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## Soviet Army Gets Inside Transylvania

### CARPATHIANS CROSSED

#### Red Soldiers Penetrate 10 Miles Past Border In Forward Smash

LONDON, Tuesday, Aug. 29. — (AP) — Soviet troops, cracking Germany's last big natural defense wall in the east, crossed the Carpathians yesterday and penetrated 10 miles inside Hungarian-held Transylvania in a swift drive aimed at trapping scores of thousands of disaster-ridden Germans caught south of the mountains in the Ploesti-Bucharest area of capitulated Rumania.

Simultaneously Red marines, spilling out of ships of the Black Sea fleet, captured Romania's second seaport of Sulina in the southeast and overran the Danube delta by seizing Tulcea, 42 miles inland, a port at the head of the Danube's three channels.

Other Soviet land armies captured Braila, big Romanian port on the twisting Danube farther west, cleaned out the Galati Gap defenses in the center, and plunged on toward the rich Ploesti oil wells and Bucharest. Moscow dispatches said tank-tipped Russian spearheads were within 50 miles of Bucharest, but the communique did not mention the Ploesti-Bucharest sector where Romanian troops are locked in fierce struggles with their former allies.

Russian troops crossed into Hungarian Transylvania through the pine-clad Otuz pass at Poiana-Sarata. Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army units then rolled on ten miles through Breicu, only 43 miles northeast of Brasov, the Romanian-held city which controls four of the Nazi escape passes from Romania into Hungary.

Eleven thousand more German prisoners fell to Malinovsky's troops and the Third Ukrainian Army under Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin, and the latter army completed the liquidation of 12 Nazi divisions, originally estimated at between 40,000 and 60,000 men, which had been trapped southwest of Chisinau, fallen Bessarabian provincial capital.

Axis casualties on the eastern front since the big summer offensive began on June 23 are now well past the 1,000,000 mark, on the basis of Moscow announcements.

Gen. C. F. Zakharov's Second White Russian army in northern Poland meanwhile scored a great victory by toppling the communications center of Ostrow-Mazowiecka, 50 miles northeast of Warsaw, Moscow's bulletin disclosed.

On that front the Russians rolled ahead on a 21-mile sector, capturing Piski, 32 miles south of German's East Prussian border, and Carwin, 12 miles northwest of fallen Ostrow-Mazowiecki and only nine miles southeast of Ostrolenka, big German stronghold on the Narew river.

