

The Americans on Guam have scored a rapid advance and have driven the Japs into the northeastern corner of the island. At one point, the American line is less than one mile from the shore, and that threatens to split the remaining Japs into two groups.

From New Guinea, the word comes of a huge bombing attack against the Japs on Halmahera Island. The name may not sound familiar, but the meaning of the island becomes clear when we are informed that Halmahera lies between New Guinea and the Philippines. For MacArthur's forces, it's a stepping stone to the Philippines - and now has been hit by forty-eight tons of bombs in what sounds like one of those air blows which precede an amphibious landing.

In China, Shanghai has been bombed, with General Chenault's air squadrons delivering their first blow against the Japs in the great city on the China coast.

## BULGARIA

Here's a late flash, rumor from Turkey that Bulgaria has begun peace overtures.

We have been hearing all along how the Nazi satellites would like to get out of the war and now diplomatic circles in the Turkish capital say that Bulgarian representatives in Switzerland are talking peace terms with Americans there.

~~territories - bombing the usual assortment of targets,~~  
~~both far and near.~~ But the key point, the most  
important concentration of bombs, was in the area of  
French earth facing the Canadians. Nazi positions  
were wiped out, the ground prepared ~~for~~<sup>for</sup> the advance.

This advance produced the novelty - armoured  
lorries, iron-clad vans loaded with soldiers. For  
this the British and Canadians had been preparing for  
days - something new to spring on the enemy. ~~Big~~  
~~transport lorries capable of carrying large numbers of~~  
~~soldiers were armoured with plates of steel - metal,~~  
~~protection capable of bouncing off bullets and shells.~~


Engineers had worked feverishly for days in  
putting on the steel plates, and today the armoured  
lorries went into action. They followed a spearhead  
of tanks, and rushed thousands of infantry soldiers  
into gaps in the German lines. They ran into heavy  
defensive shooting, ~~fire that would have been~~  
~~disastrous to ordinary trucks.~~ But the armoured lorries  
shed the bullets and repelled the shells, and the

Canadian spearhead stormed forward for the advance called - "a break in." A number of strongly fortified villages were captured, and tonight the dominion soldiers are confident of going on for a "break-through", a drive beyond the enemy fortifications and into open country.

This plunging offensive at the eastern end of the line collaborates with American action at the other end - where an important feature has been the repelling of the big German counter-attacks. Four Panzer Divisions that tried to crash through to the sea in the area of Avranches, which would have cut the invasion Army in two. The enemy made some progress -- only to be hurled back with huge losses. Today's news enumerates the losses in terms of armour - two hundred Nazi tanks destroyed, mechanized equipment for two divisions of Panzers.

The repulse of counter-attack covers the big drive that the ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ Americans, themselves, are launching - the smash forward that seems to have such

exciting possibilities. Today's word continues the story of American progress toward the city of ~~Me~~ Lemans, that key ~~of the~~ highway junction on the road to Paris. And late accounts report ~~at~~ that forward American forces have by-passed Lemans, and are now less than one hundred miles from Paris.




ADD FRANCE

From Allied sources there is a lack of late news about the American advance. For some reason or other, the offensive that looks so promising is being kept in the dark. From the German side, we hear that American tanks have reached the Sarthe River, which is a hundred miles from Paris.

That stream flows past Alençon, which city has been named as an American objective.

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~~Note to Mr. T.~~

~~The Canadians have scored a six mile advance instead of a five mile advance.~~

SECOND ADDITION TO FRANCE

A late ~~ix~~ American dispatch emphasizes the fact that the situation in the great drive towards Paris is confused. So confused that a lot of people don't know what's going on. The Germans for example. This is illustrated by the misfortune that befell two truckloads of enemy soldiers. They drove into a transport headquarters, thinking <sup>it</sup> ~~ix~~ their own. The place, however, had been captured meanwhile, and was occupied by a big bunch of American negro truck drivers. There is no clear account of what happened, but when the dust settled, thirty Nazi prisoners were led away - nursing black eyes and ~~brmxi~~ bruised faces.

## RUSSIA

Moscow announces the capture of a big rail center in Latvia, seventy miles southeast of the key port of Riga. In that Baltic area a ~~great~~<sup>large</sup> force of Germans has been encircled, and a great battle is being fought - as the cornered Nazis try to break out.

