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## HITLER BLAMES OFFICERS FOR PLOT

### Unprecedented Shakeup In Tokyo Says Attempt Made To Repeat 1918

#### 5 Nazi Divisions Are Badly Mauled

**ALLIED SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS, July 20 (CP)—**British tanks and infantry smashed into the stronghold of Troarn eight miles east of Caen, and threatened to cut it off from the south tonight in a vicious fluid fighting that has badly mauled five of 18 German divisions blocking the road to Paris.

Other British and Canadian formations fanned out southeast and south of Caen along the high-ways running to Vimont and Falaise, in a series of drives aimed at the heart of France.

During this third day of the offensive launched from the long-held salient east of the Orne River, British forces first seized the railway station of Troarn, and then the town itself, and the St. Pierre and high ground less than a mile south of Troarn.

It was not yet clear whether Nazi Marshal Rommel was ready to risk a major battle on the southern front, or whether he would withdraw toward the west coast.

Other places seized by the Canadians include Cornolles, one mile southeast of Vaucelles, 1 1/2 miles south of Vaucelles, and a 1-2 mile east and south of Fleury sur Orne, which fell to the Canadians earlier.

#### War Situation Last Night

**By Kirk L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst**

Bright with distant promise of victory as is the war news from seething fighting fronts on both sides of the world, even nearer and more glittering possibilities have been opened before the eyes of the United Nations fellowship.

There is plain evidence that defeat is gnawing at both ends of the Nazi-Japanese war Axis. It can be read in the fall of the Tojo war cabinet in Japan. It underscores Berlin disclosures that a bruised and burned Hitler had narrowly escaped death while admitted his hand-picked inner circle corps of personal military and naval aides.

Just what those far-separated events foreshadow for the reeling Axis makes cannot yet be defined certainly. But that each is symptomatic of sagging war morale in Germany and Japan alike is axiomatic. The clearly indicate rising dissent within both, hint at impending internal break-downs which could hasten the day of Axis doom.

Tojo's fall unquestionably stemmed directly from sharp internal disagreement within the innermost circle of Japanese military leadership over a strategy. It was an admission of defeat that called for at least an appearance of political harikiri by the man who had led Japan into the war, and all his closest associates.

Efforts of babbling Japanese home-front broadsheets to cover up the votes compared with the fall of Tojo is self-evident of a drastic split on war policies between the army and navy wings of the militarist junta that rule Japan that a double-headed team of Premiers, one an Admiral, the other a General, replaced the fallen war lord.

Whatever the motivation the fall of Tojo is evidence that Japan no less than Germany is sensing impending doom.

The unexplained attack that struck Hitler is no less a symptom that there is growing up in Germany a desire for vengeance on the man responsible.

#### 10 Important Enemy Targets Are Bombed

**LONDON, July 20 (AP)—**Nearly 3,000 American warplanes smashed into Germany from Britain and Italy for the third straight day last night, hitting at least 10 important objectives in the Leipzig, Munich and Friedrichshafen areas, rounding out the greatest massed air assault ever mounted against the enemy.

Close to 5,000 tons of explosives were hurled down on vital war targets in today's two-direction attacks, bringing to about 35,000 tons the total bombweight rained on the German homeland since the gigantic daylight raiders since the dawn of the daylight offensive began 10 days ago.

A Major Offensive

Describing the assault which began July 11, an Air Officer at Allied Supreme Headquarters said it was a major offensive, greater than that which dealt the Luftwaffe a staggering blow in February this year, when the smashing of German aircraft factories and the slaughter of Nazi fighter planes in the air ensured Allied air superiority over the beaches on D-Day.

The weather over Normandy continued bad today, but Allied fighter-bombers and night bombers ranging to the south and east and hit transport targets.

Weather Is Bad

Despite miserable weather which made it difficult to observe bombing results, medium bombers struck another blow at Rommel's dwindling fuel and ammunition stores by attacking an important supply dump in Senones forest, 20 miles southwest of Dreux. All mediums returned.

Since July 11 the U. S. 8th and 15th Air Forces have sent 6,000 heavy bombers and 3,000 escorting fighters roaring against Germany in 10 separate attacks on scores of vital military and industrial targets.

Describing the major daylight offensive, an Air Officer at Allied Supreme Headquarters disclosed that 8,000 planes, including 5,000 heavy bombers were sent against Germany in the past five days.

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**LONDON, July 20 (AP)—** Adolf Hitler appeared on the German radio tonight and announced to his people that a group of German army officers preparing Germany for defeat as in 1918 had attempted to assassinate him but he had survived the attempt "unharmful and well."

Hitler took the air to reassure the German public after it had been announced officially that he was slightly burned and bruised in the explosion of a bomb while many of his highest advisors were gathered around him.

Thirteen members of Hitler's personal military staff were injured, one of them fatally, he disclosed.

Hitler declared dramatically that the officers responsible for the assassination attempt "wanted to prepare for Germany the same fate as in 1918, but they have made a big mistake."

