

ALLIED TROOPS ONLY 100 MILES FROM PARIS

New Red Army Attacks Capture 60 Polish Towns

THREATEN NAZI COMMUNICATION BEYOND VISTULA

Moscow.—(P)—A new eruption of Red army attacks which captured more than 60 communities beyond the enemy's broken Vistula river defenses threatened today to strangle German communications between Krakow and Warsaw in the heart of Poland.

Striking out afresh yesterday from the Vistula bridgehead, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukraine army reached points 30 miles west of the river, Soviet field dispatches said.

Thrusting beyond newly-occupied Szydlow, the Russians directly menaced Kielce, 25 miles to the northwest. Direction of the drive raised the possibility the Red Army troops might outflank Krakow on the north.

37 Miles from Krakow Last reports placed Soviet spearheads within 37 miles of Krakow, last big Nazi bastion between German Silesia, now 75 to 90 miles away.

Moscow's guns sounded last night for twin victories—the fall of the oil center of Boryslaw in the Carpathians, and the capture of Sam-Sce.—RUSSIA—Page 7

JAPAN IS WARNED OF ALLIED THREAT

(By the Associated Press) With New Guinea lost and a third Marianas island, Guam, about to fall, Japan's 100 millions were on notice today that their empire confronts "national difficulties of unprecedented seriousness," and that Japanese countermeasures "on a grand and bold scale are expectantly awaited."

Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso, said a Tokyo broadcast, told his people the Americans "have encroached upon the Marianas in an attempt to obtain a quick decision in the war and, by present appearances, as if to strike at our homeland in a single blow."

Communications Threatened In one of the rare Japanese references to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's southwest Pacific domain, Koiso added: "In the New Guinea area, too, they have made gradual advances and have revealed their See—WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 7

Aldermen Oppose Union's Request For Arbitration

Early indications today pointed to the possibility that the city council again will refuse to arbitrate its wage dispute with a quartet of discharged city street employees.

In this morning's mail, and in response to the mayor's inquiry whether aldermen wished to obey the Central Labor Union's request to arbitrate, Mayor William T. Nobles received answers from six aldermen, all opposing arbitration.

The letters from the mayor were received by aldermen yesterday. No alderman has yet informed the mayor or that he favored arbitration, while one alderman asked the mayor whether it is legally possible for the city to bind itself by such an extra-governmental arbitration board as the union requests.

Lt. Rusk, In Hospital, Sees "Red" Blanchard

Lieut. Carroll Rusk, who has been in a new Guinea hospital recovering from fever since the middle of May, recently wrote in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rusk of Nekosia, that he saw Carole Landis and Jack Benny in a traveling show which had appeared at the hospital.

But the biggest thrill of all, he told them, happened when an allied soldier show arrived to play at the hospital and he immediately recognized one of the participants as "Red" Blanchard, former WFER entertainer. "He's still the same big clown," Lieutenant Rusk told his folks.



HERMAN GOERING



HEINRICH HIMMLER

Speculate On Civil Payroll Post-War Cut

Washington.—(P)—Dropping of 2,000,000 civilians from the federal payroll within a year after the war ends was foreseen today by Chairman Ramspeck (D-Ga.) of the house civil service committee.

Ramspeck's prediction was made in connection with the announcement by the civil service commission yesterday of the order in which employees will be discharged as reductions become necessary.

The Georgian said the civilian rolls now number 2,908,912. He estimated that postwar cuts will bring the total down to about 900,000. The 270,057 federal employees in Washington, he believes will be cut in half.

He expressed the opinion that government workers should be "mustered-out" of war jobs under the same severance pay and unemployment insurance benefits as the government provides for workers in war plants.

The commission said cuts, when they become necessary, would be made in this order:

- 1) Those recalled from retirement and those who have continued working in wartime beyond the involuntary retirement age;
2) Temporary employees, serving under appointments limited to one year or less;
3) "Transitory" employees including those whose appointments are for the duration of the war and six months thereafter.
4) "Career" employees with unlimited appointments—the last group to be reached. These generally have a classified (competitive) status or have attained permanency of tenure.

In the first two categories, non-veterans must be laid off before veterans. Within the non-veteran and veteran groups less efficient employees must go first. Then, length of service will be the determining factor.

