## **Averages On The** RUSSIANS BREAK INTO NAZI DEFENSES IN EAST PRUSSIA

Moscow Says Nazi Counterattacks Failing To Stop Russian Advance: **Reds** Take 80 More

Moscow, Aug. 9 .- The Red Army tightened a noose Tuesday around German Baltic forces once estimated at more than 20 divisions between 250,000 and 300,000 men-and smashed a deeper wedge through Poland toward German Silesia west of the Vistula.

Three Soviet columns pressed on Riga from the west, south and east for possibly the biggest kill of the summer campaign. Heavily armor-eded enemy units fell back upon the Latvian capital, their offensive thrusts shattered by Gen. Ivan C. Gagramian's right wing.

The Soviet High Command nounced that enemy forces are being "bled white" and "our froops are stubbornly advancing" against German reserve divisions thrown into desperate counter-attacks in nearly every sector of the front to keep the Russian hordes from German soil. A communique supplement said all were repulsed.

Nearing Czech order.

The communique also announced a six-mile northward thrust on the Vistula bridgehead, a drive that may be pointed 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 roadbuilding, airdrome and other rear detachments" into battle. It was reported 16 new German divisions have reached the front line in the past three weekssome from the central Germany reserves, others from western Poland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Nor- United States Public Health Service, way.

(The Russians did not disclose where the German counter-attacks have occurred but it could be asing forward the few miles needed to reach the soil of East Prussia.

(The Germans announced that many new officers "have taken over on the eastern front at this critical juncture.")

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



Americans capture LeMans, Nante and St. Malo, drive into Angers; American forward elements within 87 miles of Paris; Canadians and British Towns In Recent Drive smash last German fixed defenses below Caen.

VOLUME THIRTY-FIVE

Soviet troops throw back strong German conterattacks at appro to East Prussia

1944 tobacco marketing season open-ed in seven Border Belt markets yes-Conquest of Guam completed except for remnants of Japs trapped in terday with prices averaging nearly corner of island. \$44, slightly above this year's price ceiling, and for the first time in

Good

With Prices; Sale

Growers and warehousemen

shortage of labor and the recent

housing of fast-maturing leaf left in

bacco, and little was housed until

Behind Schedul

heavy rains, which have nece

Comparative lull on Italian front: civilian strife flares in Florence, many years not a single farmer left where food and water are scarce. the first day's sales unhappy.

Over 8,000 U. S. heavy bombers According to sales supervisors, the attack southern Germany and Bal-kans; RAF bombers attack enemy in the past decade. The usual block-

terday.

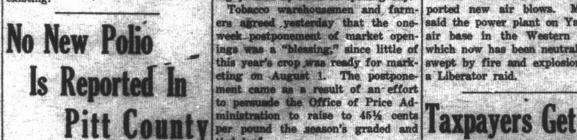
recent weeks.

**Resolution By The Executive Committee** State Board of Health tribute the light opening sales to the

"In view of the grave situation which exists in North Carolina bethe fields. The dry season of May and June halted the growth of tocause of the epidemic of poliomeyelitis, of which there have been up to this time, August 4, 453 cases reported in 48 counties since June 1, and which has resulted in 21 known deaths, it is the sense of this committee that the local boards of education

and those charged with the administration of all private and parochial schools defer the opening of any and all such schools until September 18, and then only if the epidemic has subsided to such an extent as to permit their opening with safety. "This action is taken after conweeks behind schedule. sultation with Dr. James A. Leak, of Washington, Epidomiologist of the failed to begin the redrying of openand a nationally-known authority on

contagious diseases "The State Health Officer is requested to prepare for the press, for sumed that, at least part were aimed subsequent publication, a statement vesterday, and redryers plan to be-in which he shall give more in detail gin the conditioning of yesterday's the sound reasons for this action in purchases this morning. Redrying connection with the emergency now plants normally begin the conditionexisting."





Farmers Highly Pleased Victory Completed Food Shipments Alone After 20 Days of Bat-Fairly Light: Quality tle: Counted Enemy **Dead Already Exceeds** 10,000 Raleigh, Aug. 9 .- North Carolina's

> U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 9.—Japan's hour lass was running out on Guam Wed-

Extermination of the last Nipponese was underway in the northeast corner of that U. S. outpost where a garrison of little more than

kans; KAF bombers abtack enemy in the past decade. The usual block -targets in France and blast Nazi sub-marine pens. Hunan fighting rages as Chinese seek to block Japanese drive south Over 500 Nazi subs sunk by Allies since war started. Hunan fighting rages as Little tobacco being seek to block Japanese drive south over started. Hunan fighting rages as Chinese sent. Warehouse floors this year were cleared by early afternoon on all seven markets, and by late after-noon there was little tobacco being ditch group of defenders into a 15placed for today's sales, expected to

be even lighter than those of yes- square-mile area of the 225-square-It is impossible at this time, one mile island. Then they drove a censuthority said, to estimate just what ter wedge within a mile of the north-

east coast, seeking to split up the to concentrate their efforts in the flammable materials and anything hours down the Caen-Falaise high-doomed Japanese and speed their de- final campaigns to crush Japan that may damage other mail may not way from their jumping-off points, truction. While this clincher blow was fall-against which decisions must be made protected carefully. struction.

