

RUSS FLANKING DOOMED MINSK

Nazis Retreating in Disorder, Unable to Man Intermediate Defenses.

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the historic river in which the remnants of Napoleon's great army drowned and Napoleon himself narrowly escaped," the semi-official Pravda said.

"More than 100 years later, the waters of the White Russian river has engulfed thousands of corpses of the doubly inglorious German conquerors."

Rokosovsky's forces also were pursuing the Germans westward toward the Baranowicz gap, 75 miles southwest of Minsk, and ancient gateway to the Polish plains and Warsaw. At last reports, the Russians were driving over the approaches to Slutsk, 60 miles east of Baranowicz.

On the northeastern approaches to Minsk, Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakovsky's 3d White Russian army, rolling down the main Moscow-Minsk-Warsaw highway, reached the Berezina on a 37-mile front and outflanked the east bank stronghold of Borisov with the capture of Bytcha, six miles to the northwest and 43 miles from Minsk.

Front reports placing the Soviets within 40 miles northeast of Minsk indicated that Cherniakovsky's forces also may have driven across the Berezina, either capturing or bypassing Borisov, but they were believed waiting for Col. Gen. Georgi D. Zakharov's 2d White Russian army pounding west from Mogilev to reach the river before launching a frontal assault on the capital.

Polotsk Outflanked

Elsewhere on the eastern front, the Soviets outflanked Polotsk, on the approaches to Latvia and Lithuania from the southwest and cut the railway linking it with Warsaw. Captured Petrozavodsk, capital of the Karelian Soviet republic, and completely cleared the vital Murmansk-Leningrad railway for the movement of supplies from the United States and Britain.

At one point south of Polotsk, the Russians were less than a mile from the old Polish border.

CANNED VEGETABLES RETURNED TO POINTS

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tomatoes that has been in effect since early this year.

"Everyone no doubt has heard that record food production is expected this year," said OPA Chief Chester Bowles, "but the amount needed for our armed forces also is far greater than a year ago."

"The net result will be less canned fruit and canned vegetables for the home front during the year ahead."

Spiced Fruits Back on List

OPA announced that effective July 2 the popular No. 2 size containers of asparagus would require 10 ration points and similar size cans of peas and tomatoes would require five ration points each.

Branded, spiced and pickled fruits were restored to the list of rationed canned goods at the same high point values as other canned fruits.

OPA also announced that during July many housewives would use all of the first strip of blue ration stamps in war ration book four and would begin using the second strip, beginning with coupon A-5. All coupons in the second strip are worth 10 points, not five as printed on the face.

Five more blue stamps totaling 50 points—W-8, X-8, Y-8, Z-8 and A-5—become good for buying rationed processed foods on July 1, and will remain good indefinitely, OPA said.

Other point value adjustments for July were minor. Small reductions were made in points for spaghetti sauces and tomato sauce because of slow movement of stocks and somewhat heavier production.

Point values for all large No. 10 containers were adjusted slightly to bring them into multiples of 10, which OPA said would be a convenience to wholesalers in keeping inventories and other records.

WASHINGTON, June 30 (U.P.)—The OPA today established cents-per-pound retail ceilings on sweet peppers, hothouse cucumbers and all melons except watermelons effective July 5, bringing about a reduction in prices on these commodities. Cents-per-pound ceilings on watermelons were announced yesterday.

LINK-BELT WORKERS' BONDS BUY BOMBER

The "Link-Belt Productioner," a new B-25 Mitchell medium bomber, will take to the skies over axis territory as a result of \$175,000 in war bonds purchases by employees of the Link-Belt Dodge and Ewart Link-Belt plants.

Advising Raymond K. Thompson, editor of the Link-Belt Productioner of the bomber's christening, Howard Tooley of the Indiana war finance committee sent his congratulations "to your organization for the very splendid job they have done in behalf of the war bond program."

SLAYER FACES CHAIR

WASHINGTON, June 30 (U.P.)—The prospect of death in the electric chair today faced Julius Fisher, 32-year-old handymen, for the slaying of Miss Catherine Cooper Readon in the library of the national cathedral last March 1. A jury of eight women and four men found him guilty of first degree murder last night.

