

# Poland's Military Commander Ousted

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 LONDON — (AP)—General Kazimierz Sosnkowski was ousted today as commander-in-chief of Poland's armed forces in a move to placate Russia and pave the way for resumption of friendly Polish-Soviet relations.

Yielding finally to the persuasion of Russian-born Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajewski and the pressure of the British Government, President Wladyslaw Rakicki signed the decree dismissing his long-time friend as Poland's military leader.

"GENERAL BOR"  
 The country's military leadership was transferred at the same time to the hero of the Warsaw uprising and commander of Poland's underground Army, Gen. Tadeusz (BOR) Komorowski—until a few days ago known only as "General Bor."

Bor was regarded in London quarters as acceptable to Moscow. His communications from within Warsaw in recent days have reported that his forces were working in close co-operation with the Red Army.

The development left still unresolved the problems arising from the fact Poland continues to have two military chiefs—Bor and Gen. Sosnkowski, commander for the rival regime set up by the National Liberation Committee.

But today's step may prove a prelude toward resumption of talks between Marshal Stalin and Mikolajewski.

**NEED FOR HASTE**  
 The necessity for haste in reaching a conclusion with Moscow is underscored by these reasons:

1. Formation under Soviet auspices of the rival government which has moved in behind the Red Army to take over civil administration in liberated areas of Poland.
2. Threat of the London Government in exile to utilize resources of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to help rescue its "stricklers" people from famine and disease.
3. A belief, shared by many high Allied diplomats as well as Polish officials, that Polish-Russian difficulties must be solved soon to avoid a civil war after victory over Germany.

## County School Board To Meet

The Mecklenburg County Board of Education will meet in regular session at the Courthouse Monday at 7:30 P. M.

Among matters to come before the board is consideration of a movement in some quarters to have several Negro schools which already have opened closed because of the cotton situation.

This is the reason for cotton-picking. Rains have delayed picking of much of the crop, and the need for help in the fields has increased recently. Agitation has developed to have the schools in question shut until this situation can be relieved.

J. W. Wilson, county superintendent of schools and ex-officio secretary of the board, said today that opening of Negro schools in the Pineville Negro High School District, scheduled for next Monday, had been postponed temporarily because the schools are affected by this move.

Members of the board are W. B. McClock of Charlotte, chairman; W. E. Potts of Davidson, B. D. Funderburk of Matthews, J. Mason Smith of Steel Creek and R. G. Eubanks of Pineville.

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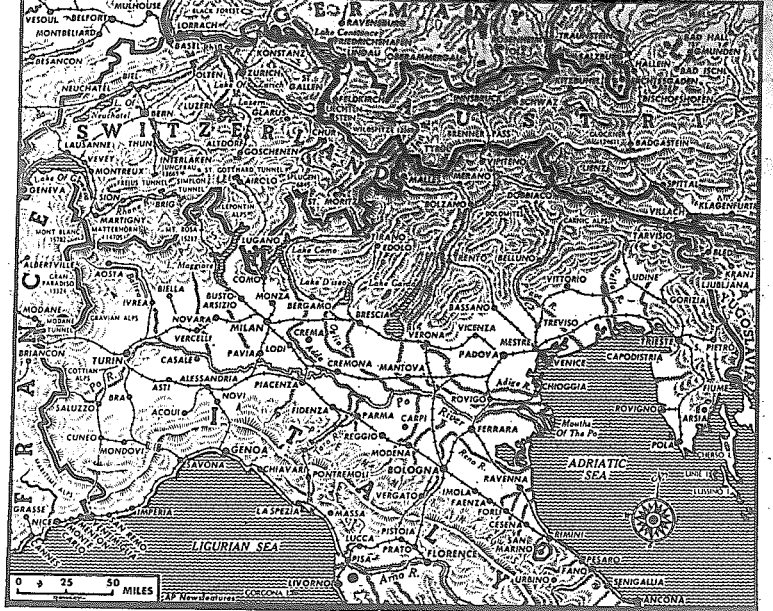
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**ALLIES SWEEP INTO ITALY'S PO RIVER VALLEY**—Having battled northward for more than a year along the ridge of the Apennine Mountains, Allied troops in Italy are debouching into new country.