## THREE INDIANS DIE AS AUTO HITS TREE

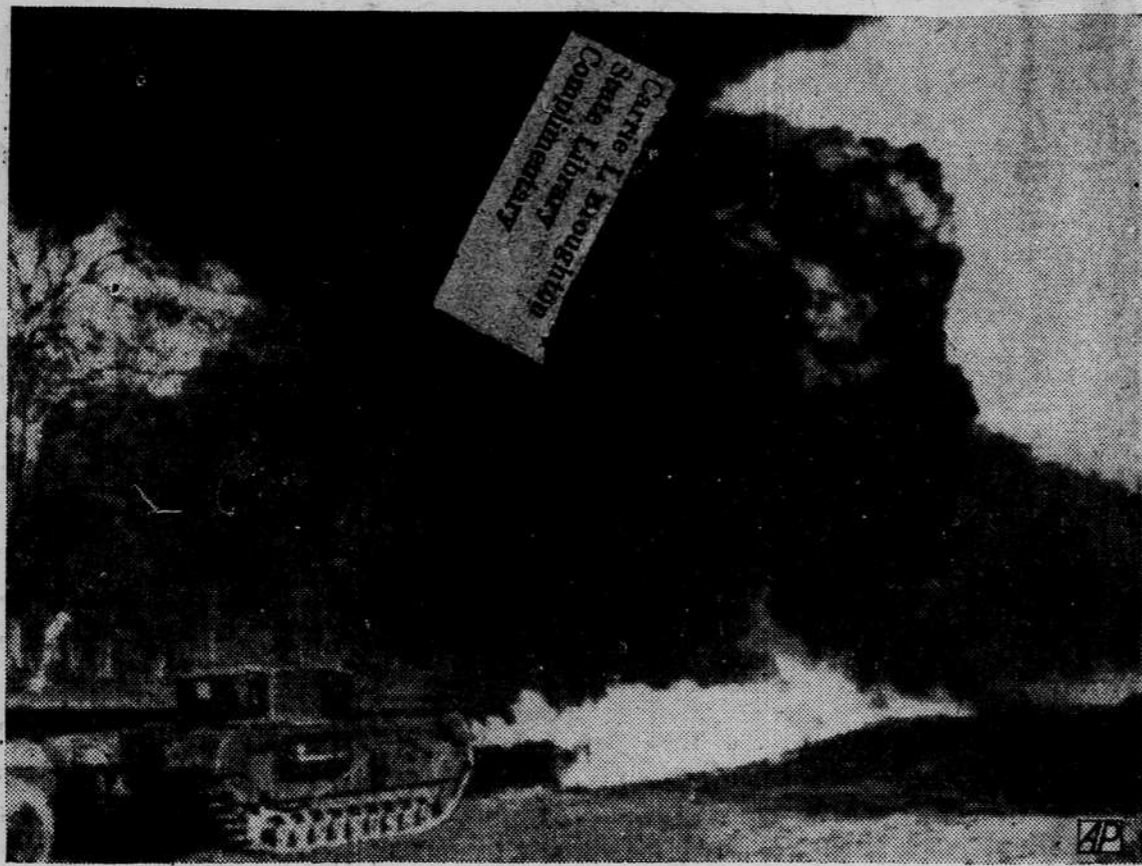
LUMBERTON, Aug. 28. — Three young Indians of the Pembroke section—Tooly Lowry, 19, Leon Baker, 20, and Betty Jane Thompson, 17—were killed instantly and a fourth, Gwendolyn Baker, 22, injured, when the 1936 Ford in which they were riding got out of control on the western edge of Pembroke last night and crashed into a tree. The car, apparently going at a high rate of speed, was being driven by Lowry and was headed toward Maxton, according to police. The bodies, badly mangled, were removed from the scene after a doctor from Maxton pronounced the three dead. Gwendolyn Baker was brought to a local sanatorium, where she is now a patient with lacerations and possibly a skull fracture.

## Churchill Indicates Peace Not Far Off

ROME, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill in a farewell message to the Italian people released today declared his hope that a "free and progressive" Italy will take her place among the leading nations of Europe, but indicated she cannot expect to sit as a full ally at the peace table at the end of the war, which he said "may not be so far off as was formerly expected."

He announced that he was directing British representatives on international bodies to "do their utmost" to correct Italian hardships, and that "large new Italian forces will soon join the Allied armies."

## British 'Crocodile' Spits Big Flame



The "Crocodile" flame-thrower, Britain's newly announced weapon designed to be fitted to a Churchill tank, goes into action during a demonstration. Fuel is towed by the tank in an armored trailer. The flame-thrower has a range of over 150 yards. This is a British official photograph. (AP wirephoto).

## Bulgaria To Get Terms

### PEACE PARLEY UNDER ATTACK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Delegates to the world security conference, under pressure for a more liberal information policy since their closed-door sessions started at Dumbarton Oaks, agreed today to meet the press tomorrow. Meanwhile Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) fanned the anti-secrecy fire with a protest on the floor against what he called "double talk" about what is being planned, and the assertion that "the American people and the American Congress are entitled to know what is going on."

He told the Senate it will hear plans for the "plain talk" at the Dumbarton Oaks conference in the next few months. Tomorrow's news conference with the heads of the American, British and Russian delegations will be the first since they went into session a week ago. Only brief communique reporting the mechanics of proceedings have been issued.

