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YANKS APPROACH BREST AND NANTES

Post-War Plan For Japs Outlined

Hitler Orders Ruthless Purge Of German Army

LONDON, Aug. 4 (AP) — Hitler tonight ordered a "ruthless purge" of the German army as an aftermath of the junker generals' revolt against his regime and in an opening move ousted 12 officers and marked them for early trial as "traitors" by the feared people's court, the death-dealing Nazi star chamber.

Official announcements broadcast by Berlin named a total of 23 officers as implicated in the revolt, more than half of whom had not been identified previously. They included four Lieutenants and a Captain—all of aristocratic names suggesting that the revolt may have gone farther down through the ranks than previously indicated.

Twelve men listed as "under arrest", expelled from the army and slated for a people's court trial were headed by Field Marshal Erwin Von Witzleben, German commander-in-chief in France until Field Marshal Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt took over in 1942 and later commander in northern Italy. Austrian newspapers reaching London today described him as the leader of the revolt and charged that he proclaimed himself German chief of state on the night of the attempt on Hitler's life "after establishing contact with captive German Generals in Moscow."

Maj. Al. Rogers Injured In Convoy Accident In Italy

Word has been received that Major Allison Rogers, Charlottetown, was recently hurt in a convoy accident in Italy.

The accident was caused when a jeep in which Major Rogers was riding was sideswiped by another. His right arm was scraped to the bone and his right knee badly twisted. Last reports state that he is recovering satisfactorily from his injuries.

Major Rogers is a son of Mrs. Ethel Rogers, 78 Upper Prince Street, and the late Lieut. Ralph B. Rogers, who was killed overseas in the last war.

He received his commission in Halifax shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939. He was with the first Canadian troops to land in Sicily and has served all through the Italian campaign up to the present time. He received his promotion to Captain in Sicily and has since been raised to the rank of Major.

In December, 1941, he married Miss Joan Eileen Fisher of Vanstead, Surrey, England. The Major is 32 years old. He is a nephew of Lt. Col. K S. and Maj. T. B. Rogers.

Robot Bomb Barrage Falls To Low Point

LONDON, Aug. 4 — (AP) —The Germans' robot bomb barrage sputtered and ebbed today to its lowest point since it broke nearly eight weeks ago as Allied bombers pounded the rocket lairs for the third straight day, and home defences knocked off the projectiles with great success.

Hundreds of American and R. A. F. heavy bombers blasted at flying bomb bases in northern France and in a blow at production of the robots attacked the Peenemunde Experimental Station north of Berlin where the flying bombs are developed, and factories where rockets and jet-propelled craft are assembled.

Casualties and damage were much lower, unlike yesterday when the bombing of the rocket positions appeared to stir up a hornet's nest and gave London and Southern England one of the heaviest robot poundings of the entire campaign.

Britain Honors Queen's Birthday

LONDON, Aug. 4 — CP Cable) — Flags flew from government and public buildings throughout Britain today in honor of Queen Elizabeth's 44th birthday anniversary. Telegrams and messages of congratulations poured into Buckingham Palace during the day. There was no immediate word as to the Queen's activities.

COMING EVENTS

**Dance, Lorne Valley, August 9th. 8-4-2i.

**Dance Flat River Hall, Aug. 7th. 8-4-2i

**Show — Morell Tuesday. 8-5-2i.

**Annual United Church Tea at York, August 23. 8-5-1i

**Ice Cream and Dance, Corran Bann Monday, August 7th. 8-5-1i.

**Show, Mt. Stewart, Saturday. Show 8 and 10 P. M. 8-3-3i.

**Dance, Kinkora Hall, Monday, August 7th. Refreshments. 8-2-2i.

**Ice cream and dance in Alberry Plains hall Tuesday, August 8. 8-5-2i

**Ice Cream Festival and Dance, Fanning Brook School, August 7th. Webster's Orchestra. 8-5-1i.

**Reserve August 23rd, Chicken Supper and Dance, Corran Bann. 8-5-1i.

**Ice cream social, sandwiches and tea in Graham's Road Hall Wednesday, Aug. 9. Dancing 9 to 1. 8-5-2i

**Unloading car of Oats, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday forenoons only. Lorne Coles, Milton. 8-5-2i.

