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AMERICAN SMASHES VICHY FRENCH IN VICTORY

Armistice Is Smashed By Hitler Move

Hitler Says His Move Made To Forestall Allied Invasion

LONDON. — (AP) — German armies rolled across hitherto unoccupied Southern France toward the Mediterranean no man's land today as Adolf Hitler tore up his two and a half year armistice with Marshal Petain and twisted France's future in the war into an explosive question mark.

Even as grey-clad Nazi columns raced toward the ports of Toulon and Marseille, other Axis troops were declared to have landed by parachute and transport plane in Tunisia, and a test with speedily-consolidated American forces in Algeria and Morocco was imminent.

Reports from Vichy declared that France's aged Marshal had said the German action invalidated the 1940 armistice (which could return undefended France to a technical state of war with the Axis), and that he would make no move to interfere with whatever resistance the French could put up.

If those were his words, they might let down the last barriers of that personal loyalty to him which had kept French fighting forces in Africa and France's naval squadrons in the Mediterranean from swinging back to the Allied cause. Vichy broadcasts said the French fleet was still at Toulon.

Petain's exact stand was unclear. Vichy broadcasts said he remained in his provisional capital as late as 3 P. M., conferring with his lieutenants and with Pierre Laval, his chief of government, who returned to Vichy presumably from a reported conference with Hitler and Mussolini.

Other reports reaching the French frontier suggested variously that he had left Vichy, French African commander long regarded as an Allied sympathizer, and that he had elected to stay where he was—a virtual prisoner of state.

German broadcasts said Petain was still in their power, whether or not his friend, the Berlin radio said that he remained in Vichy and that his objection to the German move was "only a remonstrance" — not a formal protest.

ITALIAN TROOPS FOLLOW
Benito Mussolini followed his Nazi ally's lead and sent his troops across the armistice demarcation line late today.

The Vichy radio announced that Italian troops had reached Chambery, 40 miles southeast of Lyon, and had taken "rigorous measures to ensure order."

Italsians also were said to have reached Nice on the Riviera coast by mid-afternoon.

Vichy broadcasts said German troops were expected to reach Marseille about evening, and that German planes had dropped thousands of copies of Hitler's proclamation to the French people in the Clermont-Ferrand region.

Under terms of the Complete Paris armistice were violated by Hitler's order for a sweep by Nazi troops through unoccupied France, and Marshal Petain protested quickly to German Field Marshal Kert Rudolf Gerd Von Rundstedt. A Vichy radio broadcast appealed to the French people to rally behind the Marshal.

Hitler declared "we have known for 24 hours" that landing operations against Corsica and Southern France were planned by the Allies, who have won Algiers and Oran.

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Petain Said To Have Set French Free To Fight

Bitter Against German Invasion

ON THE FRENCH FRONTIER. — (AP) — Marshal Petain bitterly accused Adolf Hitler of breaking the 1940 French-German armistice by sending German troops into the former unoccupied zone today and Vichy reports said the aged Chief of State had set France free to defend herself against this latest Axis aggression.

"I protest solemnly against decisions incompatible with the armistice agreement," the 86-year-old marshal said in reply to Hitler's announcement that he was sending his armies swarming across Southern France on the pretext of heading off an Allied assault.

BLUNT CHARGE
Bluntly, Petain charged the Nazi Fuehrer with "suppressing the first assumptions and principles of the armistice" signed by conquered France on June 24, 1940, in Compiègne Forest.

It was in this same woodland setting that another, victorious France put her signature to an armistice 24 years ago today.

Despite Petain's bitter words, the Nazis quickly got their propaganda wheels in motion and described the Marshal's action as merely a "formal remonstrance."

A German radio quoted Petain as declaring "the letter which the Fuehrer addressed to me is not a letter written by an enemy but by a friend."

Including in this outpouring was a report that Petain had expressed appreciation for Hitler's attitude to permit removal of the Vichy Government to Versailles, and that he would consider the change "in due time."

Contrasting border advisers said Petain would remain in France as a citizen only, feeling that he had performed his task of guiding the nation as long as the armistice was in force. But, it was added, he would interfere in no way with the actions of the French.

LAVAI RETURN
Nava, French news agency, reported that Petain still was at his Vichy headquarters at 10:30 A. M. (3:30 P. M. Eastern War Time).

Pierre Laval, who had been mysteriously absent from Vichy, returned by plane and was received immediately by the Marshal.

A meeting of the Vichy Council of Ministers was summoned. Before, the French news agency said.

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NAZIS TAKE OVER ALL OF FRANCE — Hitler broke his armistice with Vichy today by sending his armies into Unoccupied France. Map shows the division of France after the Armistice.

Churchill Pledges European Invasion

Says Second Front To Be Opened Across Channel or North Sea

LONDON. — (AP) — A second front in Europe was promised by Prime Minister Churchill today, addressing Commons as the Germans overrun all of France.

"An attack will be made in due course across the channel or the North Sea," he declared.

Of the epochal events changing the whole military and political complexion of the war on two continents, even as he spoke, Churchill declared.

"Today news reaches us that Hitler has decided to overrun all of France, thus breaking the armistice which the Vichy Government had kept such pitiful and perverted fidelity to the horrible cost even of sacrificing their ships and sailors in firing on American rescue ships."

"They have been struck down by their German task masters," he declared. "Here is the moment when the Frenchmen should sink personal views and rivalries and think, as General DeGaulle is thinking, only of the liberation of their native land."

Churchill periodically gave rest. See INVASION on page 2

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Draft Bill Is Rushed

Quick Approval By Senate Expected

WASHINGTON. — Administration leaders expect swift Senate approval tomorrow of the "technical clause" which would have required a full year's training before a soldier under twenty could be sent abroad to fight.