The latest communique, announcing plans for the meeting of Undersecretary Stettinius for the Americans, Sir Alexander Cadogan for the British, and Ambassador Andrei Gromyko for the Russians with the press, said merely that the steering committee met today. Earlier, Secretary of State Hull gave hope for more substantial news on actual progress.

Bridges, who is not among the group of eight Republican and Democratic senators who have held meetings with Secretary of State Hull on postwar plans, said from what he has learned so far, the projected assembly of all nations "will be a debating society with no power save to discuss and advise" and "all power will be in the hands of the Big Four."

### SUPPLY LINE THREATENED

CHUNGKING, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Chinese forces have posed a new threat to the famous Ssang river supply line of the Japanese in Hunan Province in success which, if exploited successfully, might change the entire Hunan situation in favor of the defenders and frustrate the Japanese aim of conquering the whole Canton-Hankow rail route across China, the high command said tonight.

## Paris Seeks To Get Rid Of Rowdy Maquis Groups

PARIS, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Paris wants food, which the Allies can and will give her, and now she is rid of the Germans, she also wants disorderly elements of the Maquis and the French forces of the Interior kept in check.

The Allies are determined that Gen. Charles De Gaulle must solve the latter problem. Today, some 72 hours after Paris was liberated, the city is still in an uproar. Wild-eyed youths waving rifles and machineguns in one hand and driving careening automobiles with the other still roam the streets.

There still are sporadic outbreaks of rifle fire and fist fights among the French themselves. The streets present no semblance of order. The majority of the Maquis and the French forces of the Interior were described as lev-

### Allies Reported Ready To Submit Proposals On Surrender

LONDON, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Allied surrender terms are expected to be presented to an envoy of Bulgaria within a few days, and the Germans put on the pressure today to keep this Balkan satellite from joining Romania in flight from the Nazi orbit.

Peace terms drawn by the European advisory commission were submitted to Washington and Moscow for approval, and they are believed insisted that Bulgaria disgorge the parts of Greece and Yugoslavia which she seized at the height of Germany's successes.

Romania, already fighting beside the Red armies sweeping toward her capital of Bucharest, will sign her armistice in Moscow shortly, it was learned here.

(Secretary of State Hull said in Washington that Bulgarian officials had been in contact with Allied governments on the question of an armistice, and added that the United States probably would be represented by both diplomats and military officials at the Romanian armistice proceedings in the Russian capital.)

(Washington also reported the Allied attitude had stiffened toward Bulgaria in view of her attempt to bargain on retaining parts of Yugoslavia and Greece, and failure to turn against the Germans.)

The pressure was on against Finland, Hungary and Slovakia, with the Russians calling on them to get out of the war before they, too, are carried down with the final crash of the Reich.

The German news agency DNB said Gustave Becker, the Reich's minister to Bulgaria, was hastening back to Sofia to discuss "with the Bulgarian government the new situation in that country."

Bulgaria is believed to have six divisions in Macedonia and southern Serbia, heavily outnumbering the German troops in that region. Marshal Tito told Associated Press Correspondent Joseph Mor-ton in Italy recently that he could see Bulgaria's peace overtures only in the light of the activity of Bulgarian forces of occupation, according to dispatch from Bari, Italy, dated Sunday.

ol-headed patriots anxious to get on with the task of restoring peace and order.

De Gaulle requested that two divisions of British and American troops parade through Paris and it is likely such a show will be arranged. But Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has given no indication that he plans to take over the policing of the city.

The need for food is evident on every hand. Already the Allies have arranged a fleet of 3,000 trucks to carry foodstuffs into the city. The present need has been estimated at 75,000 tons a month.

De Gaulle, who barely missed assassination Saturday at the hands of snipers who some resistance leaders believe were led behind by the German army for the express purpose of killing members of the French government, was reported to be in Southern France.