Has Counterfeit Gas Coupons

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 4 —(CP) — In the second case of its kind within a week, LAC. T. C. Wallace, stationed here, was fined $100 today after he pleaded guilty to charges of possessing counterfeit gasoline coupons and loose coupons. The airman's counsel said Wallace had obtained the coupons in Montreal and had purchased more by mail since returning to Moncton.

Victory Loan Drive In Oct.

OTTAWA, Aug. 4 — (CP) —Regardless of the date of a general election a Victory Loan campaign will be necessary in October, Finance Minister Ilsley told the House of Commons today.

He was answering a question from Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House leader.

"I don't think we can escape a Victory Loan in October, whatever happens," said Mr. Ilsley.

Mr. Graydon said many people were wondering whether there would be an election campaign and a loan campaign going on at the same time.

Heat Wave Breaks Record In N. Y.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 — (AP) — When the temperature reached 96.3 degrees at 4:15 P. M. today two records were broken. The 96.3-degree mark, the weather bureau reported, was an all-time high for New York City for Aug. 4 and the highest temperature recorded here this year.

98 AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Aug. 4 — (CP) — Temperatures climbed to an unofficial 98 in the shade in this torrid capital today as a sweltering heat wave went into its fourth day. The latest weather forecast for tomorrow was "becoming cooler."

A number of government departments closed early.

No Change In Cost Of Living

OTTAWA, Aug. 4—(CP) — The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today its official cost-of-living index, calculated on the basis that 1935-1939 equals 100, stood at 119.0 at July 1, unchanged from June 1 and leaving the wartime increase still at 18.1 per cent.

BARNS BURNED

CHATHAM, N.B., Aug. 4—(CP) Two barns and a hennery owned by William A. McGrath at Barnaby River were struck by lightning and destroyed Wednesday night. The loss, including hay, farm machinery, harness and a cow, was estimated at $5,000.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Rampaging across the base of the Breton peninsula at express speed American armored forces may bring about its isolation by the week-end.

That the Brittany break-through has thrown the Nazi defence organization in France into confusion cannot be doubted. Roving almost at will, several powerful and largely self-contained American columns including truck-borne infantry and self-propelled heavy field guns are loose far in the enemy rear. They have broken into the vast Loire Valley manoeuvre ground as well as virtually lopped off the Breton foreland to convert it into a death trap for the indicated small force of German garrison troops caught there.

Given fuel and ammunition to keep going that American force could go far to bring the battle of France itself to a quick issue.

It is not impossible that sea-borne convoys of reinforcements and supplies are already waiting somewhere off the mouth of the Loire to pour their cargoes ashore.

There is no authoritative intimation of Allied plans to exploit the glittering opportunity presented to throw the enemy back behind the Seine by a first surge up the Loire. What is clear is that the foe has been desperately moving forces from south of Caen in the Orne-Vire sector westward in hope of stemming the Allied tide.

That is reported by front line observers but it is too late. The only German alternative short of throwing into action in France heavy forces that obviously are not available to the Nazi high command there is a sweeping retreat. Overnight, virtually the invaders' grip on the whole Seine-Loire bounded segment of northwestern France, his hold on Paris itself has been badly shaken.

The blow fell in the west for Hitler, too, before his effort to purge his own military house at home and in the field of disaffected high-ranking commanders at whose hands he narrowly escaped death was complete. There can be small doubt that east, west and south alike German field forces are seething internally with suspicion and recriminations, almost as much in fear of Nazi vengeance as of Russia and Allied power strokes they have nowhere been able to beat back or evade.

Reds Expand Vistula River Break-Through

LONDON, Aug. 4 —(CP)—Russian troops in a spectacular 27-mile break-through behind the enemy's shattered Vistula River defences today swept southward to within 37 miles of Krakow, Poland's fifth city and last big German stronghold barring the invasion road into Germany itself.

Soviet tanks rolling across open plain country in great strength now were only 77 miles from German Silesia, moving westward and southwestward from a Vistula river bridgehead which has been expanded quickly to a width of 40 miles in two days

Inside besieged Warsaw, nearly 150 miles to the north, Polish Patriots were reported to have seized the heart of the city in a battle against German tank units, while Marshal Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian army was locked in a fierce struggle just east of the Polish capital.

Germany's sprawling and weakened forces were threatened with rising disaster all along a 1,000-mile front from the Baltic Sea to the Carpathian mountains. Moscow said hundreds of enemy troops were surrendering daily. Thousands were being killed daily in every key sector, official dispatches said.

