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BRUSSELS IS LIBERATED

Reds Ready for New Allout Attack German Town Is Said Taken

FRENCH MOBS GATHER TO HOOT NAZI PRISONERS



FRENCH GENDARMES have serious problems on their hands as huge crowds of Parisians, hooting and threatening, crowd streets through which German captives are taken. The above photo gives the most vivid picture of a typical scene yet to be received in America. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Reds Enter Transylvania Alps Region

Long East Front Quiet Elsewhere; Bulgaria Invaded

Moscow, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Built summer offensive, eight Russian armies, from the slopes of the Carpathians in Poland to the lake-locked country in the Baltic region, prepared today for another all-out attack on Hitler's eastern front.

In Romania the second Ukrainian army pushed into the Transylvanian Alps, reaching the coast between Ploesti and Brazev, where the Germans and Hungarians are believed to have massed in large numbers.

A Russian war bulletin disclosed the capture of a town 24 miles beyond the Ploesti oil fields, and only 135 miles from the Yugoslav frontier. This drive was in a direction that would lead to a juncture with Marshal Tito's partisans.

Still other Soviet units, mopping up south of Bucharest, aimed out or hurled across the Danube river into Bulgaria the last German remnants caught in a 37-mile area.

But aside from the activity in Romania, the long eastern front was generally quiet. It was difficult to predict just where the first Red army blow will fall. If the Russians follow their previous tactics, it will be an attack of attrition rather than an offensive in full swing from one end of the front to the other.

These were the questions providing headlines for the German high command.

Will Premier Stalin strike in the direction of Warsaw? From the bridgehead south of Warsaw toward the capital, or toward Krakow and the Reich? Will Stalin open up against East Prussia once more or will he head northeast and north of Warsaw in a movement designed to outflank East Prussia?

Poles Cease Resistance Inside Warsaw

London, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Polish resistance forces were reported today to be abandoning the month-long battle inside Warsaw and evacuating their capital because food and weapons are lacking.

The press bureau for the Polish forces reported that General Led had abandoned the fight, but later, insisting that the dispatch was accurate, said "it is not officially confirmed yet."

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For 34 days, the Poles have reported.

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Postwar Figure



THE STATE DEPARTMENT has appointed Robert D. Murphy, veteran American diplomatic trouble shooter, as political advisor to Gen. Eisenhower for the military occupation of Germany. Murphy will return to Washington for consultation before proceeding to his new post in London. (International)

German Town Is Said Taken

Antwerp Occupied, Cutting Escape Route of Nazis Toward the Reich

London, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Supreme Headquarters announced today the liberation of Brussels. Allied troops were announced officially to have entered Antwerp in a stroke cutting the last escape route of all Germans remaining in western France and Belgium.

Two American spearheads were reported also to have reached the Reich itself at points 100 miles apart. There was no official confirmation for this account, nor of French frontier advices telling of an entry into Antwerp. This city is only ten miles from the Dutch border and on the last remaining rail route to a giant coastal pocket which included Calais and Dunkirk in France and all western Belgium.

Antwerp is 23 miles north of Brussels, seized yesterday by the British in an almost 200-mile dash through the Belgian border. American forces were reported in Namur, where they threatened the rail routes to Cologne, Dusseldorf and Duisburg—the main roads to Berlin.

The swift battle of southern France was in its final phase, with the Germans apparently resisting the advance of the United States seventh army only enough to facilitate flight back to the Reich.

A French column penetrated to Villeneuve, 15 miles north of Lyon, and Americans at Monteviol, 42 miles northeast of Lyon, repulsed a counter attack by Nazi rear guards. The Germans announced evacuation of Lyon, but General Patch's headquarters said only that patrols entered the city yesterday.

There was sharp fighting yesterday at the city, 35 miles northeast of Lyon, where one German escape route was menaced.

Throughout the southern France fighting zone, fleeing remnants of the beaten German 19th army were at the mercy of relentless strafing and bombing by the Allied air forces.

An Allied announcement said the Germans now have virtually evacuated all of southern France from Lyon westward to the Atlantic.

In the north the Germans were in flight from their pocket beach east, the Boulogne-Calais-Dunkirk strip, the area of France closest to England. Their corridor of retreat through northern Belgium was squeezed so thin that the escape of Nazis there seemed virtually impossible. The Germans evacuation of the channel coast was by land.

Antwerp fell to the Canadian first army, which crossed the Scheldt on both sides of the town, Brussels, which with its suburbs had a population of 912,000, was the fourth European capital cleared of the Germans. The first was Rome—then Paris and Bucharest.

