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Reds Tightening Grip On Nazis' Baltic Army

Attacks By Enemy Fail Everywhere

German Attempts To Keep Russians From East Prussia

Moscow, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The Red army tightened a noose today around German Baltic forces, estimated at more than twenty divisions—between 250,000 and 300,000 men—and smashed a deeper wedge through Poland toward German Silesia west of the Vistula river.

The Soviet columns pressed on from the west, south and east to win the biggest kill of the summer campaign. Heavily armored divisions fell back on the Latvian capital, their offensive thrust checked by General Baer's armor.

The Soviet high command announced that enemy forces are being "bled white" and "our troops are stubbornly advancing." German reserve divisions, drawn into desperate counter attacks in nearly every sector of the front, to keep the Russian herds from German soil.

A communique supplement said all were repulsed.

The communique also announced the Soviet northward thrust on the Vistula front, a drive that may be pushed at Warsaw from the south and an advance to within 33 miles of the Czechoslovakian border.

The Russians said that to support their counter attacks the Germans are hurling "every road building, airfield and other" into the front.

German divisions have reached the front in the past three weeks, some from the central Germany reserves, others from western Poland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Norway.

The Russians did not declare when the German counter attacks were repulsed, but it could be assumed that at least part of the Red army from leading toward the rear, miles needed to reach the front.

German southwest thrust aimed at breaking out of the Estonia-Latvia encirclement was broken up by Soviet forces several days ago in the Riga area in northern Lithuania, near the Latvian border, the daily Red communique said.

Since then the rolling Russian ledgers in that sector have captured more than 50 communities, including Rostovsk, on the border, 43 miles from Riga.

U. S. PLANES ATTACK AREA OF STUTTGART

London, Aug. 9.—(AP)—More than 1,000 United States heavy bombers and fighters attacked objectives around Stuttgart, the "Detroit of Germany," today and Berlin reported another fleet was striking at Hungary from Italian bases.

Washington, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The United States has furnished Britain with about \$2,000,000,000 worth of foodstuffs in the three and a quarter years that lend-lease has been in operation. This is the most important element of civilian supply that will require adjustment when only the war with Japan remains.

A steady curtailment in lend-lease aid to the British Isles, paralleled by a return to normal commercial trade, is expected after Germany is defeated.

However, so far as can be learned, no program to that end has been worked out and officials plan to make the curtailment only when they have a real situation to work with.

It is impossible at this time, one authority said, to estimate just what lend-lease help the British will need to concentrate their efforts in the final campaign to crush Japan. Here however is the background against which action must be made when

OLD BRIDGE SURVIVES NEW WAR



PICTURED IN AN EARLIER DAY is Vecchio Bridge in Florence, crossed by the British 5th Army in carrying its attack across the Arno against the Nazis in Italy. This quaint old structure, lined with shops, has seen many wars. It was spared by the Nazis when they destroyed the five other bridges of Florence.

Tobacco Average Is 43c For Opening On Border

Most Grades Are Better Than 1943; Range Not Broad

Florence, S. C., Aug. 9.—(AP)—Opening day price averages on the Carolina Border Belt tobacco markets yesterday approximated the government ceiling of 43-45 cents a pound, and growers generally expressed satisfaction at the trend.

The War Food Administration said average prices for most grades were about 10 cents below the government ceiling for the opening day last year. Last year's average prices and long range are low to high prices, but best that points may have been even lower.

Large quantity grades, and notably "extra" based on a sharp decline in value and production since 1943 at the national level of prices. Offerings consisted mainly of 100 lb. hogs and the bulk of sales ranged from 41 to 45 cents a pound.

Sales were generally light because of unfavorable weather, preventing the season's opening, and the shortage of farm labor.

The market opened a green lister than scheduled as the result of a "sales holiday" called in an unusual attempt to get the Office of Price Administration to raise the ceiling to 45 cents.

The 1944 crop of the Border Belt is estimated at 174,255,000 pounds. Report from the markets indicated:

Market, pound average prices: Lexington, 39.00; Whiteville, 39.47; Millers, 41.00; Lake City, 39.00; Fairmont, 39.24; Danville, 39.00; Kingsport, 39.00; Clarksville, 39.29; Lenoir, 39.00; Dillsboro, 39.00.

UNDAMAGED and serene before the altar of war-torn Notre Dame Cathedral in St. Lo, Normandy, this crucifix remains under the open sky. A local gendarme (lower right), standing among fallen wreckage at the church steps, surveys the miracle.

Cotton Shows Modest Gains

New York, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 16 to 20 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were 20 to 45 cents a bale higher. October 21.14, December 20.96, March 20.73.

Table with columns: Month, P.V. Close, Open. October 21.07, 21.11; December 20.87, 20.91; March 20.67, 20.69; May 20.47, 20.50; July 20.26, 20.27.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Fair to partly cloudy with moderate temperature tonight and Thursday.

Broughton Lists Plans Of Hospitals

Recreational And Psychiatric Crops Provided for All

Raleigh, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Governor Broughton announced today that four immediate additional provisions for the North Carolina hospitals for the insane designed to bring the state institutions up to standards contained in provisions under which the State hospital board of control was established.

1. Provisions have been made for the employment of 100 additional attendants for the hospitals at Raleigh and Morganton.

2. Provisions for recreational and psychiatric crops will be employed in the hospital at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro.