Optimistic Over Polish Situation

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 — (AP) — Foreign missions regarded the Polish diplomatic situation with reserved optimism today after the Premier of the Polish Government in London held a long conference with Premier Marshal Stalin, who had severed relations with the administration 15 months ago.

Premier Stanislaw Mikolojczyk, who came here from London, was preparing for discussions with the rival and Soviet-supported Polish committee of national liberation as the next logical step following his conversation with Stalin last night.

Million Dollar Fire At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Aug. 4 — (CP) —A spectacular $1,000,000 fire of unknown origin swept through Lansdowne district military depot here today, destroying valuable military equipment and vehicles and the machinery building of the Central Canada Exhibition, used for the last four years by the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

An army court of inquiry began investigating the blaze this afternoon but there was no immediate announcement of its findings. An earlier army statement said the fire destroyed the headquarters of transport company of the R. C. A. S. C. and confirmed that there were no seriously injured or dead in the fire.

Exploding gasoline drums awakened residents within a mile of the park, just off the Driveway, as the fire got under way shortly after 6 A. M. It was extinguished about three hours later.

Pte. H. Yates Wounded In Action

Pte. Harrison Yates, who is serving with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders was wounded in action in France on July 26, his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Yates who lives at 207 King Street has been informed.

Pte. Yates went overseas in October, 1942. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yates of Bedford, P. E. I.

To Erect Buildings For Veterans In N. B.

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 4 —(CP) — C. W. Pickard, manager of the Veterans Land Act office here, today announced plans for a building program in Eastern New Brunswick, where some properties already have been purchased.

Purchases include farms for soldiers who came from farms before enlistment, housing sites in suburban areas near employment centres and property along coasts where men may engage in commercial fishing when not farming. These properties will be reserved for men at present overseas.

Heavy Bombers Raid Secret Weapon Base

LONDON, Aug. 4—(AP)— Robot bases in the Pas De Calais area were hit again today by R.A.F. heavy bombers while more than 1,200 American heavies carried out a smashing attack on the Germans' "secret weapon" experimental laboratories at Peenemunde, on the Baltic coast 100 miles north of Berlin.

The R.A.F. also attacked supply depots at L'Isle Adam and Trossy St. Maximim, north of Paris, in an indirect blow at the flying bomb system. Four R.A.F. bombers were lost although they were heavily escorted by fighters.

In the Peenemunde blow the American bombers had protection from close to 1,000 fighters, for the target is a notorious "hot spot" jealously guarded by the Germans.

Montreal Transport Strike Continues

MONTREAL, Aug. 4 — (CP) — Montreal passed quietly through its second tram-less, bus-less day today with Montreal tramways and the Canadian Brotherhood of railway employees (C.C.L.) stalemated on a union shop issue and Montreal residents doing their best to ignore both sides by getting about their business as best they could.

As the day ended without any indications that a settlement was any nearer than when the strike started, Montrealers had before them two appeals from the union to urge Labor Minister Mitchell to decide the question by getting a legal ruling on the position of a union shop clause in the eyes of the law.

B. C. Problem Is National Worry Now

OTTAWA, Aug. 4 — (C P) — British Columbia's long-standing Japanese problem became a national problem today as Prime Minister MacKenzie King announced in the Commons the government's post-war plan for dealing with Canadians of Japanese origin.

The plan involves:—

1. Exclusion of Japanese immigration;

2. An investigation to determine which persons of Japanese origin now in Canada are loyal and which are disloyal;

3. Transportation to Japan of all found to be disloyal and any others who wish to leave;

4 Dispersal of those who are loyal and wish to remain throughout Canada with safeguards against their concentration in any one area.

Mr. King said the policy to be followed was a "continental policy" and would have regard to what was being done in the United States although the policies in the two countries need not necessarily be identical.

Mr. King made his policy announcement during a discussion of external affairs estimates. It was based, he said, on a consideration of the paramount interests of the nation and justice to the Japanese who, on the whole, had been loyal to Canada during the war. No Canadian citizen of Japanese origin had been charged with any act of sabotage or disloyalty.

Canadian Officers For India, Australia

OTTAWA, 4 Aug. 4—(CP) —Between 400 and 500 officers and other ranks of the Canadian army, to be drawn from units now training in Canada, will be sent to India and Australia in the near future, defence headquarters announced today.