"All criminal elements will be ruthlessly exterminated," he added.

"A small clique of ambitious and stupid German officers made a plot to eliminate me and with me the state," Hitler declared in his address, which lasted for six minutes.

He said that the bomb, which exploded but two yards to his right, was planted by a Count Von Stauffenberg.

Hitler's revelation apparently was pointed out as the "spark" which set off a reported fracas at Currie Barracks, Calgary, Tuesday, in which general service men and home-defense draftees brandished rifles and bayonets. The tune is "Clemence."

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#### Canadians Advance In Rainstorm

**By ROSS MUNRO**

WITH THE CANADIANS SOUTH OF VAUCELLES, July 20 (CP)—Canadian formations made new advances today over the muddy slopes east of the Orne River and fought their way forward into the area around St. Andre sur Orne, five miles south of Vaucelles.

Canadian formations captured Hill 67 three miles south of Vaucelles, Caen's industrial suburb on the east bank of the Orne. Infantry with tank support carried out the attack on this dominating height following a heavy Canadian artillery barrage.

Other places seized by the Canadians include Cornolles, one mile southeast of Vaucelles, 1 1/2 miles south of Vaucelles, and a 1-2 mile east and south of Fleury sur Orne, which fell to the Canadians earlier.

#### Army And Navy Men Chosen To Lead Nippon

**NEW YORK, July 20 (AP)—**Emperor Hirohito in an unprecedented manoeuvre apparently designed to strengthen Japan's military rule today named a general and an admiral jointly to form a new government in succession to that of the fallen, Hideo Tojo.

The two chosen as "co-premiers," Gen. Kuniaki Koiso, Governor-General of Korea, and Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, who was premier in 1940 both have been considered outstanding proponents of Japanese expansion, and the official Japanese news agency Domei said their task would be to strengthen the war effort of the Japanese people, apparently weakened by the series of recent defeats at the hands of the United States.

In broadcasts from Tokyo recorded by the Associated Press and the Federal Communications Commission, Koiso said:

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#### Roosevelt Accepts 4th Term Nomination

**CHICAGO, July 20 (AP)—**The Democratic National Convention tonight handed a fourth Presidential nomination to Franklin D. Roosevelt on one ballot which gave Mr. Roosevelt 1,096 delegates.

Harry F. Byrd, and one vote for James A. Farley, who engineered two elections for the President but balked at a third term.

The Byrd support came mostly from southern delegates who had objected to some of the convention's actions.

Still undecided, as the convention settled back to wait for a radio acceptance speech from Mr. Roosevelt was the choice of a run-around to enter the arena with him against the Dewey-Bricker Republican ticket.

A Pacific Coast Naval Base, July 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt tonight accepted a precedent-smoothing fourth nomination for President with the prediction that another four years will find the world at permanent peace and declared:

"New hands will then have full opportunity to realize the ideals which we seek."

#### Navy Awards Announced

**OTTAWA, July 20 (CP)—**The navy announced today nine awards—including two Distinguished Service Crosses—to officers and men of the Canadian Frigate Waskesiu for "good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine."

The sinking of the U-boat, which occurred last winter in the North Atlantic, has been announced previously.

The Awards:—

Distinguished Service Cross

Lt. Cmdr. James P. Fraser of (29 Flank St.) Halifax and North Sydney, N.S., who took over command of the Waskesiu a few days before the action.

Lt. J. H. Lincoln of Calgary, executive officer of the Waskesiu.

Distinguished Service Medal

AB. Thomas H. Richard of Port Arthur, Ont.

AB. John Stenphenson of Toronto.

AB. B.M. Stoner of Brantford, Ont.

#### Find Woman Guilty Of Manslaughter

**SYDNEY, N.S., July 19 (CP)—**A Supreme Court jury here today found Mrs. Elizabeth Keegan, 37, guilty of manslaughter and a jury acquitted John Keegan, 37, of the same charge in connection with the same case.

The charge arose out of the death last February of Marcella Keegan, four-year-old daughter of Mrs. Keegan. The child was found dead in the Keegan home at nearby Frisars of with bruises and burns about the body and an autopsy it was stated a hemorrhage of the brain contributed to the death of the youngster.

#### Agricultural Estimates Are Before Commons

**OTTAWA, July 20 (CP)—**Several opposition members in the Commons today praised the Federal Government's Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act and urged that its provisions be extended to the whole of Canada.

J. W. Burton (CCF—Humboldt) and John Diefenbaker (PC—Lake Centre) led those who urged extension of the Act during a day in which examination of the civil estimates of the Agricultural Department was completed.

"Now is the time to make preparations not only for the rewording and rewriting of the Act, but also to plan so that as soon as the war is over we may begin on a program calling for an expenditure of at least \$100,000,000 in each of a few years following the war," said Mr. Burton.

This experience gained by operating under the Act in the drought areas of the Prairies would be of great benefit to all farming communities in Canada.

Provisions of the Act could be used to aid in the recovery of lands in the Maritime Provinces.

