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## PAROLE RACKET REVEALS SBI Uncovers Parole Racket Ring Operating In State FEDS MENEGE 3000

**Says Ring Victimized Many People**  
**Governor Ordered Probe, Reveals Fake Names Used To Get Money**

RALEIGH—(AP)—Discovery of a parole racket ring that allegedly has victimized an undetermined number of State's prisoners, some of them in for long sentences, was announced today by the Governor's office.

An official announcement said that at least three men, whose names were given, were in prison and a fourth is being sought in a distant state.

A detailed description of the ring's activities was released after a thorough investigation, conducted by the parole office, which is a part of the Governor's office, and W. I. Gatling, special agent of the State Bureau of Investigation.

**RAF Armadas Hit Three Nazi Cities**  
**Main Force of British Attack Directed at Hannover Rubber Center**

LONDON—(AP)—Great Royal Air Force heavy bomber armadas struck three German cities tonight, concentrating on the rubber center of Hannover in the second attack in force on that city within a week, amid indications that it is due for the same destructive punches which leveled Hamburg.

The three-night night offensive also hit at the big German naval base of Bismarck, in a swift follow-up to the Flying Fortress attack yesterday when American bombers dropped a mixed load of high explosives, incendiaries and incendiaries.

Another RAF target was Brunswick.

Last night's attack was the eleventh heavy bombing delivered on Germany this month, and marked the first time that the RAF has bombed three cities in one night.

RAF action climaxed years of study by Congress and Government agencies that war companies sought the merger, after a long and hotly waged business battle.

**LAST STEP**

The approval order, last step needed for the machinery to be merged, contemplates a two-year integration period for the far flung holdings of each system to be shaken down to a money-making instead of a money-making machine.

The Commission found that in this case monopoly would be a good thing and that the "useless paralleling" of facilities and operations. It also would avoid "wasteful expenditure of resources and manpower" and on the whole would protect "the interests of the public."

The order was drawn by Chairman James L. Fly, Commissioners

**Continuing Retreat Of Nazis In Russia Stirs German Uneasiness**

By FRANK BRUTTO  
BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—The German public and the nation's German media are looking on with uneasiness at the German retreat in Russia.

There has been no attempt upon the part of Paul Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, to sugarcoat the seriousness of the situation on the Eastern front. The Nazi propaganda, however, called it a "strategic retreat" and a "tactical withdrawal" as they elaborated the theme that the fighting was continuing even in the rainy season because of technical improvements in both German and Russian equipment. NYA Dagbladet

**Key Points Endangered By Russian Army Forces**  
**Soviets Push On Dnepropetrovsk**

LONDON—(AP)—Three key cities of White Russia—Gomel, Mogilev and Vitebsk—were in danger from advancing Red Army forces today, while further south other Soviet columns continued their unrelenting pressure against Kiev, Kremenchuk, Dnepropetrovsk and Melitopol, springboard for a possible drive into the Crimea.

The last German Caucasian base of Terek was smashed yesterday, a Moscow war communiqué said, virtually sealing the fate of whatever Axis forces were left in the northwestern Caucasus. They faced certain capture or flight across the Kerch Strait to join the German garrisons in the Crimea.

Berlin broadcast said Terek was evacuated Sunday after military installations were destroyed.

Most sensational of the Soviet gains recorded yesterday was the capture of the city of Dnepropetrovsk, a savage hand-to-hand struggle across the river from the big steel and power city on the Dnieper River bend.

FIGHT TO LAST

Their backs to the broad Dnieper, the Nazis fought to the last. Remnants of their rear guard were hurled into the Dnieper as Red Army troops captured the suburb of Nizhnednepetrovsk and seized huge piles of abandoned war loot, the Russian communiqué said.

The Russians said they reclaimed 1,120 towns and villages—biggest one-day haul of the smashing Summer offensive—in yesterday's action on the Eastern front.

"Our troops," they were wailing, "are wiping out individual German groups, the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing."

Nearly 7,000 Nazi troops were reported killed on all sectors of the front, 2,000 falling in fierce fighting on the Dnieper. At 6,000 miles, north of Guelm, entire battalions were said to have been killed in battle around the city.

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**New Terror Reign Looms in Denmark**

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—A new reign of terror began in Denmark today as Gen. Kurt Dahlberg, ruthless troublemaker for Heinrich Himmler's Gestapo, took over control of the country from General Hermann von Hanneken, who had been military dictator since Aug. 29.

