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The brief statement ended with a declaration that the policy of having the people work out their own governmental problems would apply to an "even more pronounced degree" in the liberated territories of the United Nations.

Italy as a defeated enemy nation now has the status of a co-belligerent and is under allied military supervision, the immediate command being in British hands.

British Oppose Sforza
 Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain recently told parliament that the British were opposed to the inclusion of Count Sforza in the Italian government because, he said, Sforza had worked against the Bonomi government even when he participated in it.

The state department issued its statement in response to inquiries from correspondents on its position in the Italian cabinet crisis. Count Sforza is an Italian liberal party leader who has a reputation for being bitterly anti-monarchist as well as anti-Fascist. It has been reported that on one or two previous occasions the leaders of the Italian political coalition have sought to form a government around Sforza and that the British had blocked the efforts.

Firemen Will Again Repair Christmas Toys

Firemen at the local fire station will again appoint themselves deputy workmen to Santa Claus and will repair Christmas toys for the coming season.

Persons having such toys can bring them to the fire station where the men will repaint or repair them for use during the Christmas holiday.

Students Double \$5,000 Bond Quota

While bond sales lag in the community, students at Lincoln high school today showed up their elders by not only topping their quota of \$5,000 in bonds but running the day's total up to the record breaking figure of \$10,510.45.

Ninety nine per cent of the students purchased either bonds or stamps today. The regular weekly average for stamp and bond sales at Lincoln high school is \$526.

As a reward for their efforts, Principal A. A. Ritchay promised the students a matinee dance from 4 o'clock until 5:45 this afternoon if they made the quota. In view of the fact that the quota was doubled, he may have to let them dance twice as long.

F. W. Primeau Is Killed on French Soil



FRANCIS PRIMEAU

T-5 Cpl. Francis W. Primeau, 25, son of Mrs. Edgar Sawin, Arpin, was killed in action in France on November 18, according to a war department telegram received by his wife, Lillian, who is living in Biron.

The soldier's final letter to his wife was datelined November 13. His last furlough home was in July of this year.

Born in Wisconsin Rapids

He was born in Wisconsin Rapids on July 11, 1919. He participated in track while attending Lincoln high, from which school he was graduated in 1938. Before entering the armed forces on July 20, 1942, he was employed by the Ahdawagam Paper Products company. He also was a guitar player with Elwin Melbrech's orchestra.

Radio Operator

Corporal Primeau entered service at Fort Sheridan, Ill., then was sent to Camp Swift, Tex., Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Camp Polk, La., Camp Cox Comb, Calif., then to Indian Town, Penn., going overseas from the last mentioned training site. He arrived in France in October of this year.

A radio operator with the 920th Field artillery battalion, 95th division, he had received his diploma

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from positions two and four and a half miles away.

Far to the north, the U. S. First army captured the village of Bergstein at the eastern fringe of the Hurtgen forest area, six miles southwest of Duren and a half mile from the Roer river. The town is 26 miles from Cologne.

Communications Center Taken

Americans of the Seventh army captured the important communications center of Selestat after three and a half days of the bitterest fighting on the Alsatian plain. The town of 11,000 lies ten miles from the Rhine and 25 southwest of Strasbourg. The Germans had fought doggedly for every yard, with tanks and self propelled guns.

Some fighting still was going on in the easy Bacnk section of Saarlautern where the Americans were meeting the Volkssturm, recently mustered civilians wearing armbands.

Five divisions of Patton's army to the southeast were beating forward either inside the Saar or through the last bit of Lorraine.

Deadlock on Cologne Plain

The First and Ninth armies on the muddy Cologne plain 22 miles from the Rhine city were deadlocked with the German 7th and 15th armies along the Roer river, still uncrossed.

The U. S. Seventh army on Patton's right was clearing the Karlsruhe corner of France and moving within eight miles of Colmar in Alsace below Strasbourg.

The British cleared the last Germans from west of the Maas river in Holland.

Up Against Strong Defenses

For 200 or more winding miles from opposite Kleve to west of Saarbrucken, Gen. Eisenhower's armies were inside or at the fringe of Germany and up against defenses of great strength and depth. The

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BOMBERS RETURN TO BERLIN AGAIN

London—(AP)—American heavy bombers blasted Berlin with almost 2,000 tons of bombs today. Their fighter escort shot down 80 German planes over the Nazi capital.

It was the first daylight raid by heavy bombers on Berlin in two months.

The bulk of the fleet of more than 550 heavies and 800 fighters from bases in Britain smashed munitions and tank factories inside Berlin and in Tegel, a suburb. Others hit the rail center of Munster.

The Luftwaffe made one of its rare appearances in strength but the Nazi fighters apparently failed to reach the big bomber formations.

Clinging together in packs of 100 or more, the Nazi Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfs concentrated on small groups of the bombers but the American fighters wouldn't let them in.



Produce

Milwaukee Market
Milwaukee—(P)—Cabbage domestic per bu.—85-1.00. Other produce prices unchanged.