### PAC COMMITTEE RAKED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. — (AP) — A hot exchange broke out today between Rep. Church (R-Ill.) and Sidney Hillman during a House committee hearing at which Hillman reported his CIO Political Action Committee had spent \$371,086, including \$67,320 in primaries and state elections.

Church set off the clash by declaring that the CIO's political plan directed by Hillman, is "communist - engineered from the top down" with local unions having no say in it.

"Would you say Du Pont's contribution of \$186,000 to the Republicans and Pew's of \$108,000 came from the bottom up?" Hillman retorted, adding:

"You're trying to prejudice the public against us. It's a below the belt campaign. I'll put my record of fighting communism against yours any time. I'm opposed to communism because I'm opposed to all totalitarianism—even in industry."

As Hillman appeared before the House group investigating campaign expenditures, Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) told the Senate that a magazine article by Hillman entitled "The Truth about the PAC" only covered up the "real truth" that the PAC is an "enormous danger" to labor interests.

Bridges said the New Republic, which published the article, had refused to give Senator Butler (R-Neb.) the same space for a reply. Butler's proposed reply, Hillman's article and an exchange of letters between Butler and Bruce Bliven, New Republic editor, were placed in the Congressional record by Bridges.

### NAVY BLASTS JAPS NEAR PHILIPPINES

By The Associated Press. American bombing planes, striking against Japanese island strongholds over a wide Pacific front, were reported late yesterday by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz to have blasted Nippon bases from the Kuriles to Nauru, south of the Marshalls.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said Navy patrol planes of the Southwest Pacific command hit within 300 miles of the southern Philippines when they destroyed or damaged four Japanese freighters at Mando, Celebes. Other raiders wrecked four parked Japanese planes at Liang, airdrome, Ambona, on Ceram island west of New Guinea.

American headquarters in China announced their aerial smashes along the Chinese east coast with Yank airmen striking in the region of Shanghai and at Amoy, directly west of Formosa.

### FRENCH COMMANDER IN CHARGE OF PARIS

PARIS, April 28. — (AP) — The commander of the American forces which helped liberate Paris officially delivered the city to Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, military commander of Paris, at noon today.

General Koenig now is responsible for security of the city but if any disorder arises a unit of the United States Army is prepared to aid.

The job of supplying the city with extra food was turned over to a major general who is commanding the services of supply here. Army food supplies now are coming in and no shortage is expected.

# AMERICANS DRIVING TO EAST APPROACH CHATEAU-THIERRY; TANKS ROAR UP RHONE VALLEY

## GERMANS FIGHT TO ESCAPE TRAP

### American Armored Column Throws Deadly Wedge In River Sector

ROME, Aug. 28. — (AP) — An American armored column has thrown a deadly wedge into the Rhone valley 100 miles north of Marseille, and tonight battered remnants of the German 19th army in southern France fought frantically to escape a trap which was closing on their last avenue of escape to Germany.

An official announcement said heavy losses already had been inflicted on fleeing enemy troops on the east bank of the Rhone, but did not disclose whether Yank forces had yet throttled all highways and railways on both sides of the stream, effectively stopping the wide Rhone valley.

Spending the Nazis' disorderly flight and driving them into the blazing fumes of the cut-off force just above Montelimar was another American column pounding up the Rhone valley from Avignon, some 45 miles down the river. All bridges across the Rhone have been blown, and French patriot troops holding the countryside on the west side of the river were reported harassing the flank of the reeling army.

The last Germans who had been holding out on the Marseille waterfront and on islands in the harbor finally surrendered, six days after capture of France's greatest port was officially announced by the Allies. Allied engineers had been waiting impatiently to begin cleaning up the harbor, badly needed to supply the Seventh army.

More than 50,000 German front line troops—possibly half the enemy force which garrisoned southern France—were estimated to have been killed, wounded or captured in less than two weeks of lightning warfare, Allied brand. Fall of the naval base of Toulon over the weekend packed another 7,000 prisoners into Allied pens and brought the total of captives to more than 30,000. Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's headquarters announced.