Archie Davis Is Interned In Europe



INTERNED FOR DURATION—1st Lieut. Archie Davis, former WFER sports announcer and Tribune sports writer and staff artist, is now interned in a neutral European country, according to his wife, who has just received a cablegram from the lieutenant at her home in Friendship. Considerable concern had been felt in recent weeks over Lieutenant Davis' safety as no word had been heard from him for some time. He has been stationed with the U. S. air corps in Italy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Davis, reside in Friendship.

NAZIS ABANDON SOUTH FRANCE

Irun, Spain.—(P)—Adolf Hitler's once-vaunted Atlantic wall for more than 100 miles from the Spanish frontier north through Bordeaux has been virtually abandoned and is manned by only a handful of over-aged German railroad troops, advisers from France said today.

These Nazi fortifications have been outflanked to the north by the swift progress of American troops through Brittany and eastward towards Paris in much the same way as the Maginot line was outflanked when the Germans broke through Belgium in 1940.

Few Left Behind With their communications seriously menaced, the Germans were said to have begun a full scale evacuation of their forces in southwestern France, leaving only a few Gestapo agents and gendarmes to cover the French-Spanish frontier.

German police at the Hendaye bridge maintained that the evacuation was a "purely temporary withdrawal," necessitated by the reassignment of border region forces following the shift of certain SS (elite guards) units of the frontier garrison toward the Loire river.

Expect All to Go Frenchmen living on the Spanish side of the frontier said however, they are convinced the Nazi high command is abandoning southwestern France, and many believe they will awake some morning soon and find the last German gone.

Regular German army forces moved out of the region south of Bayonne over a week ago, leaving SS units behind. The SS forces in turn began leaving Sunday night. The German railroad troops left behind to guard the coast were reported loading the last of the Nazis' movable artillery aboard flat cars at Hendaye, Bayonne and Biarritz.

To reach the German forces to the north these guns and other supplies will have to run the gauntlet of sabotaged rail lines.

Pvt. Calvin Roach Is Recovering

Pvt. Calvin C. Roach, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roach, 130 Taylor avenue, city, wounded on May 23 in the Italian theater of operations, is making normal improvement toward recovery, a war department message to his mother states.

Private Roach, a member of the rangers, has been in the armed forces for the past two years. He received his basic training at Little Rock, Ark.

Germany Decided War Was Lost 26 Years Ago Today

(By the Associated Press) Today is the 26th anniversary of the "black day of the German army" in the first World War—the day the German high command decided the war was lost.

On August 8, 1918 Marshal Foch launched his great offensive into the Albert-Montdidier salient in the Somme sector. Spearheaded by 450 tanks, British and French infantry swarmed through the enemy's lines—penetrating up to 7 1/2 miles on a front of 20 miles and taking so many prisoners that war dispatches at the time said counting was a "difficult task."

The gains that first day of the allied onslaught were the greatest on the western front since trench warfare began.

It was the beginning of the end. Field Marshal Erich von Ludendorff said in later years: "August 8 was the black day of the German army in the history of the war. . . . It put the decline of our fighting power beyond all doubt."

Acting upon this realization,

Salary Scale For Wood County Workers Comes Up Again Before Board

The resolution calling for a special salary adjustment committee of the county board to make up a salary scale for county workers bobbed up again when Wood county board of supervisors met here today. Supervisor Reuben Connor of Auburndale, who had tossed the "hot potato" resolution into the gathering when it met June 20, put the same resolution into the legislative hopper today.

Repeats Argument In June the Connor resolution was quickly tabled, but today it received considerable comment and promise of further study. Supervisor Frank Abel, city, whose motion had tabled the Connor resolution in June, repeated today his argument of seven weeks ago, that if the Connor resolution were to apply to all county workers it would supersede existing county board rulings which allocate departmental salary scales to boards and committees.

For example, the highway committee has authority in the highway wage setup; the education committee for county school employees; the agricultural committee for county agent, homemaker and other extension workers, and the institution trustees set wages at the home for the aged and the county asylum. Supervisor Abel urged that "this resolution be limited to those employees over whom the county board has direct salary control."

