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Hull Hints This Nation Will Back World Peace With Strong Commitment

Peace Conference Told That Force Must Be Available

Represents Dewey



PROMINENT attorney John Foster Dulles (above) has been chosen by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential nominee, to represent him in a series of conferences with Secretary of State Hull on postwar international plans. (International)

Washington, Aug. 21—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull opened the history-making postwar security talks today, with a declaration that the organization of peace must be backed by force "available promptly, in adequate measure, and with certainty."

His assertion in a prepared address strongly indicated that the United States is entering the four-power meeting with plans for strong commitments on the use of its own forces in support of world security for generations to come.

Sir Alexander C. Cadogan, British representative, appealed for the British, American, Soviet and Chinese governments to act speedily in order to get some of it working before the war ends.

He specifically referred to the British proposal, which so far has produced little evidence of support in official quarters here, that at a minimum the big four nations should band themselves together now in some sort of provisional council until a permanent organization can be formed.

Events are moving fast and peace may come sooner than some expect," Alexander said in his prepared speech. "It would be folly to delay the construction of at least some framework of future international cooperation until the problems of peace are solved."

Expressing speaking for President Roosevelt as well as himself, Hull, as an official host, opened the first session—the first international meeting to check out a security organization since formal work started on the ill-fated League of Nations 25 years ago.

Submarines Get 19 More Jap Vessels

Light Cruiser Is Included In Bag Of Enemy Shipping

Washington, Aug. 21—(AP)—American submarines in the Pacific and Far East have sunk 19 more Japanese ships, including a light cruiser and an escort vessel, the Navy reported today, bringing to 706 the total of enemy vessels sunk by submarines.

Making its first report on United States submarine activities in eleven days, the Navy said these vessels had been sunk:

- One light cruiser, one escort vessel, one large tanker, three medium cargo transports, eleven medium cargo vessels and two small cargo vessels.

Nazi Losses Are 109,575 Result Of Patton Offensive

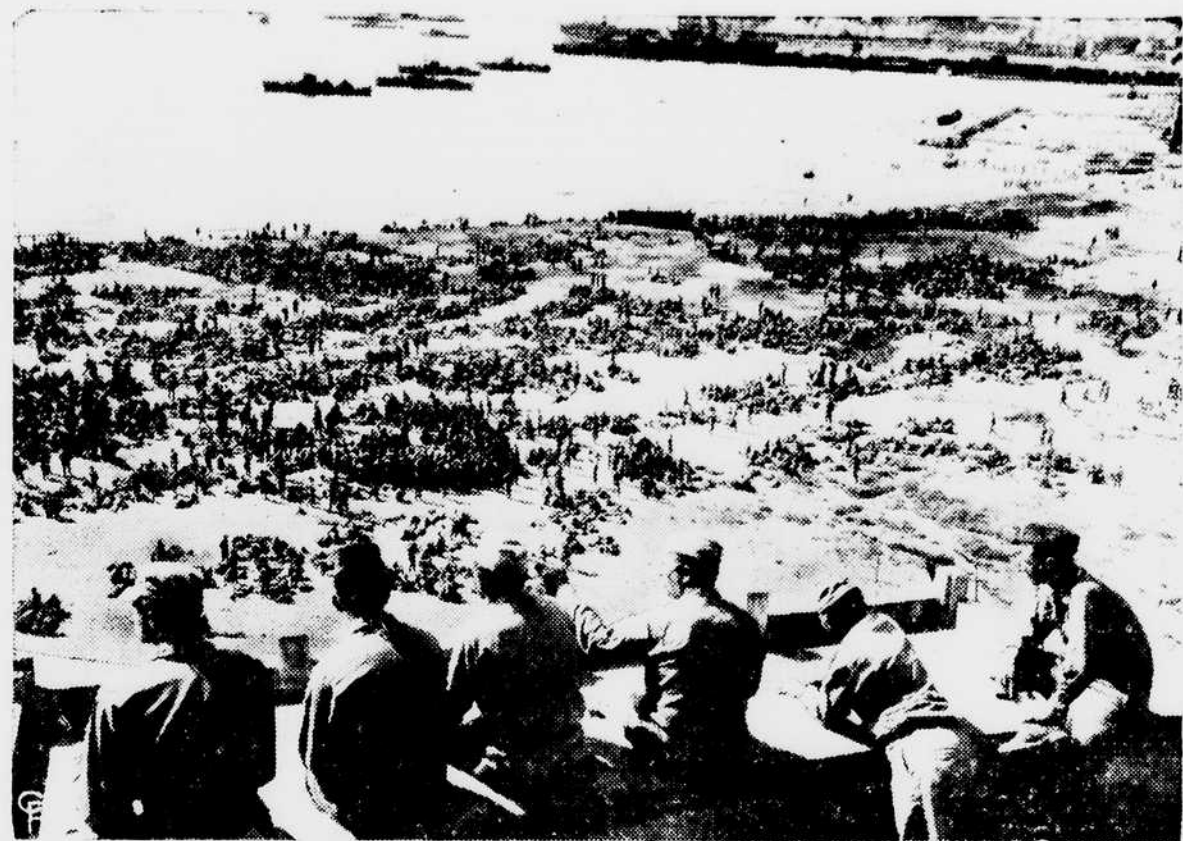
Washington, Aug. 21—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Patton's U. S. third army has inflicted 109,575 casualties on the Germans since August 1 in its dash across Brittany and Northern France to the outskirts of Paris.