It is the great Po River valley—the Italian campaign's rich Italian cities share a broad 400-mile plain with equally rich farmlands. Resembling a miniature Russian Ukraine, it is territory the Allies seek like to have control of. The Italian campaign, moving past Rimini on the Adriatic coast. Unless it ceases to stand on the flat banks of the Po River, there is no next stopping place for the Wehrmacht short of the Alps.

It is not considered likely that the Allies will have to carry their drive on against this great natural barrier. Capture of the Po valley may prove the climactic operation of the Italian campaign, moving Germany to be invaded through easier gates than the Brenner Pass.

Rewards offered by the Po valley are numerous. The large cities of

Bologna, Turin, Milan, Trieste contain most Italian industry; the surrounding area, from the French border to Yugoslavia, is of great agricultural as well as strategic importance.

With the Po region goes the last of "Fascist-Republic" Italy, except for a few Alpine villages where—on some rural balcony—Benito Mussolini may make his last stand.

The people of the Po are said to be more politically advanced than Italians in the South. When the Fascists fell, a year ago, rising against the Axis broke out in Turin and Milan. The Allies are likely to find underground help similar to that given by the French Forces of the Interior.

Walled in on three sides by mountains, the Po region gets a Central European climate—harsh in Winter, hot in Summer. The river delta itself is built up by dikes, may be easily flooded in the barren stretches along the Adriatic coast.—Robert N. Cool.

## Service Record

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Craig Sr. of Rm. 2, Charlotte, have two sons in the service.

Sgt. William J. Craig, shown here of the Marine Corps, and Pvt. Joe P. Craig Jr. of the Army.

Sgt. Craig graduated and went his wings at the Marine base at Parris Island, S. C., in August, 1942. He will soon report to the Marine base at Cherry Point, N. C.

A graduate of Oakhurst High School class of 1941, Sgt. Craig was connected with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in civilian life. Pvt. Craig enlisted in the Army Aug. 18 and is receiving his boot training at Camp Claiborne, La. Connected with the Grinnell Co. Inc. of Charlotte in civilian life, Pvt. Craig worked for the concern in Texas for two years prior to entering service.

Seaman 1/c James Ralph Reid Jr. has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reid, that he has landed safely in India. He is connected with the Grinnell Co. Inc. before going overseas, he was assigned to the 1st Marine Division for eighteen months with the Naval Air Force.

Two Naval Aviation Cadets from Charlotte, Eugene F. Layman Jr. of 802 Henley Pl. and Arthur C. Fendleton of 2000 Providence Rd. have been sent from the Navy Pre-Flight School at Alton, Va., to the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn., to begin progressive flight training, preparatory to joining a combat unit. They have completed their course of physical conditioning and ground work at the Pre-Flight School at Alton.

LANCASTER, S. C.—Second Lt. Claude Reuben Smith Jr., 20, of Lancaster received his silver wings Sept. 28 at the Army Air Forces Navigation School at San Marcos, Texas, a unit of the AAF Training Command.

AN EIGHTH AIR FIGHTER COMMAND STATION, England—Sgt. Corbett E. Holt, whose wife, Mrs. Helen P. Holt, lives on Rt. 1, Albemarle, N. C., is a member of a unit which has received a commendation from Brig. Gen. Jesse C. Alton, wing commander, for his contribution to the cause of the Eighth Air Force fighter group to become operational in eleven days after arrival on this station.

WITH THE FIFTH AIR FORCE SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Dalwin A. Wentz, son of Mrs. and Mr. D. D. Wentz of Rt. 1, Charlotte, N. C., has been promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant while training with the Red Raiders, crack heavy bomb outfit of the Fifth Air Force, Sgt. Wentz joined the Red Raiders in February, 1944, after completing training at Bueg Field, Texas. Prior to his coming here he attended gunnery school at Laredo, Texas, and Aviation Mechanics School at Keizer Field, Miss. The Sergeant has completed 28 missions over targets held by the Axis, some of which include Hollandia, Ceram, Halmahera, Wakoe, Blak, Noemfoor and Pagan. During this time he has earned the air medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with a bronze star. Before entering the Army in November, 1942, Sgt. Wentz was employed by the Charlotte Observer.

