



BATTLE FOR NORTHERN FRANCE IS FINISHED! EXPECT YANKS TO REACH REICH BY NIGHTFALL

RED ARMY HEADS TOWARD SERBIA TO CONTACT TITO

Moscow—(P)—Red army flying columns, skirting the southern shoulder of the Transylvanian Alps after marching triumphantly through Bucharest, headed today in the direction of Serbia's northeastern mountains, where Marshal Tito's partisans are battling the common enemy.

A junction between Soviet and Yugoslav partisan forces became a prospect of the near future as Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's armored scouts approached within 120 miles of the Yugoslav-Romanian frontier. Nazis try new defense.

The German command was reported trying to organize a new defense line along the Olt river, which runs within 75 miles of Serbian territory.

A vital north-south railway paralleling the west bank of the Olt, connecting Sibiu—one of Transylvania's leading cities—with the Wallachian Danube port of Corabia, across the stream from Bulgaria.

Malinovsky threatened to cut this waterline at the southern entrance to Turnu pass, whose possession would safeguard his right wing while he drove across the Danube plain to make contact with Tito.

The Soviet leader's forces, which paraded past the rubble of German-bombed buildings in Bucharest Thursday, drove rapidly westward along the Bucharest-Craiova railway.

Front dispatches said the Germans were still in disorderly flight up the Danube valley.

Bucharest's war-weary populace saw Malinovsky bare the mechanical power of his army. Huge self-propelled guns, squat and thickly armored tanks and a seemingly endless stream of motorized infantry crossed the city from end to end.

Germans Attacked City

German fury vented in three days of continual air attacks last week turned Romania's gay capital of Bucharest into a city of gaunt and blackened ruins. The city was attacked heavily by German planes on August 24, 25 and 26 after young King Mihai gave the order which toppled Gen. Ion Antonescu from the premiership and severed Romania's ties with the axis.

Lt. Col. Ioan Pocseanu of the army general staff declared "the Germans in three days caused more deaths and damage than all the Anglo-American raids caused in five months."

"Those who knew Bucharest in peace time would find it almost unrecognizable now. Block after block you see only skeletons of buildings."

NEKOOSA OPENS SCHOOLS SEPT. 5

The Nekooosa public schools will open on Tuesday, September 5, at 8:45 a. m., Superintendent of Schools J. E. Rohr announced today.

The faculty at the junior and senior high school is as follows: Dorothy Anderson, English and Spanish; Irene Berge, commercial subjects; Floyd S. Britton, manual arts and assistant coach; Ruby Fleming, biology and junior high subjects; Theron Hoke, mathematics; Clara Iverson, library and English; Louise Kersten, home economics; A. F. Kolovsky, science, scouting and assistant coach; John Ostrom, social studies and coach; Mrs. Elisabeth Petzold, music, vocal and orchestra; Marjorie Steinbach, H. J. Schuren, physical education, science and band; Martha Blair, physical education.

The Nekooosa school calendar shows Thanksgiving recess coming from November 30 to December 4, Christmas vacation December 22 to January 2, the beginning of the second semester January 22, Easter vacation March 23 to April 2, second semester finals May 24, 25, 26, and 29, and commencement on May 31.

BLOOD BANK
Marshfield, Wis.—St. Joseph's hospital at Marshfield announces the opening of a completely equipped blood bank as a part of the hospital service. Physicians at the hospital have issued an appeal for blood to stock the bank on Tuesday.

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Plans Ready For Labor Day Two-Day Fest

Last minute plans for the customary two-day Labor day picnic here, sponsored by Central Labor union, are now completed. Wm. McCarthy, president of Badger Papermakers local, is general chairman of the affair. The committee on stands and concessions includes A. S. Ruder, Ezra Mader, Reno Plenge, Leslie Freeman, Don Diver, Jack Sullivan, Jack Ewall and Robert Schelvan; music, Emil Beck; publicity and advertising, Roman Cepress; children's games, Richard Bean; lighting, Les Wipperman; speakers, John Krohn, Edw. G. Gilbertson, Irving Hofschild; finance, Wm. Scott; parking and cars, George Richardson; loud speaker, Ronald Desper.

