

ARTILLERY ENGAGED

Nazi-Held Baltic Port Under Siege

Flank Protecting Prussia Ripped

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW — (AP) — A storm of Russian artillery fire broke today on besieged Memel, German-held port on the Baltic, while to the southward the Soviet armies wheeled and hurled their full weight into a drive on the East Prussian fortress city of Tilsit.

The Great Baltic offensive of General Ivan G. Berezanin and Ivan Cherniakhovskiy, ripping apart the German coastal flank protecting the heart of the Reich, matched in spectacular success the sweep of General Rodion Malinovsky's forces into northern Hungary.

There, after cutting the railway retreat routes behind the German and Hungarian forces in the northern Transylvania salient, the Russian spearhead thrust into the outskirts of the Magyar military town of Debrecen, the center of the German advance on the looting front just behind the Russian forces within 50 miles of Budapest.

Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's northward drive across flat grazing country appeared aimed at the Rutenian highlands, where a junction of the main German and Hungarian forces was made with Col. Gen. Ivan Petrov's Fourth Ukrainian Army front on the Czechoslovak border.

The advance through country inhabited by Magyar cowboys and shepherds, at the same time, Malinovsky's southern wing crossed the Tisza River on a wide front in northern Yugoslavia and swung westward in an advance which outflanked Belgrade and endangered the third largest Yugoslav city of Subotica. Plans for 100,000 on the main Belgrade-Budapest axis.

Prospects were reported good for bottling up most of the enemy forces in Transylvania, under Marshal Ivan Konev, which Hungary took from Czechoslovakia. This would permit Malinovsky to strike at ancient Budapest from three sides.

Music Ban To Continue

CHICAGO — (AP) — Replying to President Roosevelt's request to lift a ban on making recordings, the Executive Board of the American Federation of Musicians declared today the ban could be removed only if two conditions were met: that no company would enter into agreements with the union.

James C. Pettit, head of the musicians organization, made public the copy of a letter he addressed to President Roosevelt at the conclusion of board sessions. The message set forth in part:

"ONE SOLUTION" — As a matter of fairness, there is only one solution to this problem which the Federation can accept, and that is the complete withdrawal of all companies from the business of recording music.

If these companies are anxious to make records for civilian use, and desist from procuring the services of musicians affiliated with the American Federation of Musicians, in justice and fairness, they ought to do so by agreeing to the same terms and conditions as the 100 of their competitors have agreed to and under which the members are now working.

The President appealed to Pettit personally last week after the committee had decided it could not make the union lift the prohibition on members making recordings.

The ban was issued Aug. 1, 1942. A War Labor Board order for removal of the restriction was issued June 15, but the union ignored it. Fred M. Vinson, Stabilization Director, created the present union's non-compliance with the WLB directive was.

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British And Greeks Take Over Corinth

No Opposition From Germans

ROME — (AP) — British and Greek forces have occupied Corinth, it was announced today.

British forward units entered Corinth without opposition. Two hundred and fifty members of the collaborating Greek "security battalions" surrendered there yesterday morning. No Germans were met in the city, which is at the south end of the Isthmus linking the Peloponnese and the Greek mainland.

Meanwhile, the Allied land forces of the Adriatic are attacking the German line at the Albanian port which is a supply base for the Italian garrison on the Island of Corfu.

The attack started at 4 A. M. yesterday and Allied troops quickly penetrated to the western outskirts of the town after overcoming opposition.

Another unit advanced on a narrow beach and took the central defenses. Then a parachute company landed and captured a second battery.

With the capture of Corinth, the Allied command has gained the last forces of the Adriatic now are in control of many communications in the Peloponnese. The command added that "operations continue," presumably a drive on the Gulf of Patras, Athens and Piraeus (Piræus) is just 40 miles distant.

In the advance to the Isthmus of Corinth the British found that German forces had blown up bridges. The British found that German forces had blown up bridges.

However, the official Allied announcement that no German forces were encountered at Corinth itself seemed further evidence of a systematic withdrawal of some three infantry divisions which had been evacuated from the Aegean Islands.

In the Sarande attack the British with Partisan support took more than 100 prisoners and casualties were moderate. Further inland 60 Germans were killed in a small battle which started when two German companies halted at a road demolition which was covered by a machine gun fire.

And three trucks tried to break along the road but were knocked down by the troops, after two more trucks tried to attack the Partisans, were compelled to flee.

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They reached the railroad tracks and, peering through the gloom, sighted three German soldiers. Recognizing the flag of truce, the Americans waved for the Germans to come out.

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"A young German soldier brought me there. He was pretty stiff and he didn't like me. Half-hearted when he got in and they took off our blindfold. They took their arms half way up in a kind of salute."

"I told the Commandant we wanted to see the town commander. He didn't answer, but just told me of his men to take us to another commandant's post."

"I was blindfolded to again and we were off again—this time to a bathroom command post. They gave me out my gun. They walked me out to the main gate. We ended up in a room and I heard a door being unlocked. I saw a German adjutant."



