

Germans Are Evacuating Paris

Eleven Red Armies Hammer Germans

U. S. Troops Nearer Paris Now Than To Brest A Week Ago

NAZIS STRUGGLE TO BREAK TRAP



TRAPPED BY THE SWIFT Russian drive west of Riga, thousands of German troops in Estonia and Latvia (1) are struggling to fight their way toward other Nazi units in East Prussia. Meanwhile, Russian units near Riga (2) are fanning out rapidly toward the coastal cities of Mazirbe, Ventspils, and Liepaja, to tighten the trap. Another Red Army group (3) is reported at the gates of East Prussia, apparently headed toward Königsberg. To the south (4), Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's troops hammer furiously at enemy forces defending Warsaw. (International)

Nazis Offer Stiffening Resistance

Vital Center In South Captured By the Russians

Moscow, Aug. 7.—Eleven Russian army groups hammered with artillery and bombers today at the steel foundations of Germany's east wall, based on Krakow, Warsaw and the forested corner of East Prussia, encountering the toughest opposition in the 46-day summer offensive.

ADVANCE THROUGH AVRANCHES



WRECKED GERMAN VEHICLES almost block a street in Avranches, France, as American troops and armor pick their way through the town right on the heels of the retreating Nazis. The Allied forces are reported to be moving even more rapidly than the Russian armies on the eastern front. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Both Sabots Are Widened On The French Front

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 7.—(AP)—American patrols reached Domfront today, broadening to a 50-mile front General Bradley's new battering ram headed toward Paris, 149 miles away, which the Germans were reported evacuating.

Deserts to Russians



THE BERLIN RADIO has announced that Gen. George C. Lindemann, commander of all the German armies in the Baltic, "has gone over to the Russians." Some 300,000 of Lindemann's men were recently trapped by the Russian drive to the Baltic Sea. (International)

Congress Is Faced With Reconversion, State Right Fight

Britain Is After More Lend-Lease

Threatens To Hold Afloat Otherwise From Pacific War

New York, Aug. 7.—(AP)—British officials are insisting upon lend-lease aid after Germany's defeat as essential to Britain's play her full part in the Pacific war, the National Association of Manufacturers reported today.

British officials have told our leaders that such action is absolutely necessary to stave off a serious economic situation in England. The NAM news, weekly publication of the association, said.

It is claimed that unless we do bolster Britain's domestic economy, she will not be able to play the part expected of her in the Pacific war. The publication said the proposal, now under discussion in high administrative circles, would cost the United States \$2,500,000,000 and up annually above war costs and would be a wide departure from the present lend-lease program, because it would be very frankly to support Britain's domestic policy.

Postwar Relief Is Biggest Issue in Controversy Bill

Washington, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Congress comes to grips this week with reconversion legislation with a states' rights fight brewing in the Senate on unemployment compensation, and House Republicans condemning what they call an accent on unemployment rather than ways of creating employment.

The fireworks will be touched off in the Senate Tuesday when the Murray-Tamm-Kilgore unemployment bill and a rival measure by Senator George George Democrat, comes up for debate.

At issue is the amount and when and how to pay it. Backed by a large segment of organized labor, the Murray-Tamm-Kilgore measure calls for benefits ranging as high as \$35 weekly for jobless veterans and civilian unemployed. The Federal Government would pay the excess over the current \$14 weekly average of State compensation laws. While broadening coverage by State programs and ranging under them some 2,000,000 Federal employees, the George proposal leaves administration to the states, with smaller payments than are provided by the rival measure. It has the backing of most southern Democrats and the Republican leadership, who have assailed the Murray-Tamm-Kilgore bill as too costly, likely to encourage unneeded idleness, and an attempt to Federalize State unemployment programs. The Senate leadership hoped to dispose of the fight one way or the other this week and the House Ways and Means Committee already has called a meeting for Wednesday in the hope of taking up the Senate bill so it can be rushed to the House floor early next week.

While unemployment legislation is the right of way on the Senate floor, there is no business before the House proper this week. Committees in both branches expect to wrap up shape bills dealing with serious property disposition and establishment of machinery for managing the overall reconversion job.

Partly cloudy and warm tonight and Tuesday, with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Big Jap Convoy Is Wiped Out In Blow At Bonin Islands

C. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Striking within 600 miles of Tokyo, a fast American carrier task force has shelled the Bonin Islands for the first time in this war, in a two-day attack on eleven Japanese vessels, including five warships, and damaged 30 other surface craft.

The shelling leveled Omura, Japanese town on northwestern Chichi, key island of the Bonin group. Gunfire planes bombed Chichi, Haha, Aburatsubo and Awa islands in the Bonin, and Iwo in the Kozumi group, 140 miles south.

A carrier fleet commander and the American task force yesterday wiped out a Japanese convoy during the raid Thursday and Friday. The score:

Subs—Five Japanese destroyers of destroyer escorts, five cargo ships, one oiler, one auxiliary craft and several barges also were destroyed.