The speaking program has been curtailed this year because suggested speakers in many cases had other engagements, had transportation difficulties or for some other reason wired their regrets.

Two speakers are scheduled on Monday afternoon, the Rev. Thomas Mullen of Port Edwards at 2:30 and Maurice Weinburg, St. Paul, speaking immediately afterward. A short address by Irving Hofschild, secretary of Central Labor union, will be given Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

There will be games and entertainment for children on both days, with prizes for winners in various contests. Monday's program opens at 11:30 a. m., continues throughout the afternoon.

Acting Police Chief Issues Holiday Warning

Acting Police Chief Leonard Olson today warned city motorists to "stay at home" over the Labor day holiday week-end, "but if you must drive, take it easy."

"Public transportation facilities will be crowded to capacity," the acting chief said. "Many workers who still have automobiles will seek a period of relaxation by motoring out of the city to nearby vacation resorts."

If you drive you are cautioned to operate your vehicle at reasonable speeds, don't try to cheat the traffic lights, avoid trying to cut in ahead of other cars, be alert to pedestrian and bicycle travel.

If you walk, use the crosswalks, don't jay walk, refrain from stepping out between parked vehicles, step from the curb only when the way is clear.

If you are using a bicycle you are subject to traffic regulations the same as the motorist, allow no riders, go single file, and keep to the right.

"State motor vehicle department records show 325 traffic deaths in Wisconsin thus far this year," Acting Chief Olson said. "Let's avoid any accidents in our city this week-end."

Inquest Is Postponed Until Further Notice

The coroner's inquest to be held for the accident occurring at the underpass of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad bridge on Second avenue Thursday in which Oscar Beyer, Wausau truck driver, was fatally injured, has been postponed until further notice, authorities stated today.

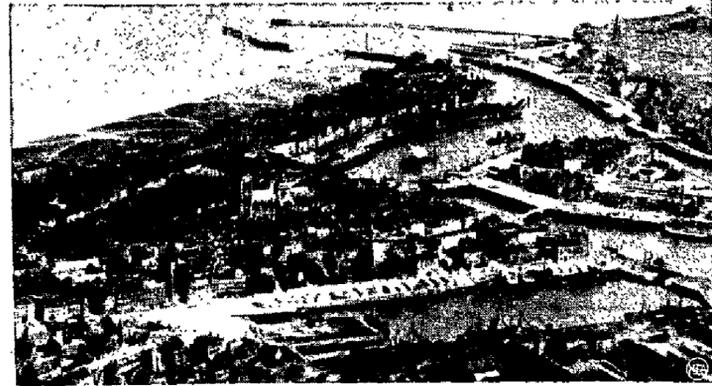
The jury, drawn up Thursday afternoon, is composed of Francis Daly, Edward Johnson, George Cotterill, Earl Bossert, Roy Potter, and Alex Kirshing.

Police stated this morning that the two men, Oscar Beyer and Harvey Thibert, city, were driving from Nekooosa at 1:20 Thursday morning when the car in which they were driving crashed into the concrete abutment in the center of the underpass. It had been raining all evening and was still raining when the crash occurred.

Collision Caused \$375 Damage To Cars

William F. Suckow, 1911 First street, city, traveling north on Highway 13 Thursday near Nepco lake, and Bernard Boles, 1050 First street, city, traveling in the same direction, collided causing damage to both vehicles.

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CITY OF TRAGIC MEMORY—The United Nations radio at Algiers quoted a "last minutes dispatch" tonight saying the channel port of Dieppe had been captured without opposition. Dieppe was the scene of the disastrous allied raid of August, 1942.

DRIVE ON GOTHIC LINE UNDER WAY

Rome—(P)—Eighth army troops have broken through the outer Gothic line defense in northern Italy to a depth of 1,000 yards at one point but are meeting strong German resistance north of the Foglia river, where the Nazis have hurled in tanks in repeated counterattacks, allied headquarters announced today.

The 1,000-yard penetration was made west of Borgo Santa Maria, where the stronghold of Montecitorio was captured. Tank supported infantry followed through—and established themselves among the Nazi defenses.

In Pesaro steady fighting was reported continuing between British and Polish troops and the German First parachute division—their old enemies of Cassino.

