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# DAMAGE OF RAID **Five Key Polish** Cities Fall; German ON SABANG TOLD BY MOUNTBATTEN **Front Crumbles**

London-(P)-Red army vanguards stormed today across ocean, having demolished the harthe Vistula river while Russian forces on their flanks captured | bor works at Sabang, key Japanese four important German bases-Daugavpils, Rezekne. Bialystok | fortress guarding the rich stolen isand Stanislawow-in the blackest day for the Germans since the start lands of the Dutch East Indies and of the Russian summer offensive.

Daugavpils (Dvinsk) and Rezekne both are important rail junctions on the approaches to Riga in Lat-

Bialystok is 110 miles northeast Argentina Is of Warsaw and Stanislawow is 35 miles from the Czechoslovak border.

Premier Stalin announced these victories in three successive orders of the day shortly after Russian All Americas forces started the push across the Vistula, last natural barrier before German Silesia 140 miles away.

The Moscow radio said still other red troops had broken into

BULLETIN London—(P)—Lwow has been captured, a fourth order of the day announced

tonight.

Brest Litovsk on the western Bug saw. 20 Miles From Czech Border

Stanislawow lies 35 miles from the Czech border, but the Russians night of nearby Delaytin. Premier Stalin said in an order join in hemispheric defense during

of the day "troops of the Second the past two and a half years and White Russian front, after two days specified pro-Nazi actions of Farof fighting, today captured by storm | rell's government. See-RUSSIA-Page 11 Since the inter-American confer-



London- (P) - Three German | February when Argentina broke | cost the German air more a record of the Arno river and setting up at Witter field, thereby exceeding week. There was no allied con- beadquarters in Washington when tinental d to take me Nazi enerals two of whom led forces on the Russian front, were defense was followed with overnamed today by the German radio throw of the government by proas participants in the bomb plot Nazi elements who opposed Argen-Hungary. against Hitler last Thursday. Berlin tine cooperation with the rest of First reports from up to 500 said two are dead and the third the hemisphere. Argentina's public retort came in bombers participating said the awaits trial. bomber gunners as well as Lightbroadcast last night by Foreign They were: ning and Mustang pilots scored a Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck, former Minister Gen. Orlando Peluffo who number of victories to boost the German chief of staff, who was said said his country would "continue total of 193 tallied in the last three to have committed suicide when ar- its present course of conduct." days, a top mark for this theater. rested. The Germans said he was Peluffo was embraced by Farrell One of the hardest knocks yet re-"no longer among the living" in anafter his speech. ceived by the Germans in this area nouncing his death last week and Peluffo said "We do not admit" was delivered yesterday when allied that pro-Nazi elements are mainbranding him as leader of the plot. airmen knocked down 78 enemy Today the enemy radio said he com- tained in the government and he mitted suicide when found in a disputed the accusation that Argenplanes. Fifty-five Mediterranean allied "sobbing fit" after the plot failed. | tina has been helping any cause but hir force craft were lost in the Infantry Gen. Friedrich Olbricht, her own. three-day period. Of these, 22 faila former leader on the eastern front, ed to return from missions Wedwho was said to have been shot after a court martial. The broadcast Pressure Cooker nesday, a communique announced. The Manfred Weiss works is one said he was chief of a general army department at supreme German Clinic Will Be of the largest industrial plants in Hungary and produces aircraft enheadquarters. He was said to have Held Wednesday gines, guns, ammunition, machine been second in command of the cools and other war essentials. German home army, now headed by Liberator and Fortress crewmen Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler. said this target was well hit and A pressure cooker testing clinic, Maj. Gen. Erich Hoepner, also a Russian front leader. He was said the only one of its kind to be held enveloped by smoke. Simultaneously, it was announcto be under arrest awaiting trial. in south Wood county this summer, ed that Lightning and Mustang Neither Olbricht nor Hoepner was has been scheduled at Witter vocafighters of the 15th U.S. air force widely known, Beck had been tional school building for Wednesknown for years as an anti-Nazi day, August 2, it was announced tohave returned to their Italian bases after a shuttle operation to Russia and headed the German general day by Miss Gladys Flanagan, vocain which they shot down 64 enemy to the combat area, Stimson praisstaff until 1938, when he opposed tional school home economist. planes over Romania and Poland ed the invasion supply services un-Hitler's annexation of Austria and The purposes of the clinic is to and destroyed many more on the Czechoslovakia on the grounds that test the safety valves and pressure ground. the army was not prepared for such gauges for accuracy. The service is undertakings. free and all people in Wisconsin MINOR COLLISION Rapids and the remainder of south Wood county are invited to attend **CIGARETS SENT** the clinic. Miss Flanagan emphasized that people should bring the ing west on West Grand avenue whole cooker not "just the top."

publics, it declared.