AMERICANS ALL AROUND AACHEN — A wall of U. S. troops and weapons surrounded the German city of Aachen, birthplace of Charlemagne, today and an ultimatum was delivered to the German garrison there to surrender or be wiped out. The Americans completed their encirclement of the city after beating off German counter-attacks near Burdenberg and at Crucifix Hill. To the northeast, First Army forces edged nearer Julich, and to the southeast, other troops pressed their drive toward Duren.

Surrender Or Die Order Given Aachen

By DON WHITEHEAD
With AMERICAN TROOPS OUTSIDE AACHEN — A doomed city lies before the American First Army. Aachen is under a paper bombardment from our 105 millimeter guns which are hurling in 200 shells which burst in the air and tell German soldiers and civilians they must surrender within 24 hours or see Aachen obliterated.

Time is running out for Aachen. The messengers demanding its unconditional surrender have been back from their mission for two hours and there has been no reply from the city. A chill autumn rain falls down on its old structures.

The deadline to determine whether Aachen shall be wiped out is 10:30 A. M. tomorrow.

Just before 1 P. M. today three men walked slowly back into the American command post here from the interior of the city. These were City and Port Kenneth Kading, La Grange, Ill.

They were back from Aachen with a white flag made from a bedsheet which they carried in to present to the German commandant and the Mayor of Aachen the ultimatum of the United States Army.

Lafayette carried the message. Bettine acted as interpreter. The young, tall and spike-haired Kading, gulping with nervous excitement at his participation in this honorable mission, carried the bedsheet as a flag of truce.

They looked neither elated nor depressed as they told newsmen what had happened. Eventually they had to present the American demands to a young German sergeant, because of inability to reach any higher officer. But nobody was impressed by this. For it was only the German garrison commander who could decide. What he is to decide is yet to learn.

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Ultimatum To Surrender Is Given By Yanks

Terrible Attack To Come If Fighting Continues After Deadline

LONDON — (AP) — The U. S. First Army completely surrounded Aachen today and delivered to the German garrison there an ultimatum to surrender within 24 hours or be conquered by ruthless attack.

Doughboys had sealed off the Siegfried Line city with a wall of troops, tanks and guns, and already were building up a 25-mile front six to 10 miles inside the Reich for a break through punch toward the Rhine.

The U. S. commander told defenders holed up in Aachen that unless the city was "promptly and completely surrendered unconditionally, American Army ground and air forces will proceed ruthlessly with air and artillery bombardment to reduce it to submission."

Aachen is "now completely surrounded" by First Army men, his ultimatum said.

Earlier today the two jaws of a doughboy vise had chopped the German escape lane northeast of the city to only a mile in width and choked it off with curtains of machinegun fire.

The bottling of Aachen's "right to the death" defenders (singing as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third Army snatched a German bulge in the Nancy-Metz sector back into a straight line).

Estimation of this Nazi pocket was reported by Associated Press. Correspondent Edward D. Ball, who said Patton's Tanks had moved up into the city, estimated that fifteen miles north and east of Aachen, the German line was broken and the city was surrounded by American forces.

The First Army in the Aachen sector has forced a 25-mile front and was fighting on the approaches to Duren and Julich. Dorel's key to Cologne and highway was broken. The city of Aachen and twenty miles from Duren and Julich, where an excellent highway branches to Cologne 25 miles west and to Dusseldorf 26 miles east.

Bochum is a large rail center 60 miles northwest of Aachen. Aachen, at the center of an area which produces nearly a third of all the Ruhr's coal.

MOORE HONORED
Moscow bombed the port of Wilhelmshafen. Night fighters supported both the heavy and light bombers and the Air Ministry said seven planes in all were lost.

Had weather yesterday limited battle support to the bombing of a railroad bridge at Euphrasen by U. S. Marauders.

SOME 1,100 Eighth Air Force Fortress and Liberator bombers from Britain, W.W. 400 fighters, plowing through fog, attacked the Ruhr through the Schweinfurt-Coblenz and Mainz regions of southwestern Germany.

Five bombers and three fighters were missing, one of the lighted bombers was shot down on a major river into Germany.

Occupied States Milked By Nazis

LONDON — (AP) — Dingle Post, Parliamentary secretary for the Ministry of Economic Warfare, told Commons today Germany had exacted a total of \$24,000,000 from eight occupied countries in the form of occupation costs, goods and services and that the present annual rate of exploitation was \$2,100,000,000.

He listed the countries as France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Bulgaria, Rumania, Slovakia and Serbia. After the complete occupation of France, Belgium and Holland, he said, the annual rate of exploitation would be reduced to approximately \$1,800,000,000.

Chinese Republic In
Birth Day Observance
CHUNGKING — (AP) — Strict enforcement of wartime controls and efficient utilization of Chinese manpower to increase war production was urged by War Minister Ho Ying-Chin today at the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the Chinese republic.

"In the midst of a tight blockade," he said, "the only means by which the Chinese people can survive is self-sufficiency—especially in military supplies—is to increase production. We must increase production. We must increase production. We must increase production."

REPORTERS REPLY
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