Hoosier Heroes: Sgt. Smith Killed in Action; Two Missing

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Pfc. Edmond Burway, 317 N. Fulton st.; Pfc. Thomas J. Cross, 2627 N. Olney st.; Sgt. Jack F. Stock, 1803 Woodlawn ave.; Pfc. Alford Pittman, Furnas rd., R. R. 3, Box 822.

EARNEST CURTIS SMITH, radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator, was killed in action June 11, 19 months to the day after he entered the service.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Smith, 920 Arbor ave., he was born in Beattyville, Ky., but came to Indianapolis when he was 7.

He was graduated from Washington high school and received his radio training at Sioux Falls, S.D., and his gunner training at Harrington Field, Tex. He landed in New Guinea Dec. 18, 1943.

Mr. Smith attended the Ray Street Nazarene Sunday school for 10 years, without missing a Sunday. He was a Times' carrier boy while going to school and after graduation was employed by the Chevrolet Commercial Body Corp., and was the first of their employees to be placed on the gold star list.

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BRITISH BLOCK 4 NAZI THRUSTS

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but the report was not confirmed by any allied source.

Previous Berlin broadcasts had reported the repulse of allied landing attempts in the same area.

Ike, Churchill Confer

It was revealed today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has been holding a series of "important conferences" at his main headquarters this week. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who in the past had been receiving Eisenhower at No. 10 Downing St., on an average of once a week, drove to headquarters for a conference yesterday afternoon. All allied western front commanders still in England took part in discussions.

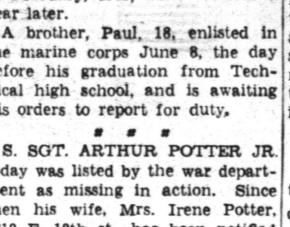
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Sorrowing Finn Bows in Shame

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shadow trouble for the pro-ally Finns. The Germans are known to be thinking of arresting certain peace activists, chief of whom is Dr. Juhu K. Paasikivi.

But the impact upon the Finnish people would be serious enough to make the Germans and pro-Nazi Finns think twice before taking such a step.

With the break in relations between the United States and Finland, Finland's hour of doom grows nearer on the face of cowardly leadership.

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The encampment closed yesterday after the three "Boys in Blue," all past their 96th year, had paraded, hobnobbed and completed necessary business.

Organizations which met simultaneously with the encampment were the Indiana Women's Relief Corps, which has the largest membership of affiliated groups; Indiana Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Indiana Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Indiana Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Federated Patriotic Societies of Indiana.

Lt. Bartlett flew a glider in the

GLIDER PILOTS TELL OF D-DAY

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Pair Who Helped Plan the Invasion Meet Veteran Of Burma.

Three glider pilots, two who helped pave the way for the airborne invasion of France, and another who flew against the Japanese in Burma, compared notes at Stout field yesterday afternoon.

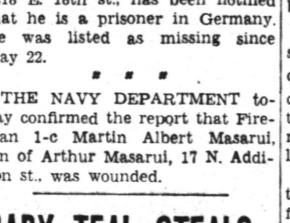
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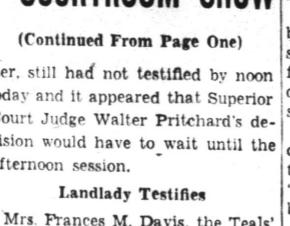
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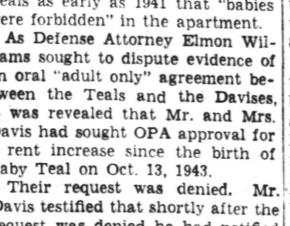
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YANKS HOLD HALF OF SAIPAN ISLAND

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in 13 days of bitter, hand-to-hand fighting.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communiqué said the invasion troops completely occupied the point Tuesday after the Japanese tried every trick to escape from the trap seven miles behind their own lines.

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historic operations in which part of Wingate's Raiders were landed behind Japanese lines in Burma. He hauled equipment and supplies, including mules and oxen, for allied troops.

One of the airstrips for which he hauled supplies was the Broadway strip. During the operation out of 37 ships that sat down in the jungle, only two could be taken out again, he said.

He expressed his admiration for the Chinese, saying they would "do anything in the world for you."

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