The third army has captured 49,650, killed 11,025 and wounded an estimated 48,900. The losses constitute a total of about eleven Nazi divisions in their present depleted state.

Information was lacking today on most of Patton's columns probing through France like the arm of an octopus.

Refugees slipping from Paris reported street fighting of increasing violence between French resistance forces and the Germans inside the capital.

YANKS READY FOR SPRING INTO SOUTHERN FRANCE



PREPARING FOR the invasion of the south of France, thousands of American troops of the 2d Division await the order on an Italian beach that will send them aboard the landing craft in the background. Some stand around and take it easy while others run over final instructions. Signal Corps photo. (International)

U. S. Infantry Is Within 15 Miles Of Marseille City

Rome, Aug. 21—(AP)—Hard driving French troops virtually encircled Toulon, breaking through to within three miles of the naval base, while American infantry, within fifteen air line miles of Marseille, fanned out today through the Durance valley and headed for the Rhone against disorganized enemy resistance.

The Americans sped forward on both sides of the town of Toulon, eleven miles north of Aix-en-Provence, across the Durance river, and joined French patriots who had surrounded Nazi troops within the town.

Another of General Patch's American columns charged on several miles to the northeast of Aix, key junction of seven highways 15 miles north of Marseille.

The German radio said Allied warships shelled Toulon yesterday. It claimed hits on one of "several" battleships and one of nine cruisers in the attacking fleet by Nazi shore batteries, which, it was claimed, also struck a destroyer and torpedo boat.

A dispatch from an Associated Press correspondent with French troops driving on Toulon, said French commandos, joined with patriot forces and former members of the French Navy, were dominating the Faron area just north of Toulon.

The Germans have given no indication of strength or determination to make a real stand in or near the mouth of the Rhone valley, the natural invasion highway for a puncture with General Eisenhower in northern France. Disorganization among the Germans indicated the Nazi command might be resigned to eventual liquidation of the whole area, and can hope to salvage only a portion of its beleaguered remnants.

The eastern section of the bridgehead facing toward Cannes and the Italian frontier was reported "mostly stable," without reference to new gains. In most sectors of the rapidly expanding southern France bridgehead, the seventh army followed the tactics of bypassing enemy strong points.

The count of prisoners passed the 14,000 mark and more were coming hourly.

Says Gen. Ike Has Utmost Cooperation

General Eisenhower's Headquarters, Aug. 21—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal came away from a conference with General Eisenhower today "tremendously impressed" with the spirit of cooperation which he said the supreme commander has fostered among the British and American and their allies.

"What he has done in the way of resolution between us and the British—and all our allies—is a great example for the rest of the world," Forrestal said.