The unit destined for India will include mainly technical personnel and will total between 300 and 400 other ranks. The announcement said they will serve with the Indian army "for the time being."

The detachment going to Australia will be employed in the operation of special equipment in the south-west Pacific theatre. All highly trained technicians, they will serve "for the present" with the Australian army.

Transit Workers In Philadelphia In Defiant Mood

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4 —(AP) — Philadelphia's transit strikers, some shouting defiance resisted the army today in its efforts to restore a full transportation service, and policemen — at the War Department's request — rode the few moving trains and trolleys to protect operators against threatened violence.

The strikers' general committee voted late today to continue the four-day-old work stoppage.

Maj.-Gen. Philip Hayes, who seized the lines last night on President Roosevelt's orders, said persons with apparent enemy sympathies were preventing resumption of service.

Bands of strikers had dissuaded many workers from returning to their jobs.

War plants in this second largest arsenal of the United States reported absenteeism at about 10 per cent as thousands again walked, hitch-hiked or rode employer-provided trucks to get to work.

Race disorders — common earlier in the walkout — subsided.

The strikers' attitude, as expressed in various leaders' statements, was that they would return only when assured that Negroes would not be given operating jobs on the lines.

The stoppage began in protest against a War Manpower Commission order requiring the Philadelphia Transportation Company to upgrade Negroes to operative work.

Attorney General Francis Biddle in Washington ordered an immediate investigation to determine whether Federal law had been violated by the walkout.

Bulgaria Worried

LONDON, Aug. 4 — (CP) — The Nazi satellite of Bulgaria—shaken by Turkey's break with Germany—is reshuffling her cabinet and interior administration, the Swiss Radio said today.

Nazis Seek To Hold British 2nd Army

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 4 — (CP) — As American columns spread swiftly into the port-studded Brittany Peninsula tonight, battered German forces on the vital central sector of the Normandy front threw holding counter-attacks against the British 2nd Army in what might be an attempt to cover a general German withdrawal.

British tanks were reported inching their way into Villers-Bocage at the tip of the German salient southwest of Caen, but south of Villers-Bocage the Germans sought to fight off entrapment by forcing British units from villages just west of Aunay. A German retreat from Villers-Bocage seemed imminent.

Sweeping Allied gains continued to be made in the southwestern area with the Americans approaching to within 75 miles of the port of Brest while comrades drove south to within 35 miles of the Loire River port of Nantes.

Also significant was the lack of German resistance encountered by American forces hitting out southeast from Avranches, at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula, to the plains that lead toward Paris and the heart of France.

New Headache for Enemy

If Field Marshal Gen. Guenther Von Kluge knew where he was going to set up a new line, he was given another headache today when heavy bombers pounded Pas De Calais coastal batteries and what was described as "defended areas" for the first time since 48 hours before the invasion.

The enemy's ranks—thinned by 200,000 casualties since D-day, or one-half the force they originally had in Normandy—were folding everywhere except along the 35-mile stretch from Vire to Caen, and even these positions were menaced by three columns threatening to pin them against the Orne River.

In the face of this peril, the Germans were reported withdrawing southeastward from pivotal Villers-Bocage, retiring under cover of counter-attacks that drove the Allies from the villages of La Lande and St. George-D'Aunay on the south.

This stand was made at the expense of tanks drawn by the Germans from the critical sector south of Caen, and even here they were under constant pressure from Canadians threatening to break out on the road to Paris.

A great flood of equipment was being poured down the coastal corridor the Americans have driven into the Brittany peninsula and advance tank units were reported moving so fast they were a good 24 hours ahead of the meagre official reports. Close behind the tanks came endless columns of trucks bearing infantry.

U. S. Moves To Halt Drift From War To Peace-Time Jobs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—(CP)— To gain the last ounce of production needed to finish an enemy whose "knees are buckling," James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, today ordered rigid employment ceilings on civilian plants in 181 labor scarcity areas.

Byrnes appealed to the press and the radio to help the government stop an exodus from war plants which threatens to aggravate a small but critical shortage in certain lines of essential production. He called correspondents to a special conference and announced a new directive to keep war workers on the job and fill up the shortages.

Aim of the new move was two-fold: To free excess workers for war jobs, and to dry up civilian job openings for workers now tending to drift away from war industry.