The Stockholm newspaper Dagbladet's first act was to start under the personal orders of Adolf Hitler, deportation of 1,000 Danish Jews.

A critical world-wide situation in Hitler and leather has developed, CRB said, owing chiefly to the United States' new policy of no exports to Germany.

Before the end of the month and to remain in England about four months, it is made known by the German press.

Carl Hanser, president of the General Shide and Leather Co. of Boston, Edwin B. George and Edward L. Drexel of the War Production Board, and A. B. Taitelsohn of the CPRI.

**20 U. S. Army Men Die In India Air Crash**

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Twenty U. S. Army officers and men were killed Tuesday in the crash of an Army transport plane near Calcutta. It was disclosed here today.

Lt. Marian Lowell of Alameda, Wash. pilot of an American transport which landed at Calcutta a short time after the crash, said he "never saw a more complete wreck of a plane than the one burning when I cut down."

**Inside Germany German Army Still Strong But Has Lost Its Mobility**

By EDWIN GHANKE  
STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Germany still is a great war power but the Army has lost its mobility, one of its greatest weapons, according to Arvid Fredberg, Swedish newspaper correspondent who returned home recently after two years in Berlin.

Fredberg, who represented the conservative Stockholm paper Svenska Dagbladet, has written a book "Behind the Steel Wall," in which he says there are many factors in the German military machine besides numbers of soldiers and quantities of equipment.

As he tells the story, when the lines become more and more organized, the Wehrmacht no longer can exploit inner lines to improve military positions.

**MEN IN HAND**

The German Army represents a powerful force, and while its spirit has grown worse its discipline is undiminished, German officers have the men in hand, and the German war power still is intact.

On the fighting front the number of Axis troops has been greatly reduced by heavy losses.

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**Mobile Force Races Through Nazi Defenses**

Clark's Troops Make Gains of From 2 to 5 Miles in Salerno Area

By WES GALLAGHER  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—A strong British mobile armored column has raced 25 miles through Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring's defenses and captured the great air base city of Foggia with its twelve satellite airfields.

Official reports disclosed the vanguard of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army troops entered the city at 3 P. M. yesterday, easily overcoming minor opposition.

At the same time Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's men of the Fifth Army registered gains of from two to five miles to the north in the Salerno area in the face of stubborn German resistance.

The Fifth Army captured the towns of Lioni and Castelluccio on the eastern flank of this line, which was held by American troops.

The historic city of Melfi also fell, and headquarters announced that the British troops plunged their way forward two miles.

**NAZI DIVISION WRECKED**

Some idea of the intense fighting encountered by the Fifth Army was given by prisoners of the German 14th Panzer Division who said their division had been virtually wiped out of action, with its losses exceeding 50 per cent.

(Today's German communiqué said the "pressure" of the Anglo-American offensive in Italy had been considerably increased with the landing of the British and American troops in the Salerno area. It added, "While all attacks were beaten back in the Salerno area our troops prepared themselves for the capture of Foggia and have retreated to prepared positions."

On the Eighth Army front "considerable casualties" were inflicted upon the Germans in the drive on the headquarters announced, but there were indications that German resistance was slight on the front.

From a strategic standpoint Foggia is perhaps the most important city captured in the Italian campaign to date.

It is a city of about 55,000 and possesses one of the best airbases in Italy.

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**Claims China Is Achilles Heel**

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—China says Senator Ralph O. Brewster, Republican, Maine, is the Achilles Heel of the United Nations.

"If the Japs take over China it will affect the whole war, and we know it," he adds. "If they take Kunming, where our air force is, there is no light left."

Brewster, member of a Senate Military Committee, has just returned from a 37,000-mile tour of China, India, and Burma.

A. C. Russell, Democrat, Kentucky, said that the "Achilles Heel" of the United Nations was China, and that the "Achilles Heel" of China was the United States.

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**Possible Hint Of Direction Of 1944 Invasion Campaigns Given**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A possible hint of the direction of next year's invasion campaigns was given today when Lt. Col. William H. Stairs, Jr. of the Army General Staff discussed the military and political situation in Europe.

Stairs, who is a member of the War Relocation Authority, said that the military situation in Europe was "very critical" and that the "Achilles Heel" of the Axis was the "lack of unity" among the Axis powers.

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