The secretary came back after watching landings in southern France. He left this morning to visit Cherbourg. In his enthusiastic praise of General Eisenhower, Forrestal said:

"The confidence of both sides in his fairness has been maintained because he pursues one idea: the winning of the war. Everything else is secondary. It is a pattern of cooperation which could well be continued after the war."

Three German Divisions Are Smashed By Reds At Warsaw

Army's Superforts Hit Double Wallop At Jap Home Lands

Washington, Aug. 21—(AP)—The Army's Superforts dealt Japan proper its first double blow Sunday, striking war industries on the honor islands of Kyushu in day and night raids.

The 20th air force, based only the industrial area of Yawata as a target, said results of the day raid were "good." Its communiqué said four of the big B-29's were lost by enemy action.

The Tokyo radio, as usual, minimized the effects of the raids, claiming that 23 planes out of a total of 30 were destroyed in the first raid. It also asserted that 20 parachuting American crewmen were captured.

The Japanese broadcast said the first raid was against four cities of Kyushu, the southernmost main island, naming Fukuoka, Mori, Kokuri and Yawata. The latter, site of numerous heavy industries, has been hit before previously.

Possibility that a big naval base also was a target was given in the Japanese statement that three main were directed at northern Kyushu and the western Chugoku district.

The Office of War Information identified "Chugoku" as Shimon, a naval base on the main island of Honshu.

The 20th air force, noting that initial attack was the first daylight operation over Japan proper since the historic attack on Tokyo headed by General Doolittle April 18, 1942, had no information on results of the second today.

Nazis Evacuate Defense Along Border Of Spain

Gen. Spain, Aug. 21—(AP)—Three light Allied cruisers began shelling almost non-existent German defenses in the Bayonne area of southern France before dawn today.

Nazis Lose Heavily Trying To Liberate Baltic Front Army

Moscow, Aug. 21—(AP)—Soviet forces have smashed three Nazi divisions in the Sandermierz salient below Warsaw, while other Red army units have yielded slightly before costly German attempts to rescue possibly 200,000 troops isolated on the Baltic front, a Russian communiqué announced today.

In the Warsaw sector, meanwhile, Russian troops have driven closer to Praga, suburb to the east of the city, and have captured some vital positions to the northeast, from which the Russian war bulletin declared:

"First Ukrainian army units, thrusting up the west bank of the Vistula, liquidated the trapped Germans north of Sandermierz. As the enemy refused to surrender, most of the captured enemy troops were killed."

The victory freed the Ukrainian army forces for a possible drive either southwest of the rail fortress of Krakow, north toward Warsaw, or directly west across the Polish plains toward German Silesia, which would snap the Polish capital's communication lines.

The slight Red army reverse occurred in the Jelgava sector, near the Gulf of Riga, where 14 German tanks and self-propelled guns were reported knocked out.

In Estonia, third Baltic army troops, capturing more than 150 pillaged places, drove to within seven miles of Tartu on the Tallinn-Riga railway.

Below the Estonian sector, in Latvia seventh Baltic army forces, sweeping up more than seventy places, advanced to within 50 miles east of Riga.

The second and third Baltic armies were hammering back the ancient Boches in the Baltics, cut off by the First Baltic Army drive that reached the Baltic Sea 25 miles west of Riga several weeks ago.

The Russian war bulletin said Russian troops had wrecked more than 1,500 German tanks during the past nine days of fighting on the Polish plains, along the German edge of East Prussia and in the Baltic republics.

Allied Units In Parts Of Paris City

Underground Rises; Seine Is Crossed By American Tanks

With British Troops in France, Aug. 21—(AP)—General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery told his troops tonight: "The end of the war is in sight. Let us finish off the business in record time."

Montgomery's special message said the German army in north-west France had suffered a decisive defeat.

"There will be many surprises in store for the fleeing remnants," he asserted.

Montgomery said the victory had been "definite, complete and decisive."

In Paris

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 21—(AP)—United States armored columns appeared on both sides of Paris today and Allied tanks were reported already lying in many parts of the historic capital as an underground army staged a fierce revolt in anticipation of early liberation.

