

# SUPPLY NEEDS GREAT IN FRANCE

## Lack of Equipment Seen As Big If in Winning Campaign.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—A general German withdrawal both in France and the Balkans—a retreat comparable to that along the eastern front—has become a distinct possibility.

Now that Gen. Eisenhower's forces have broken out of the Normandy bottleneck, the western front may soon be stretched to such a length that the Germans will not be able to find reserves to defend it.

Failure to contain the allies within the Cherbourg peninsula is comparable to the failure to capture Stalingrad. That is why the Nazis fought so desperately.

Unless the Germans withdraw from western and southwestern France to more defensible positions—such, for example, as the old Maginot line—they may soon find themselves exposed to precisely the same sort of blitz as that which overtook the French, the Belgians and the British when the shoe was on the other foot, back in 1940.

### Turks May Enter War

In the Balkans they face a similar predicament. The Turks may enter the war any time.

A pincer movement, therefore, from the direction of Turkey on the one side, and Yugoslavia on the other, would imperil the Balkans.

As for France, the alternative would seem to be a retreat perhaps as far back as a line from Trieste, through the Iron Gate of the Danube to the Carpathians.

As in Russia after Stalingrad, however, the Germans will have to be prodded. They will require the same hammering they have been receiving for several months—and then some.

More ships, more planes, more tanks, more munitions of all kinds will be needed.

The war has entered its decisive phase. Our opponent is groggy.

### We Can Land K. O. Punch

We can land a knockout of we have the punch.

But if we ease up, even for a single round, he may get his wind back and once more place the outcome in doubt.

It is no longer a military secret that the allies intend to apply the Poch technique—the plan that licked the Kaiser's army.

In 1918, Marshal Poch hit the Huns on the Marne, pounded them in Picardy and in the Argonne. He shelled their lines of communications and bombed them in their rear.

How, Von Hindenburg complained afterwards in his memoirs, "can you expect troops to fight—even when they are as good as our own lords of the battlefield—if they are never allowed to rest?"

### Hard on Attackers, Too

But the Poch technique is almost as hard on the attackers as it is on those attacked. And certainly it requires far more in the way of assault equipment.

On board our LST between England and France, I talked with many of our sailors. In Normandy I did the same with our ground and air forces. Everywhere it was the same. Everyone of them wanted to get it over quickly so they could go home.

To do that, they were working and fighting around the clock, eating their K-rations or whatever food came to hand, and sleeping in their clothes if and when there came a lull.

# Pneumonia Fatal



Col. Edmund W. Starling

## BODYGUARD OF 5 PRESIDENTS DIES

### Roosevelt, Hoover Mourn Loss of Col. Starling, Friend of Famous.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt and former President Herbert Hoover today mourned the death of Col. Edmund W. Starling, friend of five Presidents.

Starling, 60, had been in ill health for several weeks and when his condition developed into pneumonia on July 14 he was removed to St. Luke's hospital, where he died yesterday.

The body is to be cremated today at the Arlington cemetery.

Mrs. Ida Lee Bourne Starling, his widow, received a telegram from President Roosevelt.

### Guard for Three Decades

Mr. Hoover had been in touch with Starling's condition throughout his illness, as had leading national officials and other friends including Gen. H. H. Arnold, head of the army air forces, and J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

Starling was a White House guard for nearly three decades. He guarded Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt.

Starling was an incredible pistol shot and could keep a tin can tumbling 40 feet in front of him while he shot from the hip. His southern drawl was gently disarming.

To him all men but highest officials were "pard-ner," and his range of friendships ran the gamut from bootblacks and paperboys to kings.

### Talks to King, Queen

When King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of Britain came to the United States in 1939 the king said to him one day:

"I understand, colonel, that you knew my father."

Starling didn't bat an eye. "I did, sir," he said gravely, "and if you make one-half as good a king as you addy, you'll be all right."

Starling had much affection for Calvin Coolidge and referred to him as "the little fellow." He taught him to fish.

### HOTEL PYROMANIAC FACES LIFE TERM

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—George Holman, 46-year-old Negro cafe owner, faced life imprisonment today following his conviction on 22 counts of murder as the pyromaniac who set the New Amsterdam hotel fire that claimed 22 lives last March 27 in San Francisco's worst disaster since the 1906 earthquake and fire.