Belgium was as good as liberated. Freedom appeared to be dawning, too, for the Dutch, who have been told by General Eisenhower that their hour was very near.

In reaching Brussels yesterday, Lieut. Gen. Miles C. Dempsey's British second army advanced at a speed of ten miles an hour, and a field

Nazis Admit Allies Near To Victory

London, Sept. 4.—(AP)—In one of the frankest Nazi broadcasts ever directed to home listeners, the Berlin radio declared today that "every German must be warned at this hour that the slightest sign of wavering or weakness now will prevent the enemy with victory."

With American forces at the very German frontier—potholes already across the border—a German spokesman told the home front:

"We are fighting for our bare existence, and the choice is not on our side. Weaklings will probably flag under the strain which is now being exerted on us. But the strong must keep the banner flying."

"The enemy is flooding us with a veritable thunderstorm of propaganda which may bring confusion and conflict in the homeland. He is out to split the nation and its unity."

Mine Seizure Empowered By Decree of President

Others May Follow; All Those Seized Are in Pennsylvania

Washington, Sept. 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today empowered Secretary Belknap to seize and operate four Pennsylvania bituminous coal companies held up in labor disputes, and threatened to take over 66 other mines if their production is interrupted by disputes.

The four companies ordered seized are all in Pennsylvania.

Plans to today's action, the government had seized ten mines. Involved in the walkouts are demands by the new supervisors union of the West Mine Workers district 50 for recognition of bargaining powers.

John McAlpine, president of this union, was conferring with Interior Department officials when the White House made its announcement. McAlpine would not comment to reporters on the strike situation, other than to say that members of his union who were on strike at the two companies taken over last week had been ordered to work this morning. He refused to say what the union policy would be in other mines.

EAST CAROLINA MARTS TO REOPEN TUESDAY

Wilson, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets, after unprecedented light sales for the first week, will swing back into action Tuesday after a Labor Day holiday. Heavy sales are predicted starting Tuesday.

Congress Will Probably Pass Big Road Program

Washington, Sept. 4.—(AP)—A \$3,375,250,000 road construction program looking ahead to the time when cars and trucks, gas and tires will again be plentiful, went to the top of Congress' work sheet today.

A logjam over other postwar proposals began breaking, meanwhile, in a spirit of compromise. Sponsors of a bill to authorize Federal contributions totaling \$2,075,250,000 to be spent during the first three postwar years on construction and repair of highways throughout the nation were promised Senate action immediately after Congress disposes of these other matters in the days remaining before a recess, which

Allies Pour Into Gap In North Italy

Rapid Progress Being Made Along Famed Gothic Line

Rome, Sept. 4.—(AP)—British and Canadian troops of the eighth army, streaming through a 20-mile gap in the Germans' caunted Gothic line, have advanced a distance of 12 miles at some points and have planted their artillery well within range of the Adriatic city of Rimini, Allied headquarters announced today.

The cease fire order was issued by President Benito Mussolini as commander-in-chief of the Finnish army.

Earlier the government declared it would break off diplomatic relations with Germany, and all German troops remaining in Finland after September 15 would be disarmed or interned.

Tass, official Soviet news agency, expressed dissatisfaction with a Finnish Saturday declaration that Finland was quitting the war. Tass said the Soviets disliked the apologetic attitude toward the Germans, and failure to mention that Finland was breaking relations with Germany and throwing German troops out of the country, two essential conditions preliminary to ending the war as stipulated by Russia.

The German radio quoted a Finnish communique saying "the Fin-

Two British Units Advance Fast Into Belgium, Holland

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Advancing fifteen miles north of captured Brussels, two British columns have reached Mechlin and Boom, less than ten miles from Antwerp and fifteen from Holland.

Another British column driving up the Schelde river passed Oudenard and captured Alost, almost midway between Brussels and Ghent.

Between Brussels and Calais, the British pushed into the great French industrial city of Lille, population 200,000, and other columns closed upon Calais, Boulogne and Dunkirk, all channel ports.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clear to partly cloudy and continued hot tonight and Tuesday. Scattered thundershowers in west part on Tuesday, and a few in mountains this afternoon and evening.

NEW TITO DRIVE MAY JOIN REDS

ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE FREE Yugoslav radio that Gen. Tito's troops had opened an offensive between Uzice and Boljevac (1) may mean an important new move in the Balkan campaign. The Soviet forces already have entered Bucharest and the Tito drive appears to indicate an effort to form a juncture with the Reds even though Bulgaria, which is not at war with Russia, is crossed. Meanwhile Russians have reached the Danube (2) and may press north. Also (3) they continue to drive through Carpathian passes toward Transylvania and Hungary. (International)