### quarters disclosed today. Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, confirming yesterday's Tokyo broadcast, said a 35-minute attack Tuesday by battleships, cruisers, destroyers and carrier aircraft silenc-**Isolated** From ed shore batteries, sunk a freighter, wrecked two jetties, wrecked workshops and wharves and left the target area aflame. The Japanese had claimed little damage.

Close In On Tinian Washington  $-(\mathbf{P})$  A cefiant

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Three thousand miles eastward on Argentina stood virtually quaran-Guam and Tinian, American wartined from its western hemisphere riors---including a grim 5,000 healed neighbors today, unmoved publicly of wounds suffered on Saipan-reby a blunt United States declaralentlessly closed in on Japanese gartion that its government will not be risons bereft of all outside aid. The recognized until it plainly abandons marines and doughboys held the a "pro-Axis" policy for a pro-allied northern quarter of Tinian and its 4,500-foot Ushi airfield, rated one of A high state department official

(By the Associated Press)

Allied warships and planes, sud-

Singapore, southeast Asia head-

reappearing in the Indian

said the sweeping U.S. denunciation charging Argentina with open

aid to the axis had received virriver, 110 miles due east of War- tually unanimous approval of all bid for another airdrome from which the other American nations. The state department document, | fensives against the Japanese home-

which pulled no punches in this land, the Philippines and China's government's statement of its firm | coast. This airfield was on Orote were less than 20 miles from that stand against the regime of Presi- peinsula, on which a trapped force stand frontier through the capture last dent Edelmiro Farrell, detailed of Japanese battled for its life. The Set for Pisa Stand were less than 20 miles from that stand against the regime of Presi- peinsula, on which a trapped force charges of Argentina's failure to Americans advanced 3,000 yards out

See-WAR IN PACIFIC-Page 11 Italian Based ence convened shortly after Pearl **Bombers** Raid Harbor, Argentina "has persisted in an open, notorious and contrary

constant aid and comfort to the en-emies" of the other American re-publics, it dealers Rome—(A)—Air battles, such as It said the brief period last

German counterattacks eight miles ternoon and evening when approxifrom the heart of the historic town. mately 8,000 people viewed the At the same time indications grew that the ancient city of Pisa would become a major battle ground. The manpower commission and the Germans were observed erecting Sixth service command. Another 3,-



Attendance records were smashed the Eighth army smashing fierce in Wisconsin Rapids Wednesday af-"captured caravan" exhibit of Nazi under the sponsorship of the war and Genoa.

# NAZIS ROUTED IN FIERCE RUSS, YANK DRIVES **U.S. Tanks Score Biggest Advance Of Invasion Fight**

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force-(P)-An American armored force split German central defenses wide open today in the biggest tank breakthrough of the Normandy invasion.

Sherman tanks and doughboys, gaining nine miles in two days, fanned out east and west, cutting the highway from St. Lo to Avranches, at the southern base of Normandy,

Countances.

LT. GEN. MC NAIR **KILLED IN ACTION ON FRENCH FRON** 

flanked by the armored drive toward Countances. On the east end of the blazing, 40-mile U. S. front, other troops gained two miles and won two towns. Washington-(AP)-Lt. Gen. Les- 3 Miles in 6 Hours The armored offensive crashing

and spearing down the road to

Advanced patrols reached Periers

to the north west, the bitterly-de-

fended German base already out-

ley J. McNair, 61, until recently commanding general of the army through the German center picked ground forces, has been killed by up three miles in six hours of batenemy action in Normandy. tle today.

Fanning out eastward from St. Once called the "brains of the army" by Gen. George C. Marshall, Gilles and Canisy, they began clos-McNair is the highest-ranking ing a trap on Germans in a bend of American officer killed in action in the Vire river below St. Lo, capturthe present war. A war department announcement south of St. Lo and nine miles from here said:

"The war department has been Take Canisy in Advance notified of the death of Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair. General McNair was in this advance and cut the road killed by enemy fire while observing the action of our front line units in the recent offensive."

**Recently Promoted** On July 14, the army announced that McNair had been given an im-

portant overseas assignment, the London-(A)-Masses of allied nature of which was not disclosed, warships, transports and landing and that Lt. Gen. Ben Lear had succeeded him in command of the army craft were reported by the Berlin

radio tonight to be concentrated ground forces. with several divisions of troops in McNair, who was 61, was responthe coastal area of the Tyrrhenian sible for the training of the ground sea for an imminent new landing forces now in action overseas, and equipment, now touring Wisconsin in northern Italy around La Spezia was regarded as one of the army's most brilliant officers.