Butter and Eggs
Chicago—(P)—Butter, firm; receipts 190,269; market unchanged.
Eggs, receipts 7,621; firm; market unchanged.

Potatoes
Chicago—(P)—(WFA)—Potatoes: total shipments 810, arrivals 110, track 234; supplies moderate; for best western stock, demand good, market firm at ceiling; for best quality northern stock, demand fair, market steady, for fair quality stock, demand slow, market dull. Idaho russet Burbank U. S. No. 1, 2.39-2.52; Nebraska Bliss triumphs U. S. No. 1, 2.33; Michigan Green Mountains U. S. No. 1, \$2.50; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss triumphs commercial 2.30-2.40; cobbler commercial 2.30-2.35; Chippewas U. S. No. 1, washed 2.60-2.70.

Poultry
Chicago—(P)—(WFA)—Live poultry: steady, receipts, no cars, 1 truck; roasters and fryers 28½-29½; other prices unchanged.

State Milk Output Up 2 Million Pounds

Milwaukee—(P)—Wisconsin milk production was stepped up from 11¼ billion pounds in 1938 to 14 1-3 billion pounds in 1943 to meet abnormal war-time demand, according to D. Hugo H. Sommer of the college of agriculture, University of Wisconsin.

National production, Dr. Sommer told members of the Wisconsin Milk Dealers' association and the Wisconsin Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, Inc., yesterday, was increased by 18 billion pounds over prewar years.

"Postwar problem No. 1 for Wisconsin," said Dr. Sommer, "will arise when abnormal demands cease."

Frank Wheir, Former, Rapids Resident, Dies

Postmaster Joe Wheir received word Monday that his brother, Frank Wheir, 65, of Cascade,

where they threaten to break the nation's reviving Burma road lifeline. The enemy was only 60 miles from Kweiyang, Burma road city and provincial capital of Kweichow.

The Chinese reinforcements may be from the long immobilized forces which have been blockading the Communist-controlled section of China.

Withdrawal of these troops would be a logical sequel to a series of recent developments in Chungking—(1) Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's approval of an American plan for disposition of his armies; (2) appointment yesterday of Liberal T. V. Soong as Chiang's right-hand man in the Nationalist government; (3) presence of Gen. Chou En-Lai, Communist leader, in Chungking to negotiate a rapprochement between the Communists and Kuomintang sections of China.

Francis Primeau

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from communications school at Camp Swift, Tex., October 24, 1942, and had graduated from combat assault climbing school at Seneca Rock, W. Va., April 15, 1944. He possessed the Good Conduct medal and two sharpshooting medals. Also, he was awarded two bronze stars in the short time he was overseas, one from the battle of Brest and the other for driving on the "red-ball express," getting vital supplies to the front lines.

In addition to his wife and his mother, Corporal Primeau is survived by his two and one-half year-old daughter, Judy Ann. Memorial services for him will be held at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church at 9 o'clock on the morning of December 12.

Bust of Hitler Sits on Gov. Goodland's Desk

Madison, Wis.—(P)—A bust of Adolph Hitler reposes on the desk of Governor Goodland, but not for purposes of admiration.

The gift of Brig. Gen. Ralph M. Immell, adjutant general on leave, the bust was taken from the German-Franco cultural institute in Dijon, province of Burgundy, France, in October this year.

On the forehead of the curio, French forces of the interior marked a "V" above the Cross of Lorraine.

ried them 12 miles closer to the border than previously reported—60 miles from Nagybjom, at the southwestern end of the 42-mile lake front.

A Moscow bulletin at midnight said a column driving north along the west bank of the Danube was 37 miles south of Budapest and still advancing toward the capital's back door. East of the river, which divides the city, other Russian troops have been hammering the southeastern and eastern suburbs for days and on the northeast enemy communications have been cut.

Tolbukhin's forces were rapidly taking positions to swing around both ends of Lake Balaton toward Austria. Nagybjom was the springboard for the southwestern army. At the northeastern end of the lake front the base was Sagvar, reached Monday in a 17-mile advance from Tamasi.

The Russians swept through more than 400 towns and villages northeast, west and south of the communications hub of Kaposvar, captured Saturday.

West of Pecs in the area of the Drava river border of Hungary and Yugoslavia the Russians were hurling back the enemy on the approaches to the rail junction town of Szigetvar, 80 miles northeast of Zagreb.

Western Front

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maximum penetration of Germany was about 15 miles in the Hurtgen forest area east of Aachen.

Patton's bridgehead on the east bank of the looping Saar was widened to at least a mile and a half. His forces were on the river all the way to Merzig, 16 miles above Saarlautern, and executing a classical wheeling movement of his right and center as far southeast as Sarre Union. One mixed cavalry and infantry team advanced four miles inside Germany, south of Saarlautern.

His men at Roden and Fraulautern were five and a half miles inside the Saar, nearly a fifth of the way across, but they still had to negotiate the Siegfried line.

Loss of Three U. S. Vessels Announced

Washington—(P)—The loss of three small naval vessels of the

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