"With a minimum of debate, the House should give its approval of the revised bill yesterday after a joint conference committee had eliminated the year's training amendment."

The general staff contained the proviso, inserted by the Senate, would prevent the most efficient use of the eighteen and nineteen-year-olds who would be subject to induction under the bill.

The Senate adopted the training provision on Oct. 24 by an eight-vote margin, 39 to 31, with 26 members either absent or not voting. With elections out of the way and popular enthusiasm aroused by American successes in North Africa.

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U. S. And Axis Forces Facing Tunisia Battle

French Colonies Capitulate Before Might of Allied Offensive

LONDON. — (AP) — Hostilities ceased at 7 A. M. (2 A. M. EWT) today in Morocco and Algeria. Vichy's resistance crushed by irresistible American and British strength inside four days, and highly mobile columns of armor whipped out rapidly toward French Tunisia—and the Axis in Libya beyond.

The surrender was made to Lieut-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's American Expeditionary Force.

Ahead lay the impending first major collision of United States and Axis strength on a battlefield of the second World War.

Both the Germans and Italians were reported rushing airplanes and manpower into Tunisia to block that doorway to Tripoli and the rear of Rommel's crushed fleeing army on the western desert.

Behind lay all of France's North African Empire, suddenly at peace, ready to be converted by the Allies into a great base for an invasion of what Prime Minister Churchill called the "soft under belly" of Axis Europe.

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British Pursuit Of Rommel Continues

Fight Axis Rearguard Units at Point 30 Miles From Border

CAIRO. — (AP) — The British Eighth Army, having driven most of what is left of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's army out of Egypt and into Libya, was engaged with Axis rearguard elements near Buqbuq, some 30 miles east of the frontier, yesterday after breaking up a previous rearguard stand at Sidi Barrani, the British announced today.

While the pursuit of Rommel continued and Allied aircraft bombed his hapless troop and transport concentrations near the frontier, other Allied armor engaged over the Mediterranean and scored two torpedo hits on an Italian cruiser.

The communiqué spoke of "enemy naval units" in the central Mediterranean, but did not indicate the strength of the formation or the direction in which it was headed.

The attack took place Monday night. The same night other bomber formations raided Italian airbases on the island of Sardinia, from which Italian bombers could operate against United States forces.

Allied fighter craft patrolled the air over Eastern Libya and engaged German fighters in a battle over the port of Tobruk, some 135 miles west of the Egyptian frontier.

Greater problems of the last few days was providing fighter plane bases in pace with the advancing army.

The tremendous task of collecting the thousands of prisoners left behind by Rommel on his headlong flight was proceeding and clean-up squads were pushing up abandoned equipment east of the field of battle.

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WEATHER

Nightly-colder tonight; with frost and freezing temperature.

Today's Temp.: H. 53; L. 36
Sunset Today: 6:21
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:55

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 8.

Store's Story

Specter Of Russian Cold Stalks Shivering Germans

(This is the seventeenth of a series of exclusive articles by Leland Stowe written about the nine days he has spent with the Red Army at the front.)

By LELAND STOWE
WITH THE RED ARMY ON THE RHINE FRONT. — For eleven winter soldiers have much to say about the Russian winter. Karl Decker of the 8th German Infantry Division, said to me. They showed me the Russian winter attack like last year. The morale of the German soldiers is not like it was last year. It is much lower and they all know how terrible the Russian winter will be.

The very large proportion of the Nazi prisoners on this front make

how their comrades, often inadequately clothed and shivering in the trenches and dugouts.

LEARN BITTER LESSON
In other words, Hitler's "conquering regions" have learned the bitter lesson that Napoleon's Grand Army once learned, and no speeches made by Der Fuehrer can make them forget these devastating lessons. But on the Russian side of the front, one encounters not the slightest dread of the day they look up his head. Where their Hitler is concerned, the Russians are Spartans and today they look upon Hitler as a mighty ally which every tender tends to equalize their strength with that of the once Hitler had, and they know

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U. S. Embassy Staff and Newsmen Leave Vichy
BERN, Switzerland. — (AP) — The staff of the United States Embassy and American newspapermen left Vichy this afternoon on a special train for Lourdes, in the Pyrenees, according to telephoned advice from Vichy. They are expected to be interviewed at Lourdes, and an exchange can be arranged.

A News Editorial

Now It Can Be Told

This time Britain's deadly cherub, Winston Churchill, deals not in rhetoric alone, but also in logistics. Doubled by friends and allies during the planning stage of the blow now being struck, he stands vindicated today. We consider his words in this Armistice Day to be the most concise, positive statement of the how, why and when of Allied strategy.

Though it is only a speech set in a glittering array of exciting new stories from the front, we recommend it to every reader for its frank discussion of our position and the promise of decisive

action to come. Now that he may, the Prime Minister speaks frankly of all the war, the disposition of forces, of Russia's part in the United Nations, of Germany's power to resist.

Today, as he says, it can be seen that he is not a man who needs to be prodded. He is, in company with President Roosevelt, plotting the aggressive course all the while. That the words of plaintive criticism be forgotten, and not repeated later, his speech deserves world-wide reading. He speaks not only for Britain, but for us all. Editors, Tex News.

Guide to Good Reading

COFFEE AND CHARACTER
Chinaman Daily King turns to coffee, an ever-present topic of conversation in the subject of today's "Coffee Everything." There is no proof that coffee makes you a better person, but it does make you a better person than you are.

PST, BUDDY.
HERE'S A TIP!
You scratch your head and you ask yourself if you should take or give points on this ball game. You don't know the inside line. You're in the hit one of those jargon-filled words that mean nothing.

You turn to the sports page and you see the completed word. You read it and you see the word. You read it and you see the word.

major college football team in the nation. You're not sure you know the word. You see the word. You read it and you see the word.

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