A superior court jury of seven men and five women returned the multiple convictions late last night after deliberating for 7½ hours, and recommended that Judge E. P. Murphy sentence Holman to life imprisonment.

### WAR ANALYSIS—

## Allies Begin to Fight Battle Of France on Own Terms

By LUDWELL DENNY  
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Gen. Bradley's sweep across Brittany caught the enemy off guard. The best proof of that is the speed of the advance and the almost total lack of resistance. It was a daring move, the opposite of Montgomery's extreme caution on the eastern or Caen sector.

# MANNERHEIM IS FINN PRESIDENT

## Unanimous Election Is Seen As First Move Toward Peace.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—The Finnish Riksdag unanimously elected Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim president of the republic today, culminating a portentous government shakeup that was expected to take Finland out of the war.

Mannerheim's election was voted by the Riksdag at a perfunctory session that lasted only a few minutes, after which the deputies adjourned until mid-afternoon when Mannerheim was to be sworn in as president.

Members of the outgoing government of ex-President Risto Ryti and Premier Edwin Linkomies will submit their resignations to Mannerheim at the oath-taking ceremony, after which he may announce the names of his new government.

Reports that Russian and Finnish representatives already have begun peace negotiations appeared premature, since the new government would have no authority until it has been sworn in.

However, reports that small German forces have begun evacuating southern Finland gained more credence.

### WITNESS FINED FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

THOMPSON, Ill. N. Denny's grocery operator, was fined \$50 on a contempt charge yesterday after failing to appear before Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Tharp, who failed to appear when subpoenaed as a witness in a recent OPA case, told Judge Baltzell that he forgot to report in court because of urgent business.

"The fine will give you something to think about before forgetting to appear next time," the judge said.

A request for probation for Homer Jackson Boren of Central City, Ky., was revoked. Boren was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison several months ago when he was convicted of transportation of a stolen automobile across state lines, but the sentence was suspended. He violated probation recently in Evansville when he was convicted of petty larceny in a purse snatching case.

In other court actions Warren C. Stanley of Dayton, O., who was charged with violation of the national motor vehicle theft act, was ordered removed to the eastern Kentucky federal court for trial.

The case of Forrest E. Smith of Terre Haute, charged with transportation of a stolen automobile across state lines in 1942, was referred to the probation department.

Judgment was withheld on Smith's case in 1942, but later he was convicted on a charge of theft of an automobile in Terre Haute. He recently was released from the state reformatory after serving a two-year term.

## 'Tank-Dozer' Aids Allies in France

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—The allied battle through the hedgerows of Normandy was aided by a new U. S. army "tank-dozer" equipped with a powerful blade that can snap or push over trees up to 18 inches in thickness, the war department revealed today.

The tank-dozer has a huge three and a half ton bull-dozer blade mounted on an M-4 Sherman tank, combining the terrific power of one and the striking power and protection of the other.

In Normandy, it was used to slash passages through earth walls and hedgerows where Nazi soldiers had taken cover to oppose allied attack with machineguns, mortar and tank fire.

# Talk With Stalin Pleases Polish Exile Premier

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MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—Stanislaus Mikolajczyk, premier of the Polish exile government, emerged in excellent spirits but non-committal from his first conference with Premier Marshal Josef Stalin early today.

Mikolajczyk carried with him from the Kremlin a batch of typewritten sheets, but there was no indication whether they contained Soviet proposals or merely constituted a report of the conference.

Though he declined to comment on answer questions, Mikolajczyk's jovial mood indicated that some progress toward an eventual rapprochement between the two governments may have been made.

### No Indication of Action

At the same time, it was possible that at this initial session Mikolajczyk only expressed his hope that a solution could be found to the Polish problem and Stalin re-stated his desire for an independent Poland.

There were no indications of the next steps on Mikolajczyk's agenda, but observers here believed he must reach an understanding with the new Polish Committee of Liberation, which Russia has recognized as the civilian authority for liberated areas of Poland, before coming to any agreements with the Soviets.

Mikolajczyk's conference with Stalin began late last night and lasted for two and a half hours.