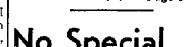
The ships and troops were said Wounded Previously cost the German air force a record barricades in the main street north 100 witnessed the evening program to have been massed during the He was chief of staff of general days, raged again today when med-ium forces of Mediterranean heavy famous leaning tower as well as

ing Le Mesnil Herman, six miles their jumpoff point. The Americans had seized Canisy

running south from St. Lo to Percy along the baseline of the Cherbourg peninsula. To the east, allied headquarters

announced, patrols entered Periers, central stronghold of the German line stretching to the sea, and were at a point 10 miles north of Coutances.

The armored spearhead pushing southwest of St. Lo had driven so deep, however, that it was closer to Contances than the Periers force. Fanning out westward from Marigny, this force advanced nearly a mile along the St. Lo-Countances See---INVASION-Page 9



aircraft gun in Normandy are from Wisconsin. Left to right: Sgt. Clifton Voltz, (Route 1) Hebron, Ill.; Pfc. Robert Hurm, Milwaukee, Wis.; Pvt. Robert Wittkopp, 416 North avenue, Hartland, Wis.; Pfc. Hubert Braeger, 1528 S. Ninth street, Sheboygan, Wis.; Pvt. Louis Bredolo, 715 S. Indiana avenue, Sheboygan, and Cpl. Victor Virant, 1406 New York avenue, Sheboygan. On Guam to the south they also the U.S. can mount its coming of-

Flares; Germans

Rome—(P)—The battle for Flor-ence, the last big Italian city in German hands south of the Gothic line, flared to a new fury today with

YANKS FROM WISCONSIN IN NORMANDY-With one exception these Yanks manning an antithe ebst in the Pacific. Battle for Guam Airfield

**196 LOCAL BOYS** 

Orders for cartons of cigarettes ty, Miss Ellen Kreuger, Marshfield for 197 overseas servicemen from home economist and Miss Flanagan. this community today were given to it is a co-operative clinic under the representatives of tobacco com- sponsorship of the vocational school officer of Charles Hagerstrom University of Wisconsin. There will American Legion post here.

arettes - for - servicemen campaign, portunity to ask questions. with the public contributing the funds to glass jars placed in busiservice oficer and service officer for the sponsorship of the vocational brother sent the family a letter the Legion post here.

Mr. Anderson said today he expected to send another shipment of cigarettes soon, and anticipated as Marshfield Sgt. high as 700 cartons of cigarettes would be sent to that number of servicemen from this community. This compares to 131 cartons sent overseas by Charles Hagerstrom post a year ago.

## BENEFIT DANCE

The VFW will sponsor a servicemen's benefit dance at the Memorial for the occasion. NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®\_\_\_\_

The program is under the direcpipe of the Stark car. tion of Miss Cecilia Shestock, home

demonstration agent for Wood counbe no demonstration or lecture but BY WES GALLAGHER

The Legion post sponsors the cig- those present will be given the op-The clinic, which will be held in army filled its cages: Room 21 between 10 a. m., and 4 ness houses. Listing of names of p. m., is a part of the regular food recipients is done by Anderson, in preservation program which is in his dual capacity as Wood county progress here each summer under er captured at Cherbourg. The



Marshfield, Wis .--- T/Sgt. James C. Hansen, 22, son of Mrs. Myrtle he had to be carried into the fight Hansen, was killed in action in by his German comrades. New Guinea on July 11, his mother

was informed by war department Opinions on the revolt in Germany differed. One tough parachutelegram Wednesday evening. Hansen was prominent in athletics at Marshfield high school. He to me. I am a soldier in the Gerarmory on Saturday evening. Frank was a member of the Marshfield man army. It would be better if cer. It was considered highly signi- The cost in men in this war now to stockholders by Mr. Walsh, the delegation to next month's post- period ending at 7 a. m., 58; tem-Wilde and his Troubadours will play national guard and had been over-for the occasion. The set of the conflict in the Ger-for the occasion. The set of the conflict in the for the conflict in the conflict in the for the conflict in t

brother."

bombers attacked the Manfred famous leaning tower as well as Weiss steel works in Budapest, church steeples for observation posts.

> Most impressive gains in the steel ring closing in on Florence were to the southwest of the city where field, where it continued to attract Eighth army units surged forward as much as three miles in the area of Castelnovo and Vallechio.