Further south ~~the~~ Soviet advance is rolling on beyond the Vistula - though against increased opposition. The Germans are rallying bitterly to defend the soil of Germany, and have orders from Hitler to stand or die. ~~And, at the same time, the Russians have got a lot of transportation to arrange after their long advance.~~

~~All of which has slowed down the eastern offensive - as for example at Warsaw where the Soviet troops are still fighting at the eastern outskirts of the city.~~



FOLOW RUSSIA

The state of affairs inside ~~of~~ Warsaw is a puzzle tonight; - the news presents a strange contradiction. ~~For days we've had stories of an uprising of Polish patriots in Warsaw. We've been told how Polish Anti-Nazis rose and seized sections of the city -- fighting a bitter battle against the German garrison.~~

*Today we have*  
~~This is reiterated today, with~~ statements that twenty thousand Polish patriots are defending parts of Warsaw against ferocious Nazi attacks - the Germans ~~are~~ striking with artillery and bombing planes. Large sections are said to be in flames, as the Nazis try to burn out the patriots, And a Polish warning is given that the insurrection cannot continue to hold out - unless direct help is ~~is~~ given by the Russian Army, which has reached the outskirts of the city. If

Russian help is not forthcoming, the patriots will be crushed by the relentless German attack -- but meanwhile the Poles are fighting strongly and resisting bitterly.

This account of the revolt of the Polish Underground in collaboration with the Russian drive on

Warsaw is given in much detail, and sounds authentic. But what do we have from the Russian side?

In Moscow tonight skepticism was expressed in Soviet circles - skepticism about the uprising in Warsaw, doubt that there was any such thing. The belief was stated that the insurrection of the Warsaw underground was a story cooked up by the Polish government in exile to impress the British and Americans.

The Premier of the exiled government is in Moscow right now, trying to come to an arrangement with Stalin and the Polish committee that the Soviets are sponsoring as the government of Poland. And <sup>in</sup> Soviet circles they are saying that all the information about the battle within Warsaw comes from the Polish Premier - the Russians themselves knowing nothing directly about it, the Soviet people, moreover, express irritation because of other stories of Polish underground activity - claims that Polish patriots forces played a leading part in the Russian capture of other Polish cities.

So which side is right - the Polish or the

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Russian? Is there any patriot insurrection inside of Warsaw? Here is testimony from still another quarter - the Nazis. There was an official Nazi announcement today that the Poles in Warsaw had staged an uprising - a large-scale affair. But the revolt of the Patriots has been suppressed, say the Nazis.

Now Roger, your Standard of California bulletin, and then I have a lot more news.

## NAZI PURGE

In Nazi Germany today they hanged a field Marshal, a Colonel General, a Lieutenant General, a Major General, and four other officers -- including a Count of ancient noble family. Proud aristocrats of the Prussian military caste, ~~they were~~<sup>all</sup> put to death as the commonest malefactors might be -- by hanging.

In any army, and most of all in the German army, the honorable death penalty is -- shooting. Under the Nazi terror the usual execution for what the Hitlerites consider treason has been -- beheading, in the grim medieval way of the headman and his axe. But even that mode of execution, though less honorable than the firing squad, was denied the high officers convicted in the General's Putsch against Hitler. They were hanged -- and thus the Nazi Fuehrer exacted his most savage vengeance.

There was a mass trial before the ~~ix~~ sinister and notorious peoples court, which is Hitler's most ferocious instrument for killing and oppression. The proceedings were a brutal mockery of legality. The

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head of the court was a fanatical Nazi henchman of Hitler, who acted as a prosecutor rather than a Judge, and even the Defense Attorneys assigned to the accused officers made ~~No~~ attempt to plead for them. Just the reverse - the lawyers proclaimed the guilt of their clients, and added accusations of their own.

The defendants are said to have confessed and made startling disclosures. They stated we are told that the plot to kill Hitler and overthrow the Nazi regime began as far back as a year ago, with the conspirators planning to make peace with the Allies. They were prepared to set up a government of their own, and had selected the heads of a new regime.

The top man, the chancellor to succeed Hitler, was to have been Dr. Karl Goerdeler, one time Nazi price dictator and former Mayor of Leipzig. This explains the story we had the other day -- the announcement of a sensational man hunt. With a million marks offered for that former high Nazi official. He is still at large -- and today the million mark offer was repeated in the most emphatic way. Notice

was sent to all German newspapers, reaffirming the huge price on the head of the man whom the Generals had named to succeed Hitler as Chancellor of Germany.

The result of the trial was a foregone conclusion -- the death penalty for the eight officers. But hanging had hardly been expected - so savage a blow hurled at the officer corps of the German army. It's a grim and vivid sign of Hitler's ruthless determination to subjugate the Prussian military caste in this crisis of the war, when the Allies are driving east and west to crush Hitler.