when the time comes: ing on the eastern approach to the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur In the first three years of lend-mounced at his Southwest Pacific lease, March 1941 through March War Bond Plan Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur

headquarters the sapping of Japan's 1944, lend-lease shipments to all na-air strength at Halmahera on the tions totaled \$17,195,000,000. Of Behind Schedule. Market officials of Lumberton Fairmont, and Clarkton estimate that from 20 to 25 per cent of the leaf 13 parked planes and damaged many The United Kingdom.

from 20 to 25 per cent of the leaf 13 parked planes and damaged many in this area remains in the field others in a 48-ton bombing raid. On Guam, an American line rough-The preparation of leaf for marketly forming a letter "W" speczed the ing in this area is from two to three enemy against the northwest shore. weeks behind schedule. The other four Border Belt markets in this there to die without air or naval sup-

State-Whiteville, Fair Bluff, Tabor port. Describing the line in a com-City, and Chadbourn-are about two munique, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and farm machinery. said it began at Pt Ritidian where the Redrying plants in the Border Belt

Yanks have plunged the last six and area for the first time in 15 years one half miles to the northwest end of the island. The other end, moved ing-day purchases on the day the past 870-foot St. Santa Rosa, is with-

in the plants was only partially filled as of Monday, August 7, the date the communique covered. The center of the "W" is within

mile of cutting the cornered Japanese in half. Both MacArthur and Nimitz

ing process by noon of opening day. Tobacco warehousemen and farmported new air blows. MacArthur ers agreed yesterday that the onesaid the power plant on Yap, enemy week postponement of market open-ings was a "blessing," since little of this year's crop was ready for mark-eting on August 1. The postpone-



To The British Isle **Have Averaged About** \$50,000.000 A Month

PARMUILLE, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1944

Washington, Aug. 9.—The United States has furnished Britain about \$2,000,000,000 worth of foodstuffs in Urging that more care be taken urely, and address in w the three and a quarter years that lend-lease has been in operation. This is the most important element of The address of the sender a

From Uncle Sam

**Tops 2 Billion** 

civilian supply that will require ad-justment when only the war with Japan remains. dressee should be written inside the ckage as well as outside to assure ery in case the outside wrapper A steady curtailment in lend-lease is lost.

200 Marines was overwhelmed in De-aid to the British Isles, paralled by a Containers made of metal, wood or cember, 1941, by 7,000 Japanese who return to normal commercial trade is fiberloid are made block

expected after Germany is defeated. Parcels must not exceed five po However, so far as can be learned nor be more than 15 inches in length dead already exceeds 40,000. American warships, planes, Ma-rines and soldiers herded a last the curtailment only when they have or 36 in length and girth comb "Christmas Parcel" should be marked plainly on the outside.

a real situation to work with. One sender may mail no more one parcel a week to the same ad-

Perishable goods, intoxicants, inlend-lease help the British will need

to

Foodstuffs alone totaled \$1,825,- North Carolina tobacco markets, said.

000,000 which means that food ship- will be carried out in towns where ments to the British Isles have aver- tobacco warehouses are located, by aged about \$50,000,000 a month. a corps of North Carolina "Minute aged about \$50,000,000 a month. Meanwhile, reserve lend-lease, most es were made. Storage space in three miles of the northeast tip- of it given in the British Isles, of Mrs. John D. Robins amounted to \$1,526,170,000 up to last lace. Approximately 2,000 wome January, the latest period for which are expected to aid in the program.

figures are currently available. British reverse lend-lease has been The quota figure was set on the estimated 1944 tobacco crop pound chiefly in grounds, facilities and ser-vices for air and military bases. from every pound of tobacco be invested in war bonds by the seller. American supplies to Britain have run the list of military supplies and

Washington, Aug. 6. - Christ chages for Army and Navy perther 15 and October 15 to as me that they will be delivered ne, Postmaster General Frank C.

CHRISTMAS

NUMBER SIX

British Lend-Lease |LARGE NAZI FORCE F/

Le Mans, St. Malo and Nantes Reported In American Hands: U.S. Forces Now Only 87 **Miles From Paris** 

London, Aug. 9 .- A Canadian ofnsive, surging more than 10 miles elow Caen, smashed the Germans second defense line guarding the road to Paris Wednesday, and the German tigh command said Americans he broken into Le Mans, 110 miles west of the French capital.

Leading Canadian elements ed down the highway from Caenwithin five miles of Falaise, highway junction 110 miles due west of

Paris, a front dispatch declared. Falaise itself is only 65 mile north of Le Mans. The Allied wings thus were curling around the ends of the main German front bulging into Normandy, and toward the base of

Breton peninsula. Canadies, fighting one of the decisive battles of western France, had plunged more than 10 miles in 30 hours down the Caen-Falaise high-

Caught In weige.