> > These forces were more distant, band. Following the concert, invohowever, than the New Zealanders cation was given by the Rev. A. W. battling the German 4th parachute Triggs, massing of the colors by division along the highway No. 2 the service organizations' color in the area of San Casciano, only guard, and then Capt. Earl Otto gave a brief address of welcome.

eight miles from the goal.

Cherbourg Not Ready For Traffic—Stimson

Washington-(AP)-Secretary of War Stimson indicated today that the port of Cherbourg, captured by American troops June 26 still has not been repaired sufficiently to permit full use of its facilities to

accomplished by American factorsupply the allied armies in Nories and workers has astounded the world, but we mustn't forget that

Telling a news conference some of our soldiers, sailors and marines Mead, president of the company, his impressions of his recent trip aren't fighting an enemy armed See-CARAVAN-Page 11

wide attention.

**Opens With Concert** 

The evening program opened with

The caravan commander, Lieut.

Forrest V. Armstrong, was intro-

duced after which A. E. Nelson,

district manager of the U.S. em-

ployment service, explained the pur-

pictures you are about to see

weren't brought here just to

furnish entertainment, but to bring

home a few grim facts," Mr. Nel-

son stated. "The war production

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haferman,

ment telegram stating that their

given in a letter to follow.

"The 'captured caravan' and the

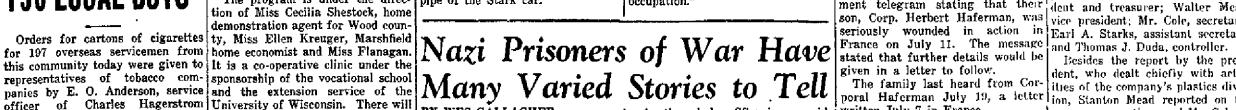
pose of the caravan's tour.

der Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, and made particular reference to the CPL, HAFERMAN orderly and methodical handling of made particular reference to the equipment in the field.

Ralph Roberts, Route 5, city, and "Most of the time," he added, B. J. Stark, Waco, Texas, both driv- however, "they have been landing on the same beaches they originally Wednesday afternoon, collided, caus- took, while the port of Cherbourg

ing very minor damage to the tail is being made ready for permanent Route 4, have received a war departoccupation."

mandy.



Another shaken SS prisoner said, written July 7 in France. With the America First Army in "If keeping Hitler means continu-France-(P)-Prisoners of war ing the war he will be killed. The in Consolidated Water Power and Most of the stockholders left immesnapshots as the American First Germans have enough. They will Paper company's mill here before diately after the meeting to visit the not support any regime that pro-A Pole who won an iron cross, longs the war."

first and second class, had a brothfrom New York, then the family sent the Pole a letter saying they 'hoped he was as lucky as his

One of the prisoners taken with the 353rd division had just come Prisoners disclosed that Lt. Col. Heinz, commander of a battle group U. S. Casualties Jump into battle from a hospital with a wound in his leg. Unable to walk, arrested and courtmartialed by the SS (elite guard).

tist said, "It makes no difference had overruled the Wehrmacht and States past the 811,000 mark, with courtmartialed a professional offi- more than 68,000 dead.

coast 40 miles above Pisa, the the ground forces, one of the three state. southern section of which is held top commanders under the chief of After being displayed on the West side market square during the by the Fifth army. Genoa, Italy's staff. day, the caravan moved to the leading port, is 90 miles up the parking lot adjacent to Witter coast from Pisa.

tion tour of the Tunisian front, he was wounded by shell fragments. Both are behind the German "Go-Commenting on the general's thic line" which extends across the death, General Marshall said "the Italian peninsula along the mile-American army has sustained a high mountains from points north a concert by the Wisconsin Rapids of Pisa and Florence to around Ri-McNair." mini, on the Adriatic.

"An Inspiring Example" Landings at La Spezia or Genoa "Had he had the choice," said Nobles revealing that of the 20 alwould flank the Gothic line and pose an entrapment threat for the survivors of two German armies who have been pushed 200 miles northwestward from Cassino the firing line with the leading elethrough Rome.

The fiftieth anniversary of Con-

solidated Water Power and Paper

company, incorporated in 1894, will

be Friday of this week, George W.

noted in his report to the annual

meeting of Consolidated stockhold-

ers at their annual meeting in the

company's offices here Wednesday

Thirty-seven stockholders were

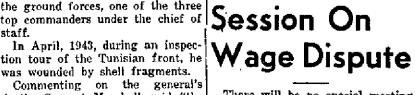
present, and they re-elected the

lirectors, George W. Mead, Stanton

company operations and Mr. Cole on

and Theo. W. Brazeau.

front in Normandy, was indicative of 50th Anniversary **Celebrated Friday** By Consolidated



There will be no special meeting of the common council to set up magreat loss in the death of General chinery for adjudication of the fourman labor dispute, it seemed certain today, with Mayor Wm. T.