Some units of the American column which lanced across southern France and struck the Rhone valley above Montelimar travelled an incredible 200 miles in two days, reported Associated Press War Correspondent Edward Kennedy.

## Reports State Nazis Leaving Gothic Line

ON THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Frontier reports tonight said German troops were withdrawing from Piedmont, Liguria and Emilia provinces and falling back toward the Alps and the Brenner Pass, leaving behind Mussolini's Fascist forces to cope with resurgent Partisan onslaughts and advancing Allied forces.

Abandonment of Emilia would indicate a withdrawal from the Gothic line fortifications, since this province embraces part of the Apennine mountains in which they are anchored.

(Coastal Liguria includes the port of Genoa, and the big manufacturing center of Turin is in Piedmont. Both are threatened by the invasion of southern France which has branched out eastward toward the western border of Italy.)

## Developing Allied Drives In France



Arrows indicate possible Allied drives from territory already won in France (black areas). Allies threatening Rouen are in position for a drive toward the Somme. Southeast of Paris they have reached Troyes in a push toward the Alsace-Lorraine border areas. From southern France a thrust toward Belfort appears likely. (AP photo).

## Bright Belt Sales Light At Opening

By The Associated Press. Three of the largest markets in the North Carolina new bright, flue-cured tobacco belt reported the lightest opening day sales in years yesterday, with averages around the 43 1/2 cent weighted average ceiling set by the Office of Price Administration for graded and tied leaf.

Wilson, Greenville and Kinston reported very light offerings, Wilson's the smallest in 25 years, and attributed it to the late crop and labor shortages. Some farm labor is being diverted to cotton picking. Meanwhile, the War Manpower Commission announced yesterday that 400 war prisoners were being assigned eastern North Carolina to help expedite the movement of tobacco from the farm into the factories, through the redrying plants. Two hundred of them will be placed at Seymour Johnson field, Goldsboro, and the others to a camp near New Bern.

The War Food Administration reported from Wilson, its eastern headquarters, that "demand was strong for the limited amount on hand and most grades sold from \$2 to \$3 per hundred above last season's prices."

## Moscow Radio Reports Nazis Leaving Bulgaria

LONDON, Aug. 28. — (AP) — The Moscow radio, quoting the Bulgarian news agency, said tonight Germans had begun withdrawing troops from Bulgaria.

The radio said the withdrawal would "be completed within a few days."

"Disarming of German troops crossing the Bulgaria-Romania frontier is going on," said the broadcast.

## MARNE CROSSED IN POWER SMASH

### World War 1 Battlefield Within Grasp Of Units Striking At Reich

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Powerful American forces broke across the Marne at Meaux today and stormed on eastward in a 30-mile advance to within five miles of the World War I battlefield of Chateau-Thierry.

Other U. S. Third army spearheads, sweeping northeast from the broken enemy lines along the upper Seine, welded a 45-mile arc of steel within 40 miles of the great rail city of Reims, whose fall would imperil any German attempt to stand in northern France.

In their advance on Chateau-Thierry, where their fathers helped to shatter the final German offensive in 1918, the doughboys were 30 miles east of Lagny, a Marne town whose capture was announced yesterday.

With their breakthrough at Meaux, which blasted any enemy hope of a determined stand along the natural barrier of the upper Marne, the Americans were 25 miles south of the forest of Compiègne, where the first world war armistice was signed and where Adolf Hitler forced his harsh truce on France in 1940.

The general 10-mile advance below Reims will force the Germans to decide quickly whether they will try to defend the robot bomb coast to the northwest or fall back toward the Reich.

The Americans were 35 to 40 miles away from Reims on the southwest, south and southeast—before Chateau-Thierry, at the big road junction of Montmirail at Sezanne, and at an undefined point about 30 miles north of Troyes, the farthest eastward advance 85 miles east of Paris.