American tanks established a firm bridgehead across the Seine at Mantes, 25 miles north west of Paris, opening a path to the living boom coast 90 miles farther north. Probing thrusts to the Seine to points 16, 25 and 35 miles southeast of Paris put the Allies in position to sweep completely around the city and toward the World War battlefields of Reims, Soissons and the Marne river.

General Patton's third army vanguards were fighting in the vicinity of Versailles, ten miles from the heart of Paris, where the peace was signed in the Hall of Mirrors in 1919.

(The German news agency DNB said American reconnaissance forces are in the suburbs of Paris itself.)

Invasion of the territory north of the Seine at Mantes threatened to compress further the 75-mile-long, 50-mile deep cordon below the river, where elements of 18 Nazi divisions from a procession of pockets were fighting desperately to escape the hope of executing a German mullback across an almost bridgeless Seine.

Madly charging into the Allied bands of steel, the Germans made two violent efforts to break out of the traps, one last night and the other yesterday, field dispatches reported.

Thirty-three tanks were reported destroyed in the two futile lunges.

FIVE NEW CASES OF POLIO LISTED

Raleigh, Aug. 21—(AP)—Five new cases of infantile paralysis were reported today to the State Health Department, bringing the total since June 1 to 571. New cases were reported today from Gaston, Harnett, Mecklenburg, Pender and Rutherford counties.

UNIVERSITY MED SCHOOL PLACES ALL GRADUATES

Chapel Hill, Aug. 21—The University of North Carolina has completed the placement in leading medical colleges all over the country of all students who will complete the two-year medical course of Carolina on September 9.

The list of students who are completing the two-year course in the University Medical School, with their home towns and the schools to which they will transfer in September, was announced today by Dean W. Reese Berryhill.

Georgia Belt Is Preparing To End Sales

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 21—(AP)—Last week's sales of 35,771,666 pounds of flue-cured leaf brought the season's highest prices on the Georgia-Florida tobacco markets, the War Food Administration reported.

The average for the week ending August 19 was \$35.24 cents, with the season's average standing at \$36.36. Market observers consider the crop about 90 percent sold.

The market at Bahira closed last week, and several others announced that final sales would be held this week.

Gross sales and averages for last week and for the season were:

Georgia	31,929,432	at \$35.18;	and
Florida	33,842,234	at \$35.72;	and
	11,710,872	at \$36.98.	

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair to partly cloudy with moderate temperatures tonight and Tuesday.

Prices developed moderate irregularity in today's stock market after a fairly steady opening.

Modest advances were posted for American Telephone and International Harvester. Lagards included Chrysler and Goodrich.

Irregularity With Stocks

New York, Aug. 21—(AP)—Bonds and commodities were spotty.

American Bombers Fire Oil Plants In Enemy Countries

Rome, Aug. 21—(AP)—About 500 American bombers set fire to two oil refineries in Poland and one in Czechoslovakia yesterday, and for the first time encountered only a few enemy fighters only over those heretofore fiercely defended regions.

Paralysis Grows Worse Throughout Nation in August

Washington, Aug. 21—(AP)—The Public Health Service said today the infantile paralysis epidemic grew worse in the first two weeks of August.

RAF Bombs Nazis Along Seine All During Night

London, Aug. 21—(AP)—RAF Mitchell and Mosquitos raced up and down the river Seine all last night bombing and strafing Nazi river-bank troops and concentration barges struggling across the 200-yard water barrier which impedes Germans fleeing the Allied armies in France.

The Nazis' four principal crossings were hammered in treetop level attacks as the record scourge from the skies today swept into its fifth day, despite handicapping weather.

A line of barges extending some three-fourths of a mile and reported salvaged from the abortive 1940 campaign to invade England was blasted. American lighter bombers in daylight and evening attacks mapped out 20 others. A simultaneous night-long attack west of the Seine, through which the beaten Nazis are steaming from the Falaise trap, knocked out 136 vehicles and 16 tanks to bring the day's total for both the RAF and the United States Army air force to more than 350 vehicles and nearly 100 tanks.

The attacks are taking place a scant 25 miles down the Seine from the American bridgehead.