Attacks Connor Resolution Supervisor Edward G. Gilbertson, city, also attacked the Connor resolution, citing the highway committee's supervision over highway employees' salaries. He also noted that Supervisor Connor referred to WMC and WLB supervision and help for the proposed salary committee. These federal agencies have no control over wage scales of municipalities, and would neither approve nor disapprove any proposed salary scales, Supervisor Gilbertson pointed out.

Supervisor I. W. Wendt, Marshfield, spoke in favor of the Connor measure, urging that it would end the continuing controversy over salary and wage adjustments. Gilbertson, speaking again, said that the resolution to be proper and not trespass on other measures, would apply only to courthouse office workers.

Board Chairman F. George Kilp, Port Edwards, suggested that the district attorney study the Connor resolution and other board rulings. See—COUNTY BOARD—Page 7

HIMMLER DEAD; GOERING INJURED PRISONER SAYS

On the British Front in France.—(P)—A newly captured German intelligence officer asserted today that Heinrich Himmler, German Gestapo and SS chief, has been assassinated and that Reichsmarshal Herman Goering was wounded in a new outbreak against the Nazi hierarchy.

There was no confirmation of this report. The officer's report was based on second-hand information and therefore is subject to reservation. (In this connection, the British radio said today a German lieutenant taken prisoner in France related he had given a "pep talk" to his troops and "for want of other good news" had told them that Himmler was dead.)

Nine other captives, all Austrians, declared they could corroborate the assertion of the intelligence officer. "We heard that (Marshal Erwin) Rommel was wounded in the head by bomb fragments on the Normandy front, but was recovering," one of the Austrians said. "The best news came Sunday when we heard that Himmler had been killed and that Goering was wounded in the attack on Himmler."

The British first heard the story of the alleged assassination of the Austrians. I asked a German intelligence officer, who had been kept apart from the Austrians: "I suppose Himmler is stronger than Hitler these days?" "No, Himmler is dead," the Nazi intelligence officer asserted. "He was assassinated. I heard it at my headquarters Sunday. All our officers are talking about it."

KOSTUSIAK BUSY DESPITE RAIDS

Headquarters, European Theater of Operations.—(Delayed)—(P)—Two Wisconsin men, Sgt. Emery C. McKinney of Richland Center and Pvt. Stan Kostusiak of Wisconsin Rapids, are members of the first port battalion of the U. S. transportation corps, which began unloading cargo—mail, in the first case—on the Normandy shore the morning after D-day.

The 16 men of the detail have averaged 20 hours work out of every 24, officers said. "At first we worked with the continual feeling of getting one more ship unloaded before being blown up," Sergeant McKinney, a winch operator, said. "But now we have become accustomed to the feeling of unloading during air raids. We just take them in our stride."

Private Kostusiak is the son of Mrs. John Kostusiak, 1120 Tenth avenue north.

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IT'S THE GI JIVE—In a street in Rennes, an excited French girl dances with Rosario Talliento of Brooklyn, N. Y., while fellow GIs furnish the rhythmic background. (Photo by NEA Photographer Andrew Lopez via radiotelephoto from London.)

Donald Zwicke Succumbs To War Wounds



Pfc. Donald R. Zwicke, 27, son of Mrs. Hattie Zwicke, 1011 15th avenue north, died as a result of wounds received while in action in France on July 17, according to a telegram received Monday by his wife, Valerae, who is now residing in Stevens Point with her father.

A few days ago, Private First Class Zwicke's wife was notified that her husband had been seriously wounded on July 17. Monday's telegram stated that he died on that same date.

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Sheriff Florian Krutza of Portage county said today that Sargeant was arraigned this morning and his case was set for formal hearing on August 17 at 2 p. m. at the court house, when he will be bound over to circuit court. He has not entered any plea as yet. If found guilty, it is not known if he will serve out sentence in this country as that will depend upon conference with the federal authorities. If acquitted he is certain of immediate department, as he is regarded as a highly quarrelsome person.

Arthur Hamblin, the victim of Sargeant's knife attack, who was removed to Riverview hospital immediately after the stabbing, was reported to have spent a good night. It is still too early to tell how seriously he was injured although no complications have set in. He will probably be confined to the hospital for some weeks and may then be repatriated to his native Barbados.