3. Psychiatric treatment will be installed and utilized at the State Hospital at Raleigh.

4. Provisions were made for additional employees in the court yard in each of the institutions, in order to give the patients further benefit of outdoor exercise, fresh air and sunlight.

Governor Broughton said that the provisions were made in line with a program designed to get away from custodial care and begin remedial work with the insane.

Appropriations for the program will be taken from the emergency and emergency fund for the maintenance of N. C. Education at the State Hospitals Board of Control and Robert G. Deyton, assistant director of the budget.

A psychiatric social work agency has been employed at the Raleigh institution, the governor said. In connection with this phase of the work, Acting Director George H. Lawrence, of the University of North Carolina, states that a program of clinical training has been worked out between the University and the State hospitals, offering University students accredited psychiatric training.

Under this plan, the University will be the only accredited school south of Washington offering credits in this phase of work, he said.

Second Day's Trend Upward For Tobacco

Florence, S. C., Aug. 9.—(AP)—A rising trend for better grades and a receding tendency for poorer grades were indicated in first reports today from the blue-ribbon tobacco markets of the Carolina Border Belt, which opened yesterday.

The volume of offerings was relatively light. Farmers were pleased with prices received, said reports from the various markets.

Charlotte, N. C., reported common pricing, with \$1 to \$2 per hundred weight, as compared with yesterday's prices, while fair to good grades were around \$1 higher. Sales were 116,112 pounds for a total of \$46,788.51.

At Kingsport, S. C., the average was given as 42.5 cents a pound. Timmonsville reported an opening day average of 42.41 cents a pound. Whitehall was marked as record-breaking sales were expected today.

Opening day prices for the belt averaged around the government ceiling figure, 43 cents.

Senate May Review Oil Agreements

Washington, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee postponed a decision as to whether the Anglo-American oil agreement should be subject to Senate approval.

The agreement was signed yesterday by Acting Secretary of State Stettinius for this country and Lord Beveridge for Britain.

Canadians Go Forward 10 Miles Beyond Caen

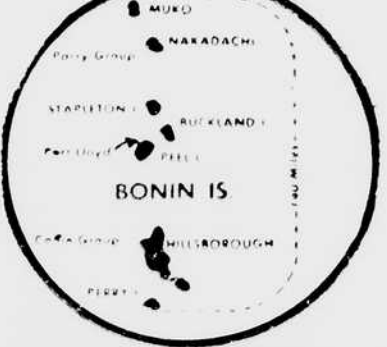
OLD GLORY WAVES IN RENNES



THE AMERICAN FLAG, waved jubilantly by the citizens of Rennes, greeted the American liberators as they passed through the streets of the Breton capital. Above is a typical street scene as the people flocked out to cheer the Yanks. Signal Corps Radiophoto.

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First Davao Raid



LUZON PHILIPPINE ISLANDS MINDANAO DAVAO HALMAHERA CELEBES

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U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Japan's hour glass was running out on Guam today.

Extermination of the last Japanese was under way in the northeast corner of that United States outpost, where a garrison of little more than 200 Marines was overwhelmed in December, 1941, by 7,000 Japanese who told the natives the Americans never would return.

The counted enemy dead already exceed 10,000.

American warships, planes, Marines and soldiers landed a last-ditch air raid today on the 180 square-mile island.

They dug down a crater within a mile of the main base, setting off a fire that killed 100 Japanese and 100 American troops.

The Philippine Government is expected to announce today that it has received a report from the United States that the Japanese have been captured by the American first army near Brest.

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Nazi Second Defense Is Crumbling

Americans Rapidly Cleaning Up Enemy All Over Brittany

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The Canadian first army had smashed forward nearly ten miles today below Caen in less than 36 hours of fighting.

Canadian tanks, attacking throughout the night, advanced more than five miles, captured a key point miles south of Caen, and broke through and beyond the second German defense line on the highway to Paris.

This drive, coupled with the British second army push farther to the southwest, threatened the entanglement of sizable German forces still holding out in the V-shaped wedge between the Orne and Loire rivers.

The British tanks and outboard American troops had captured Le Mans, southwestern gateway to Paris, 120 miles beyond Caen.

American troops were mopping up the Breton peninsula, but the Germans still held the five ports of Brest, Lorient, St. Nazaire, St. Malo and Nantes.

Supreme headquarters said that the bulk of approximately 100 submarines within the Nazis were reported to have fled to Brittany.

Gen. Bradley's columns fought in the outskirts of St. Malo on the north coast. The siege was in its fourth day. Headquarters reported the Americans four miles from Brest and five from Lorient.

The British second army punched into central German defenses between Vire and Thury-Harcourt, capturing a point 19 miles southwest of Caen.

Most of the British-Hercourt tank regiment, British infantry and air strong German counter attacks sought to wipe out the German bridgehead. With reinforcements the British strengthened their hold along the east bank of the Orne river, and the bridges of the German forest in the sector seven miles southwest of Caen.

The forward line of the Canadian first army still was rolling toward France and the level farm leading toward Paris. Hundreds of German prisoners were captured, but the Canadians had no time to count them.

The German units reported a fierce battle at Lorient and said the Germans had withdrawn closer to the coast.

Further indications were that the German units were abandoning the Brest area in large numbers, together with elements of the Loire river line.

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