The British smay on the Canadi left also smashed ahead, threatening For The Farmer to trap sizeable German forces bat tling in the wedge between the Orne and Laize rivers. Raleigh, Aug. 9 .- A war savings

the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom total consist-ed of \$3,169,000,000 of munitions such as guns and tanks. \$1,853,000,000 of the united tanks and infantry far-ther south were driving eastward on a 50-mile front. The German high

into the attempt to stem this U. S. tide Paris-bound, Berlin broadcasts

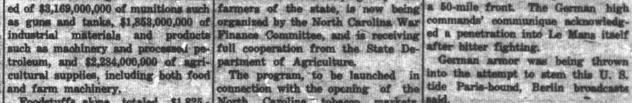
Berlin also asserted that Americans had reached the Lorie river, extending the Allied line on the south

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

Submarines Escap

Supreme headquarters said that the bulk of approximately 100 submarines which the Nazis were reported have in Brittany were believed

have escaped. Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bardley's colmus fought in the outskirts of St. Malo on the north coast. The siege was into its fourth day. Heat ters reported the Americans four miles from Brest and five from Lori-



Reds Take 80 Towns.

Since then the rolling Russianle gions in that sector have captured more than 80 communities, including Radvilliskis, on the border 43 miles from Riga.

Along with the Birzai offensive the Soviet forces shot two other spear-River toward Riga, sweeping through a total of 120 places, including Krust-pils. Front advices said there was rea-son to believe one of the biggest en-circlements of the summer campaign was gaining new momentum. Thousheads into Latvia along the Daugava

carry tires coupled with a scarcity of railroad tank cars, it said, makes part fall's fuel oil deliveries a pre-

the payment of \$1.50 for establishing winter of y, rye, or mixtures of the

Health Department bacco officials said that another Says One Case In Pitt week's postponement "wouldn't have **County So Far** 

the local Health Department, no new reduction of buyers on major mar-

was gaining new momentum. Thous- strongly advises against children un- expected to continue light.

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tied leaf. In Lumberton and Fairmont, to-The affect of the 3c-hour selling

Greenville, Aug. 9.—According to U. S. Tobacco Association, and the

Quality Good, Most North Carolina Border Belt

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## fund Checks Being Mailed Alphabetically Each Week

Greensboro, Aug. 9. - Declaring that every effort is being made to expedite refunds on 1943 income tax refurns C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenué, said refund

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"However, a million checks a being distributed every three we and so you can se that, in your or Robertson suggested ors refrain from within

Circle Source Their Assessments

final Games In Church Softball League To Be Played Next Week; The Christians And Pres.-Eps. Battle For League More Than 3,200 Sorties Lead In the two games played in the softball league during the past week, the Methodist defeated the Pres.-Eps.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

the Methodist defeated the Pres.-Eps. on Thursday, Aug. 3, by the score of 11 to 9, while in Monday's game the Pres.-Eps. bonneed back and defeated the Baptist 7 to 4. In both these the Baptist 7 to 4. In both these games an accute shortage of players and Berlin reported another fleet was caused all teams involves to use sev- striking at Hungary from Italian

eral players from other teams. The two leading teams, Christians The reported thrust into the Reich was the first since Sunday for British based, heavy hombers, which had deand Pres.-Eps. hook up twice in next week's games, thus leaving the final putcome in doubt until the two leadvoted all their efforts to support of Allied armies in France. Planes filled the channel skies

ers battle it out. Schedule for Week of Aug. 14th. Monday: Pres.-Eps. vs. Christians. Wednesday: 4:80 P. M.—Pres.-Eps. vs. Christians. Methodist vs. Bap-

regram of improving the instructional moles beyond fait, regram in the county schools. Size princely taught in Edgecombe coun-s. During the past nine years Mins protoction taught at the Chicol school and was principal of the Falkland come trains, how

The British second army From Dombers into central German defenses betwee Vire and Thury-Harcourt, capturin Le Plessis-Grimoult, 19 miles south est of Caer. Support Ground Troops

Heavy Blasting

Counter Blows Halted. Just north of Thury-Harcourt, tank-upported British infantry beat off **Driving Toward Paris** supported british infantry best off strong German counter-attacks seek-ing to wipe out the Grimbong bridge-head. With reinforcements, the tom-mies strengthened their hold along the east bank of the Orne river and the fringes of the Grimbong forest in the sector 11 miles southwest of Osen. The forward line of the Canadi

first army still was rolling toward Falaise, birthplace of William the queror, and the level land leading ward Paris.

Hundreds of German prisoners were captured but the Canadians had no time to count them. Battle At Lorient. roughout the morning. One bomber

leet took more than an hour to cross Battle Al Lorient. Supreme headquarters gave no new information on the drives for St. Nazarie and Nantes. U. S. units are known to be within 12 miles of each. (The German radio reported a flerce battle for Lorient and said the Germans have "withdrawn closer to the fortress itself.")

the fortress itself.") Parther indications were that the Germans virtually were abandoning southern Prance to scrape together forces for defense of the Lozie river line. Prom Spsin came word that a second trainload of guns and other equipment on route north from the Bayonne defenses, 275 miles south of the Losis, had been wrecked by Prench Marquin rench Marquis.



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