Included

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—(AP)—In a step toward breaking up the gigantic Associated Gas and Electric corporation system, the Securities and Exchange commission today ordered the corporation trustees to dispose of 16 utilities in 24 states and the Philippine islands.

Among the companies ordered disposed of is the Tide Water Power company of Wilmington, N. C.

Forces are planning. American engineering ingenuity is preparing for the offensive at dazzling speed. The U. S. air effort in this theatre dwarfs by far anything previously attempted by any nation in trying to build up a vast striking force thousands of miles away from home. Plans are weeks ahead of schedule under the direction of Gen. Frank, who has spent much of his life as a tactical airman and protests that he "knows nothing about this service end of the business,"

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U. S. Warships Hurling Death Into Nip Lines

Yank Parachutists Hitting Enemy For The First Time In History

MARINES CLOSING IN

Leathernecks Are Drawing Nearer To Vital Naval Base Of Tulagi

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 13.—(AP)—American Marines slashing through the "green hell" jungles of the Solomon islands were reported hurling the Japanese back from at least three beachheads in the 900-mile-long island chain tonight while United States and Allied warships landed death into enemy positions.

Latest reports indicated that the Leathernecks, spearheading an assault which may develop into a United Nations grand offensive to drive the invaders out of the South seas, were making steady progress against bitter resistance.

Big Reinforcements Coming Unconfirmed advice said American parachute troops, making their first historic appearance in battle, were used as shock forces in the attack.

Strong American reinforcements were said to be pouring into the seven-day-old battle as the Japanese fought desperately to hold their strategic island bases 900 miles northeast of Australia. Observers here surmised that Allied warships were bringing up fresh reinforcements and landing

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BIG JAP CONVOYS SEEN NEAR CHINA

Ships Spotted In Gulf Of Tonkin; May Be Prelude To New Indian Move

CHUNGKING, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A Japanese transport fleet carrying more than 20,000 troops was seen in the Gulf of Tonkin last Saturday—the day before United States bombers based in China blasted Haiphong, French Indo-China port on the gulf—a Chinese Army spokesman disclosed tonight.

(There was no immediate indication whether the aerial attack had any relation with the troop ship movement. The Chinese spokesman said he had no information where the convoy was

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CD Needs DRIVERS CORPS: 213

(Men And Women) Duties: Cars and drivers assigned to first aid squads, casualty stations and control center.

Training: General Course; gas Detens. B, first aid—10 hours. Enlisted to date: 37. Quota: 250.

Table showing enlistment statistics: ENLISTMENTS YESTERDAY Air Raid Wardens 10, Medical Corps 3, Auxiliary Firemen 1, Spotter 1, Total 15

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