(Dispatches from Rome yesterday declaring that Polish troops had captured Pesaro apparently were premature.)

Pesaro is now divided between the Germans and the Eighth army, which is established along the railway line running through the town.

The Germans were described as "almost back on their main defensive positions" in the Apennines, where close contact was being maintained.

The communique said "significant gains" were made in the Florence area.

Announce Winners Of Kiddie Contest

Winners of the "Victory Kiddie Contest" awarded first and second prize on Thursday evening were Robert Meyer, who won the first award, a loving cup, and Sharon Lee Weil, whose votes gave her second place, being awarded \$5 in war stamps.

Robert Meyer received a total of 2,670 votes and Sharon tallied a total of 2,541.

Pictures of all contestants were placed in the window of a downtown store and votes were cast from Monday until the final voting at the field house on Thursday evening.

Each vote cast for the contestants represented a penny or more donated by the voter for the up-keep of the South Wood county honor roll.

Schools in This Area Will Begin Classes Next Week

Labor day and the week immediately following that holiday will find schools in the central Wisconsin area re-opening for the 1944-45 school year.

The Wild Rose public schools are to open on Labor day. Supervising principal will be E. W. Born, who comes to Wild Rose from Blue River. Maynard Meyers of Livings-ton has been employed as coach and science and mathematics instructor. He also will have a regular class in agriculture. Other teachers are Miss Ardis Vasis, English and French; Miss Dorothy Risch, homemaking instructor; Mrs. Mae Songe, commercial and social science; and Mrs. Amy Souders, musical director.

Another school which will have its opening on Labor day is New Lisbon high school, where freshmen register tomorrow. Two new teachers have been employed for the coming school term; they are P. A. Guy, history and band, and Miss Rose Marie Petzowitz, English and Latin. J. C. Curtis returns as principal and A. E. York as athletic coach and commercial teacher. Other instructors are J. H. Fischer, science and

The Adams city grade school will open on Monday, September 4, with a teachers' meeting. The Friend-

Planes Attack Brest in Drive To Free Port

London—(P)—American medium bombers assaulted German strong-points in besieged Brittany at the port of Brest today at the request of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, whose troops then began an all-out assault to free the prized Atlantic harbor of elements of three enemy divisions.

The attack on gun positions, motor parks and two forts on the edge of Brest was only one of numerous operations by allied warplanes based in Britain and France as the return of good flying weather enabled them to bomb and strafe the foe at many points.

British four-engined Halifaxes bombed long-range weapon supply depots in northern France without loss and British Mitchells bombed German troops concentrated near Abbeville and in danger of being cut off by the allied advance across the Somme.

Wave after wave of allied warplanes thundered out from Britain continuing the aerial pressure maintained last night by RAF Mosquitos. The Berlin radio said enemy bomber formations were approaching Germany at mid-day.

The woods in which the Germans tried to hide near Abbeville failed to protect them, and the RAF crews watched their bombs burst across the center of the target area. One bomber was lost.

Dusseldorf was the principal target for blockbuster-carrying Mosquitos last night.

In all operations yesterday and last night only eight allied planes were lost.

Auburndale Soldier Wounded In France

Mrs. Anna Hasenohl of Auburndale has received a telegram from the war department informing her that her son, Pfc. Edward Hasenohl was slightly wounded in action in France on August 10.

Private First Class Hasenohl has been serving overseas for one year. He entered the service in 1942 and before his induction was employed by the Nekooosa-Edwards Paper company.

BULGAR CABINET RESIGNS TODAY

(By the Associated Press)
London—The Bulgarian government of Ivan Bagrianov fell today shortly after its failure to win an easy out of the war by pleading neutrality and amid indications of far-reaching internal developments within the Balkan kingdom.

Simultaneously it was disclosed the European advisory commission had drafted armistice terms for Bulgaria—a demonstration of British-American-Russian solidarity on the terms which the Balkan satellite must meet to get out of the conflict. Russian armies were pushing along the country's northern frontier, ready to send tank columns coursing across her northern plains.

Rumors also spread throughout Europe that Hungary was trying to contact the allies on armistice terms. Berlin immediately launched a campaign of denials to contradict the rumors but Budapest itself was silent.