For the purposes of the Act, the country could be divided into three zones: one for the Atlantic, one for Central Canada and one for the western Provinces, all working under an administrative head.

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#### Comments On Mount St. Bruno Blast

**OTTAWA, July 20 (CP)—**Defence Minister Ralston said today in the Commons that so far it has not been possible to determine definitely if the explosion at Mount St. Bruno, Que., July 6 was due to a defective mortar or ammunition, although a military court inquiry had laid the cause of the accident to a defect in a mortar bomb.

"It was impossible to establish conclusively from the fragments of the bomb which exploded that the bomb which exploded was defective," said Col. Ralston.

Evidence indicated that the explosion, which took the lives of 12 army personnel, was not due to any defect in the mortar itself or to improper technique on the part of the crew loading the mortar.

"The elimination of these two possible causes of the explosion supports the conclusion that the cause was a defective bomb and the court so found," he said.

#### Forest Fires Break Out In Halifax Area

**HALIFAX, July 20 (CP)—**Forest fires broke out again in the Halifax area today as provincial firefighters battled under-dry in the summer heat. Several houses are threatened on Oakland Point, near St. Margaret's Bay, 20 miles from here where fires started in surrounding woods.

Another fire, reported under control Wednesday night, broke out again today on the Herring Cove Road, near Halifax.

#### Yank Navy Bombers Raid Bonin Islands

**WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—**Big navy bombers, presumably flying north from Saipan, attacked the Bonin Islands only 632 miles from Tokyo Tuesday, United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters reported today.

The attack was the first by land-based bombers on the Bonin group, which is well within the inner defenses of Japan.

The heavy bombers flew in at low level to strafe and bomb Chichi Jima and Haha Jima. They left 11 enemy seaplanes wrecked, four coastal vessels in flames, a small cargo ship sunk and several fires blazing among enemy sea plane base installations.

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#### COMING EVENTS

- Show—Mt. Stewart Saturday Shows 8-10.
- Reserve August 2nd for Chicks n Supper at Wood Island Mans.
- Dance in French River Hall, Friday evening, July 21st.
- Collecting hogs for Davis & Fraser Friday, July 21st at Albany and Emerald. G. C. Green.
- Unloading car of Bulk Wheat Thursday and Friday. N. Aubrey Cutcliffe, Fredericton.
- Reserve September 12th and 13th for Chicken Supper and Banquet at Ruscoe Hall.
- Come to Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico, Friday 8.30 p. m., to see the Holy Redeemer Players in the biggest show of the season. 7-20-21.
- The Cornwall Young People's Society will present their Service of Song and Story in New Dominion United Church on Sunday evening the twenty-third at eight p. m.
- King William L. O. L. 1166. Kingdon will hold their annual parade and church service July 23rd at 3 p. m. Sister Lodges are cordially invited. Rev. Harvey Bishop will be the speaker. 7-21-11

#### Russians Only Two-Hour March From E. Prussia

**LONDON, July 20 (AP)—**Russian troops smashing 20 miles through German lines in the eighth major offensive in 26 days reached the central Bug river tonight only 50 miles from the big city of Lwow in the heart of Poland, and in the north other Soviet forces were only a two-hour march from German east Prussia.

Red Army troops for the first time in the war appeared ready to burst onto the soil of Germany proper in East Prussia, a Moscow dispatch said "a serious panic" had developed.

South of the new front, which exploded west of Kowel, other flying Russian columns broke into the plains beyond by-passed Lwow and captured the rail junction of Rawka. Only 200 miles from German Silesia and but 83 miles from the last natural German defence line along the Wisla (Vistula) River, Premier-Marshall Stalin announced in one of two orders of the day,

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#### Give Information Re Petawawa Disturbances

**OTTAWA, July 20 (CP)—**Defence Minister Ralston, correcting information he had previously given the Commons on disturbances at Petawawa Military Camp, today gave details of a court of inquiry which disclosed that in three scuffles large crowds of up to 200 soldiers gathered.

He told the Commons that while large crowds were involved there were few actual combatants and the total damages were a bloody nose and a broken door panel.

Cause of the disputes seemed to involve singing in French, the relative merits of general service and home defence troops and personal matters.

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#### Prisoner Starts Fire In Nova Scotia Jail

**HALIFAX, July 20 (CP)—**A prisoner in Halifax County Jail was overcome tonight by smoke from a fire he started in a pile of mattresses and 15 other prisoners were endangered before the blaze was discovered and extinguished by city police and firemen.

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High tide this noon at 12:00 and tonight at 1:00.  
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11:30 a.m.; 8 p.m.  
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6:45 p.m.; 8:40 p.m.

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.  
Arrive Charlottetown 5:45 p.m.  
Charlottetown — New Glasgow  
(Daily except Sunday)  
Leave Charlottetown 1 p.m.  
Arrive Charlottetown 5:30 p.m.

**P. E. I. — N. S. FERRY SERVICE**

Leave Wood Islands—7:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.  
Leave Charlottetown—9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.