Local groups, the manpower priority committees which exist in all shortage areas, will fix the ceilings for individual plants.

To insure compliance, Mr. Byrnes directed that the war agencies use war powers never before employed for manpower purposes—the choking-off of materials, equipment, fuel, power or transportation from an employer who exceeds his labor quota.

And in a drastic move to prevent any increase of civilian production which would hurt vital production, he gave the war manpower commission a flat veto over any reconversion action by the war production board which in the W. M.C.'S estimation would divert workers from war plants.

Would Make Monty Governor General

OTTAWA, Aug. 4—(CP)—T. L. Church, Progressive Conservative member for Toronto Broadview constituency, said today in the Commons he would like to see Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery commander of the Allied ground forces in Normandy, appointed Governor General of Canada.

During an external affairs debate, he suggested Canada should give some recognition to the achievements of great generals "who in this war have done so much to save civilization."

Germans Retreat Across Arno River In Florence

ROME, Aug. 4 — (AP) — British 8th Army troops hammered through the last German defences before the great Tuscan art centre of Florence today and sent patrols stabbing into the heart of the historic city as far as the Arno river, beyond which the Nazis had withdrawn after destroying five or six bridges spanning the wide stream.

After yesterday's concerted advance by British, New Zealand and South African troops of the 8th Army south and southwest of Florence, South African units crashed into the outskirts early today and sent patrols probing to the river bank. There was no indication they encountered resistance within the city.

The only bridge spared by the Nazis was the historic Ponte Vecchio —"Old Bridge" which they blocked effectively by demolishing houses at both ends. The bridge, regarded as a priceless example of Tuscan building, is lined on either side with craftsmen's shops and is familiar to thousands of tourists from all over the world.

Incensed at the destruction of the bridges of the city after the Nazis had declared it open, Allied headquarters issued an official statement saying:

"The enemy has taken advantage of the situation, knowing full well that our undisputed air power could not be used to destroy the bridges in Florence behind him (while the Germans still were on the south bank of the Arno) without damage to architectural buildings of the city."

Florence's defences collapsed only after weeks of bitter fighting in the hills to the south and southwest. It was announced that the 8th Army had captured 5,000 prisoners in the last 24 days, bringing the total to 12,000 since the start of the present offensive on May 11, and that the enemy's losses in killed and wounded had been very high.

Announce Results Of Experimentation In Test Tube Babies

By Howard W Blakeslee

Associated Press Science Editor

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 — (AP) — The first artificial fertilization of human ova, (eggs) in a glass test tube, entirely outside the bodies of the mothers and fathers, was announced today in the Journal Science.

Although this is technically the first actual step in test tube babies which for years have been rumored in laboratories, the experiments indicate absolutely no way to produce babies artificially.

They are a medical study of the primary steps in human conception. Two of these human eggs divided, each into two cells, and a third divided further into three cells.

These early steps are impossible to observe in life. The test-tube technique makes them visible for the first time. Everything in this study was done under the eye of a microscope, with photographic attachments which made permanent records.

One special purpose of the study was to get information on the problem of human sterility.

The work is reported by John Rock and Miriam F. Menkin of the department of Gynecology, Harvard Medical School, and the Fertility Clinic Laboratory, Free Hospital for women Brookline, Mass.

The human ova were obtained from women in their thirties, during surgical operations in which finding and recovery of these eggs was a by-product. The Harvard scientists worked six years before they were able successfully to initiate the first steps in conception.

One of the early difficulties was keeping the human eggs alive long enough. Numerous techniques were tried. One that worked well was keeping them in serum taken from

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Flying Officer L. W. MacFarlane of 75 Summer St., Summerside, P.E.I. 21 year old pilot in a RAF Mitchell medium bomber squadron of the AEAF who has undertaken 13 operational sorties including night mission over the battle front in France. (RCAF Photo).

Score Five To One Against U-Boats

OTTAWA, Aug. 4—(CP) —Since the beginning of this war, the number of submarines sunk in the North Atlantic has been at least five times the number of Allied merchant ships lost by enemy action, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said today in the Commons

The U-boat menace might never disappear during the war, but a heavy toll of them was being taken by the combined resources of escort vessels, carrier-based aircraft and land-based aircraft.

High tide this morning at 11.4 and tonight at 1.

Sun sets this evening at 8.22 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.50.

Last quarter moon August 10th 11.52 P. M.

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