Pvt. Thomas S. Tipton, 325 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, and a former employee in the city engineering department, has been admitted to Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, for treatment. Tipton served in the European Theater during the Army in November, 1942. He is the son of John S. Tipton, Laurens, S. C.

WICHITA, Kas.—(AP)—Judge Rose McCorkle has received a life of a hand-made ashtray. It was made by Carmen Mena, Mexican when he recovered several years ago sentenced to life imprisonment for killing another

## Plaintiff Loses In Car Accident Suit

A Superior Court jury declined yesterday to render a verdict for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, administratrix of

the estate of W. H. Mitchell, against H. C. Springs for \$20,000 as a result of Mitchell's death in a traffic accident involving his motorcycle and Springs's automobile. Batavia was founded in 1619.

## Will Show Styles Here

Closely following Charlotte's highly successful semi-annual Show Show, the second semi-annual Carolina-Virginia Fashion Exhibition will be held next Tuesday, Thursday, in Charlotte, according to an announcement today by C. O. Kusler, Chamber of Commerce manager.

John M. Dinning is president and R. M. Cousins is vice president. Cousins is manager of the show which will include displays at Hotel Charlotte, Betsy and Mecklenburg, Mr. Cousins forecasts that probably 2,800 buyers from retail stores in the Southeast will inspect the displays of Winter fashion merchandise which will be presented by approximately 250 representatives of manufacturers.

A meeting of the association's directorate was called for this evening by Mr. Dinning particularly for making final arrangements for displaying the various lines of merchandise and for housing the guest buyers.

The displays will be opened each day at 9 A. M. and will be closed at 7 P. M. except on Thursday, the final day, when the close will take place at 6 P. M.

Mr. Dinning said that the selections which will present their lines will come from "all the important market centers of the United States" and the displays will include widely known and nationally advertised lines. He added that this organization already is planning for a number of important trade events for Charlotte in the postwar period. He expressed his appreciation for the co-operation given by the City of Charlotte, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hotel Men's Association and the merchants of this city.

Colonial's proposal, presented by Sigmund Janas, company president, includes services to Nassau and South America from a number of Atlantic Coast cities with ports in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Mexico and South America.

The airlines, which now operate between New York and Montreal, was the first to agree to testify in the CAB's hearing on post-war Latin American air service which will enter its third week Monday.

The coastline route, originating at New York, would include stops at Atlantic City, N. J.; Norfolk, Va.; Elizabeth City, New Bern and Wilmington, N. C.; Myrtle Beach, Georgetown and Charleston, S. C.

Charleston was selected, Janas said, as hub of its proposed domestic and foreign routes because of its "topography equipped" airfield, good labor supply, climate and geographical location. Airports at both New York and Miami, he said, are congested now and will be even more crowded after the war.

## 1.16 Inches Of Rain Last Night

September's rainfall had reached better than twice its normal today, with a recording of 1.16 inches between 5 P. M. yesterday and 9 A. M. today. Precipitation for the month at the 9 A. M. reading today was 6.33 inches. Normal is 2.99 inches for September.

Today's weather called for mostly cloudy, with mild temperatures and drizzle during the day. Tomorrow was expected to be fair with moderate temperatures.

This morning's low mercury reading was 64.

## Communion To Be Universal

Members of Charlotte churches will join churches all over the world Sunday in the observance of World-wide Communion for the purpose of stressing the need of spiritual fellowship in these times. This service in North Carolina is sponsored by the State Council of the Churches in co-operation with the Federal Council and World Council of Churches.

Men and women in the services will observe the service also in all parts of the world. Millions of Christians of all races and nations are to gather around the Communion table—a "table 25,000 miles long and wide."

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