Prices Up To 41 Cents For Georgia Belt

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Lively bidding, with sales as high as 41 cents, was reported today as Georgia's Huesared tobacco market opened for the second week of the buying season.

Warehouses throughout the district were filled with fresh offerings.

Valdosta reported 675,000 pounds on the floor as bidding was resumed. Prices there ranged from 12 to 41 cents.

At Adel much of the tobacco sold at from 39 to 40 cents, with some higher.

The first week closed, with leaf selling at an average of \$38.97 per hundred pounds, slightly under the \$39 ceiling set by the Office of Price Administration. The War Food Administration reported this was \$2.85 per hundred the average for the first week's sales in 1943. WFA said.

Sales for the first five days of the season were reported as 32,741,360 pounds, compared with 23,292,525 pounds for the first four days last year.

The WFA report said quality of the marketings was lower than last year.

Stocks Show Slight Gains

New York, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Lower-priced motoring continued to draw heavy speculative support in today's stock market, while standard leaders attracted moderate bids.

In front were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, and General Motors. Occasional loser were Santa Fe and Standard Oil N. J.

Bonds generally lacked a definite trend. Commodities slipped.

Army Crushes Strike In Philadelphia's Transit

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Four leaders of the Philadelphia transportation strike who are free on \$500 bonds in charges of violating the Smith-Connally act have been dismissed from their jobs.

An army spokesman confirmed the dismissals, but declined to give details.

The four are James McMenamin, who registered to return to work but hid strikers "you are going to work at the point of a bayonet"; Frank P. Carney, William C. Dixey and Frank Thompson.

Major General Philip Hayes, during an inspection tour, told transportation workers last night "You're all soldiers, even though you are not in uniform. Any man who isn't back on his job at the scheduled time will get no job anywhere for the duration—and the duration may be a long time."

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The Federal Government, in all its wartime might, invoking full controls over the employment, destiny and even food ration of individuals, crushed Philadelphia's wildcat traffic walkout today, after a "nightmare" week in which production slumped, Negroes and white men battled in the streets and a city of two million wined virtually helpless against the will of 6,000 strikers.

While troops in battle dress patrolled all bus, trolley, subway and subway elevated trains, and Philadelphians rode to work as usual again, police officers who seized the

Nazis Still Are Blasting At Florence

Rome, Aug. 7.—Big German shells continued today to land in the southern portion of Florence, which is in Allied hands, but General Alexander said that "there will be no need for the city itself to become a battleground."

An Allied headquarters communiqué said that Allied troops have made contact with the enemy on the north bank of the Arno river within Florence. An Allied spokesman explained, however, that "we have not yet had more than occasional sniper patrols over the river, and that have returned."

He added that apart from small parties with machine guns on the north bank, there is little enemy activity in the town, and said the Nazis were devoting their main efforts to strengthening defenses intended to hold back any Allied effort to cross the river on either side of Florence.

The Allied command announced today that 30,000 prisoners had been taken by the fifth and eighth armies in the offensive from Cassino to Florence. The total might have been higher but for Field Marshal Kesselring's decision to allow up Florence's bridges.

Both east and west of Florence the eighth army was moving in the face of enemy fire, but on the south bank of the Arno. The south bank was cleared from a point three miles east of Florence to Montecatini, 12 miles west of Florence, with the exception of small pockets.

The important Arno river towns of Montepulciano and Empoli remained in German hands, with patrols entering and then withdrawing.

Allies Hit Nazis From West, South

London, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The German radio said Allied bombers were striking into Europe from the west and south today as excellent weather sent waves of British-based bombers and fighters streaming toward the continent.

Formations attacking from the west were reported by the Germans to be over the Franco-Belgian area, the same vicinity where RAF heavies smashed at the rail junctions of Hazebroutak, south of Dunkirk, last night.

Berlin said other attackers, pouring in from the south, were over Upper Silesia, Moravia and lower Austria, and the day shaped up rapidly as one of fast-flying aerial blows against all quarters of Hitler's crumbling continental fortress.

While British heavy bombers rained explosives on the enemy's important north-south supply routes last night, Mosquitos ranged over Germany and a wide area of France hammering targets near the battle zone and 100 miles beyond.

Most of the Mosquitto attacks were slanted at rail transports in continuation of efforts to block movement of German forces withdrawing rapidly from the eastern front. Other Mosquitos continued the assault on Germany's shrinking oil supply by bombing a synthetic oil plant at Charlot-Rauxel, near the eastern end of the Ruhr, and still others returned with two-ton blockbusters to the oil-battered city of Cologne.

Cotton Lower Around Noon

New York, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 30 cents a bale lower. Noon values were 45 to 50 cents a bale lower.

Table with columns: Cotton, Price, Change. Rows: October, December, March, May, July.