Three Brothers in Service

In addition to his wife and his mother, Private First Class Zwicke is survived by his 15-month-old daughter, Dorothy, three sisters, Mrs. Warren Ratelle, 521 Oak Street, and Marion and Helen, and four brothers, Pvt. Alfred, who underwent an operation recently at the army hospital at Fort Custer, Mich., Cpl. Franklin, who is in an artillery unit in the Pacific theater of operations, Sgt. Harvey, in the artillery in Italy and Albert, who resides at 521 Fourth street south. The latter was in the National Guard for 19 years and served one year with the guards in Louisiana.

Three brothers, George, Russell and Walter, and two sisters, Ann and Dorothy, preceded him in death.

SLIGHT DAMAGE

Slight damage was done to cars driven by Clyde M. Kendall, city, traveling north on Second street north Monday afternoon, and Edith E. Aehlein, city, who attempted to make a U turn to turn the vehicle south. The Aehlein car was dented on the left front fender, and the right front fender and brace of the Kendall car was caved in.

HAMMER 4 MILES IN ENEMY LINES SOUTH OF CAEN

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.—(P)—Allied troops advancing in two powerful surges at the wings of a 130-mile front drove today to within little more than 100 miles of Paris, and the Germans desperately rushed in forces from southwestern France.

Canadian troops hammered four miles into the main enemy line below Caen, and Americans on the southern flank struck toward Le Mans, only 110 miles from the French capital. Advance elements already were reported in Le Mans, a road-and-rail hub.

The doughboy drive left behind to the northwest the wreckage of the Germans' abortive but still-writhing counterattack in the Mortain area.

Report 100 Miles from Paris The exact sector where the allies were little more than 100 miles from Paris was not specified. A report that allied forces had definitely passed the 100-mile mark circulated late today, but proved erroneous.

At the northern end of the allied front, the Germans' stout Caen hinge, loosened by an unprecedented 1,000-plane bombardment last night, was battered again in daylight by 600 U. S. heavy bombers.

Canadian-British troops stormed over the Orne river in a four-mile advance. They punched through a once-impregnable anti-tank screen, seizing strongpoint villages by the dozen.

Battle of St. Malo On the Breton peninsula, U. S. troops battled against stubborn resistance for the northern port of . See—INVASION—Page 7

Three More Strikes Send Idle to 27,000

(By the Associated Press) Renewal of a strike at five Detroit plants of General Motors' Chevrolet gear and axle division, after a one-day work resumption and a work stoppage at two plants of the Wright Aeronautical corporation, increased to approximately 27,000 the number of workers idle today in the United States and Canada.

An estimated 3,500 workers on the day shift at the Chevrolet plants stayed away from their jobs in protest against the discharge of seven workers involved in the original strike. When workers returned to their jobs Monday, the seven men were refused admittance, union leaders said, and a strike meeting was called. Some 7,000 were affected by the original work stoppage.

More than 2,700 workers in the Fair Lawn and Patterson, N. J., plants of the Wright Aeronautical corporation remained away from . See—STRIKES—Page 7

Smoke Fills House But No Fire Damage Done

Billows of smoke which filled the N. Wertheimer home, 441 Saratoga street early this morning, necessitated a call for the city fire department.

It was discovered that the furnace in the basement had been stuffed with refuse until it was completely full, and when an attempt was made to burn it, the fire got out of control and smoke escaped to all parts of the house. No damage by fire was reported.

MARSHFIELD MAN WOUNDED

Marshfield — Sgt. Gordon R. Schelling, Route 1, Marshfield was listed as wounded in action in the Mediterranean area today by the war department.

Fuel Oil Season Starts Sept. 1

In order to receive the full year allotment of fuel oil, the war price and rationing board warns that renewal applications must be returned to the board by September. About 500 fuel oil users have not yet turned in these renewals, Fred Bushnell, chief clerk, stated.

The longer you wait, Mr. Bushnell added, the more difficult it will be to receive the fuel oil. Transition is a main factor, and if all orders come in at once some will have to wait their turn. If the application is not received by September 1, fuel oil will be issued on a percentage basis, that is, a certain percentage less will be granted, according to how late the renewal application was received.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Fair and slightly warmer tonight and Wednesday except partly cloudy with scattered thunder showers north-west and extreme north portion tonight, ending Wednesday morning.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 82; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 48; temperature at 7 a. m., 79.



WARM