## HERSHOLT TO HEAD MARK TWAIN GROUP

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—Jesse Hersholt, film and radio player, is the new president of the Mark Twain Association of America, succeeding the late George Ade, Indiana humorist who died recently.

Hersholt recently was re-elected head of the America-Denmark relief and the Motion Picture relief fund of America.

## ROCHELLE HUDSON ADOPTED BY INDIANS

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—Rochelle Hudson, screen star who is said to resemble the immortal Ramona, today has been adopted by the Kawias Indian, tribesmen and named "Princess Laughing Leaves."

Miss Hudson will be privileged to roam the Kawias reservation site in the Jacinto mountains near Palm Springs.

# HINT SATELLITE REBUKE TO NAZIS

## Ankara Hears 3 Balkan Nations Refuse to End Turkish Ties.

ANKARA, Aug. 4 (U. P.).—Private reports reaching Ankara today said Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania have refused a German request that they sever relations with Turkey.

The Nazi request followed Turkey's break with Germany Wednesday. Apparently emboldened by Turkey's successful defiance of Germany, the three Balkan satellites rejected the proposal out of their traditional friendship for their Balkan neighbor, it was said.

Most sources here believed Bulgaria, and ultimately Hungary and Romania, soon will attempt to withdraw from the axis orbit and make peace with the allies.

### Bulgar Envoy Pays Visit

Marko Balabanov, Bulgarian minister to Turkey, was understood to have visited Prime Minister Sukru Saracoglu during the past week and assured him of Bulgaria's high esteem and friendship.

Japan also was expected to continue relations with Turkey. Shu Kurihara visited Saracoglu Monday and was reported reliably to have informed him that Japan saw no reason to break.

Musaffer Goker, Turkish ambassador to Japan, visited Kurihara Wednesday preparatory to departing for Tokyo the next day.

# Nazis Fall Back To River Mile From Florence

## Triumphant British troops cracked through the German hill defenses southwest of Florence today and battered the retreating enemy back to their last natural defense line.

astride the narrow Ema river, only a mile from the city's edge.

Veteran New Zealand infantrymen tore open the bristling Nazi lines late yesterday.

Official reports said the Germans were bracing for a last bloody stand on the Ema line, but allied cannon already were pounding the Arno river crossings behind them and the fall of the great renaissance art center appeared imminent.

### Under Artillery Fire

(The German DNB news agency said Florence had been under violent artillery fire since noon yesterday and asserted allied shells were crashing into the heart of the city.)

Headquarters spokesmen said the fanatical German defense of Florence already had cost the enemy 5000 prisoners, in addition to thousands of killed and wounded, forcing them to bring in strong reinforcements from other fronts, including at least one veteran division from the Russian front.

### MRS. BRUNO TO HEAD MARGHERITA SOCIETY

The Queen Margherita society has elected Mrs. Philomena Bruno as its new president. Others named are:

Mrs. Rose Molitelli, vice president; Mrs. Anna Neese, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edith Debraune, financial secretary; Mrs. Frances Navarro, treasurer; Mrs. Ione Resano, publicity agent; Mrs. Betty Maxza, honor guard; and Mesdames Providence Sansone, Marie Morocci, Carl Gatti, Josephine Calabrese, Flora Gammeri and Amelia Maddalena, trustees.

### CARD PARTY SLATED

Sahara Grotto's Revellers auxiliary will sponsor a public card party Tuesday night at the Fountain Square hall.

# BAND AND CHORUS ON BROOKSIDE PROGRAM

## Selections by the Murat Temple Shrine band and vocal numbers by the Murat Chanters will feature a program at 8 p. m. Sunday at Brookside park.

The band will play "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Panamericana," "Blue Danube," "Army Air Corps March," "Light Cavalry," "Sally Trombone," "March Militaire II," "Intermezzo," "Raymond" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Chanters will offer "Where My Caravan Has Rested," "This Is My Country," "Annie Laurie," "Lift Thine Eyes," "Dreamland," "Deep In My Heart," "One Alone," "A Little Closer Harmony," "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Service Medley." A community sing will be led by Earl Davis following the regular program.

### Closed at 1 P.M. Saturday

## SUMMER STORE HOURS:

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