Marshall, 'he would probably have dermen queried on the labor conelected to die as he did, in the fore. | troversy 15 were against holding a front of the attack. His presence on special council meeting, 4 favored holding the meeting as requested by ment in the great assault which has Central Labor union, and 1 alderjust been launched on the American man has not yet replied.

The mayor did not reveal what his aggressive and fearlesss spirit answers the aldermen had given to and should be an inspiring example a number of other questions which to the forces of our great ground he had asked them, in his questionarmy which he organized and train- and-answer letter mailed to the 20 members of the council Monday

night.

Asked 7-Man Board That letter was the mayor's anwer to one which he received from Central Labor union which, in a general meeting of Tri-City locals Saturday night, asked that the council hold a special meeting immediately and name three men to a spe-

London-(AP)-Premier Stanislaw See--CITY STRIKE-Page 9

represented next week at the state

Mikoljczyk of the Polish government in exile left for Moscow today Hagerstrom Post Men His departure came after the cabinet of the Polish government had To Attend State Meet approved a plan to send him to the Mead, Walter Mead, Ralph R. Cole Soviet capital to confer with Prem-Charles Hagerstrom post will be

ier Stalin in an apparent effort to All officers were re-elected by the effect a compromise with the rival directors, including George W. Mead,

**POLISH PREMIER** 

**GOES TO MOSCOW** 

American Legion convention in Mil-Polish faction in Moscow. president; Stanton Mead, vice presiwaukee, with delegates from the The cabinet's decision was regardnost here including Frank Muehldent and treasurer; Walter Mead, ed as a sign that neither the Lonson, Corp. Herbert Haferman, was vice president; Mr. Cole, secretary; don Poles nor the British goverastein, commander-clect; Harold seriously wounded in action in Earl A. Starks, assistant secretary, Wittenberg, adjutant; Von Holliment had abandoned hope of settling day, historian, and E. O. Anderthe differences between the govern-Besides the report by the presiment of the peasant-born premier son, service officer. Attending from dent, who dealt chiefly with activand the Polish committee of libera- here, too, will be Fred Bushnell The family last heard from Cor- ittes of the company's plastics divistion with which the Soviet govern- district commander of the Legion's poral Haferman July 19, a letter ion, Stanton Mead reported on the ment signed an agreement for ad-Eighth district.

The convention opens with a 40 ministration of Polish territory ocand 8 gathering August 4, the Legion convention proper continuing Under terms of the accord, suthrough August 5, 6 and 7.

preme power is vested in the Russian commander-in-chief in areas where the Red army is still engaged in fighting, but as soon as an area ceases to be a zone of military operations the Polish committee will assume full responsibility in matters of civil government and establish an administration in accordance with the Polish constitution. The Polish administration also was auth-

orized to recruit men for the Polish armed forces now fighting with the Russians in the liberation of Poland. night and Friday.

#### The directors re-elected George STETTINIUS TO HEAD TALKS

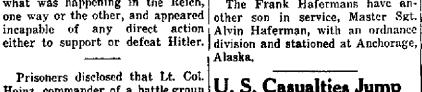
Washington-(AP)-Secretary of Today's Weather Facts-State Hull announced today that Undersecretary Edward R. Stetti- hour period ending at 7 a. m., 72; nius jr. will head the American minimum temperature for 24-hout



THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature for 24-

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which was badly battered, had been Past World War Mark

This was the first evidence here ing in two hemispheres has pushed

what was happening in the Reich, The Frank Hafermans have an-

The vast majority of prisoners, ber of a tank unit. He went overseas however, appeared indifferent to with a tank outfit in January, 1944.

one way or the other, and appeared other son in service, Master Sgt.

Washington-(P)-Fierce fight

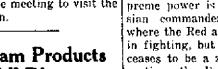
Corporal Haferman, who worked induction September 30, 1942, receivplastics division. ed his training at Camp Claiborne, La., where he was trained as a mem-

afternoon.

Paper Products company in the corporation's offices here Wednesday, all directors were re-elected. including George W. Mead, Ralph R. Cole, Walter Mead, Cloy K

Crouse and Frank R. Walsh. W. Mead as president; Mr. Walsh, that Hitler's chosen SS warriors the battle casualties of the United vice president; Mr. Crouse, secretary, and Mr. Cole, treasurer. The manager's report was given

the financial status of the firm. cupied by the Red army.



Ahdawagam Products **Reelects All Directors** 

At the annual meeting Wednesday of stockholders of Ahdawagam