How will the German army react? What will be the response of the arrogant Prussian officers to the abasement and humiliation they have endured today? The answer to that question may be of decisive importance in the immediate future of the war.

Meanwhile, there is no better way of impressing the importance of this than to name some of the officers who today were hanged: Field Marshal Von Witzleben, Colonel General Hoepfner, Lieutenant

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General Von Hase, Major General Stieff. And others -- including ~~Lieutenant~~ Count York Von Wartenburg.

And still others are to be ~~xxx~~ tried by that People's Court -- five other high personalities of Prussian militarism: General Fellgiebel, who was in command of Communications, Major General Von Tresckow, ~~Lieutenant~~ <sup>and</sup> Count Von Der Schulenburg. It's like a roster of great Junker names -- coupled with the word "hanging".

We can't guess how many may eventually be caught in the noose. The Gestapo is conducting a manhunt for still more conspirators. Rumors from Turkey tell of German officers fleeing in disguise. As many as four thousand of them trying to escape after the failure of the putsch of the Generals.

There is one curious turn in the news today that bears upon all of this. It gives us an explanation of recent reports of the assassination of Himmler, that master murderer whom Hitler has made a dictator of supression. We are told that the rumor of the

SUBSTITUE FOR LAST PART OF HITLER

The latest is an insistent rumor that there has been a new revolt in Germany. The story is told by German prisoners of war who declare that another outbreak occurred last Friday. They say that Himmler was killed, a thing that had been rumored previously. Also - Goering wounded. The German prisoners are exceedingly positive about the story of a new revolt, but London is not inclined to put much stock in it, The British say, however, that it may be highly significant that such talk is circulating among German officers and soldiers.



## PALESTINE

An attempt was made today to ~~xxxx~~ assassinate the British High Commissioner to Palestine. He is Sir Harold Macmichael, who is soon to retire -- his place as High Commissioner to be taken by Field Marshal Viscount Gort. Today Macmichael with his wife and secretary was traveling on the highway from Jerusalem to Telaviv, and in the assassination attempt he and his secretary were slightly injured. It is said to have been the doing of extreme Zionists, who have resorted to violence in protest against British policy toward Jewish immigration into Palestine.

## TIRES

Washington announces a meeting of management and labor to do something about the crisis in the manufacture of heavy tires. The armed forces have been shouting their alarm about the way the production of <sup>big</sup> ~~big~~ tires has been lagging and how badly they are needed. There has been talk that, in addition to a labor shortage, the lag in production has been due to union practices which slow down work. So now the war production board in Washington ~~fi~~ informs us that the company and union representatives will meet in Akron, Ohio, this week and attempt to make a temporary end of the union regulations that ~~xxxxx~~ have been hampering the output of heavy tires.

The United States Navy has surrendered.

And when you hear who the enemy is you won't be surprised. Washington weather - the thermometer down on the Potomac. Today the Navy Department issued an order permitting its officers in Washington to take off their coats, and work in their shirt sleeves during the rest of the summer. As it happened, today was comparatively cool, but the blistering blazing hot spell of recent days had caused even the Navy to capitulate.

The Army long ago gave in, surrendered to Washington weather -- Army officers working at their desks in shirt sleeves. But the Navy stood on its dignity -- and nearly collapsed from the heat during the past week. Now, however, Washington weather wins its final victory -- an enemy more formidable than Nazis or Japs. And tonight the national capital thermometer stands in triumph - probably getting ready to register some more heat.

CAT

When somebody leaves an estate you are likely to have people come forward - claiming that they are heirs. In Brookline, Massachusetts, a millionaire lawyer, as we heard the other day, left one hundred thousand dollars to a tomcat -- his pet, Buster. So what do we find today? A woman claiming that her cat is a descendant of the one hundred thousand dollar tomcat. So, therefore, her cat is legally an heir to some of the money.

All of which raises ~~a few nice points of law.~~  
~~In the matter of inheritance, much importance is attached to family <sup>proper</sup> relationship. Well, Tomcats being what they are, you never can tell. Also when there's an estate, there is also the question of a will. Buster, the doggy tomcat, inherited one hundred thousand dollars; but, can a~~

tomcat make a will? It's all mighty complicated, ~~and~~

*So complicated that I think I'll just say I don't want to be catty about it. So I'll just say*

*just* ~~doggone, and~~ turn the microphone over to ~~Bob Denton, Hugh Jones,~~

*Roger* and see what's on his mind.