Bagrianov read a proclamation in which he said non-Bulgarian (German) troops in the kingdom were ordered to disarm in keeping with his government's policy of trying to avoid war with Russia, the Berlin radio reported. The proclamation also said the government had ordered the withdrawal of Bulgarian occupation in Greece and Yugoslavia, a process started several days ago. The Bagrianov government will remain in office until a new cabinet is formed.

Bulgaria closed her border with Turkey as the red army massed on her frontier in Romania. DNB, official German news agency, then said in a Berlin broadcast today that Bagrianov had announced resignation of his cabinet. He took office June 1.

CASH ROLLS IN FOR PLASMA BUS

Despite a rain-drenched evening, the town of Saratoga town hall was packed Wednesday night for a home talent play and other entertainment, given to swell the Nekooosa American Legion auxiliary blood donors' fund.

The audience paid \$85.96 into the blood donor exchequer which is slightly more than the \$85 needed to send a busload of donors to the Milwaukee Red Cross plasma center.

Other recent additions to the mercy plasma fund, reported by Mrs. Howard Amundson, chairman of the auxiliary's committee for this project, are \$50 from Frank Garber, \$10 from E. Bocaner, and \$105 from the Nekooosa Foundry & Machine Works and its employees.

The Nekooosa foundry and its personnel made the first donation to this blood donor fund—\$102 last March, which sent the first busload to Milwaukee. Ten more busloads have gone from here since then.

One busload went Thursday of this week, another on Saturday will include a delegation of donors from Pittsville, Vesper and Argon, while another busload is scheduled to take donors to Milwaukee next Thursday.

Donations to underwrite the \$85-per-trip bus cost may be mailed or sent to the Nekooosa State bank, or in this city to Radio Station WFHR.

NO RED CROSS MONDAY

Because of the Labor day holiday the Red Cross surgical dressing center in the Nash hardware building will not be open for its usual Monday evening schedule of work.

Other Forces Only 5 Miles From Belgian Border; Dieppe Captured—Neutrals Report

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Farm Loan Assn. Officers Chosen In Three Counties

The National Farm Loan association, holding a series of three meetings for the election of officers, now reports the following results.

At an annual meeting of the new Wood County Farm Loan association, the board of directors elected Max Leopold, president; Walter Cepress, vice president; John R. Porter of Marshfield and Irvin Kerberg were held over as directors, and Frank Markee was elected director.

The Wood-Postage Farm Loan association held a meeting at Auburndale on August 29, electing Emil S. Bonn, president; J. Herbert Snider, vice president; Joseph Remitz, Joseph Gulkowski and William H. Peters, directors.

The New Waushara County Farm Loan association, meeting at the Masonic hall in Wautoma on August 20, elected Directors A. R. Alberts and E. C. Behnam president and vice president respectively; secretary-treasurer, Bernard H. Boies; and directors, Leonard Johnson, Julius Waala, and E. H. Nelson.

Not satisfied with the small number of blanks returned by relatives, enabling ballots to be sent to soldiers for the primary election, Mr. Schindler obtained lists from the Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids draft boards covering the area of north and south Wood county to be referred to in mailing these cards.

Relatives and friends of soldiers who receive these cards are urged to return them as soon as possible so the ballots for the general election may be sent out early.

Truck, Bike Meet; Egg Nog Is Result

This might well be called, "The Affair of the Scrambled Eggs," or so it would seem after viewing the remains after a truck-bicycle collision.

Carl Jackson, city, driving a Ford pickup truck north on Fourth avenue north Thursday, and Lester Monette, city, riding a bicycle in the same direction, collided causing damage to the wheel of the bicycle, and "total damages" to 12 dozen eggs which Monette was carrying.

Butter Gains a Point (As it Loses 4 Points)
Butter is worth 16 points instead of 20. In a special notice from the local war price and rationing board this morning, retail dealers were urged to correct their point list by passing a number "16" over the inaccurate 20.

The board explained that it was the original intention to raise the number of points on butter and this had been changed after the point lists and been issued.

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Send Cards to Kin, Friends of Soldiers

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