All these latest surges on the plains between the Marne and Seine were from 10 to 18 miles north of last reported positions, and outlined a great wheeling movement which now has swept to within about 110 miles of Germany's frontier at the Saar.

These American columns were knifing in behind the Germans' 15th army, which was believed being bolstered by troops pouring into France along virtually every rail line from Belgium despite a storm of bombs and bullets from hundreds of Allied warplanes.

In the race from Meaux, the tanks of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton bowed through a La Ferté-aux-Jouarre and tumbled on east. One field dispatch said they had reached Chateau-Thierry, and while it was not confirmed it was possible, since tank columns often maintain radio silence.

This was all new terrain for the troops of this war, but for at least some of their field officers it was a return to a battle-ground where they fought more than two decades ago.

## STATES PAY RIJL GAINS IN FAVOR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Strong bi-partisan support developed in the House today for demobilization and reconversion legislation shorn of liberal unemployment benefits and emphasizing rigid economy in postwar federal expenditures.

Following a Republican caucus, Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), ranking minority member of the ways and means committee, reported there was "ample strength" to put over the committee's bill which leaves unemployment benefits entirely in the hands of the states. Floor debate begins tomorrow.

Rep. Mills (D-Ark.), a committee member, likewise predicted adoption of the bill, saying he had found "widespread support" among Democrats for the committee's stand against large federal postwar commitments at this time.

## STRIKE ENDED

DETROIT, Aug. 28. — (AP) — Production of aircraft engine parts at the Ford Motor company's Highland Park plant, halted by a strike last Friday, got underway again today with the return to work of most of 8,000 employees involved in the stoppage that threatened for a time to affect 50,000 other workers in Ford plants in the Detroit area.

## Ferguson New Deputy Recorder

The Board of County Commissioners after much discussion yesterday afternoon provided that the salary of the deputy judge of recorder's court be increased from \$1,400 to \$1,800 annually, and approved the appointment of J. H. Ferguson to fill the vacancy, effective September 1.

After hearing pleas from a delegation of six lawyers, the board also decided to increase the pay of the deputy solicitor from \$100 to \$600 per year, but made no appointment to fill this vacancy.

The lawyers spoke of the strain provoked by a steady increase in the county court's business, which began an upward trend in 1941, when it was under the administration of Alton Lennon.

Offering support on behalf of Judge Winfield Smith, Lennon told the board that he did not believe any member of the bar in this county would accept the responsibility of deputy

recorder for less than the amount asked.

Judge Smith previously had recommended the appointment of Ferguson to fill the vacancy. David Sinclair took the floor at the meeting and told members of the board that the cost of crime should not be considered when it comes to combating it.

Bill Rhodes, who ran against Judge Smith in the last election (Smith carried 17 of 18 precincts), stated that he was indebted to the recorder for beating him out of the job.

There was some question among the commissioners as to whether or not Judge Smith should be allowed to recommend anyone as deputy recorder, but Aaron Goldberg upheld his move, stating that if Judge Smith was going to have the responsibility of the court, he should have the right to select his own man for deputy.

"Besides," he asserted, "I

know of no man worth his shingle who would handle the job for less than \$150 a month."

In his mind this was the absolute minimum. The group of lawyers were agreed that Judge Smith spent more time at his job than any employe of the county. They also were agreed that no man would accept the job of deputy recorder for less than the amount agreed upon.

Addison Hewlett, Sr., chairman of the board, said he had the greatest respect and admiration for the accomplishments of Judge Smith and J. A. McNorton, solicitor.

Former Judge Lennon emphasized that Judge Smith had actually saved the county more money than when he himself, had the job of recorder. He stressed the fact that this problem alone was a strain on a man's nerves. He asked that the board compensate the job and not the man, no matter who might sit on the bench in Recorder's court.