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Where Now, Little Man? Will Hitler Flee, Kill Self Or Try Disguise?

By DAVID KARNO
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"Where now, little man?"

This hoary phrase summarizes the predicament of Adolf Hitler, whose reign in Germany is drawing to a close and who must now be looking for a hole in which to hide.

Adolf has several alternatives to follow after the allies take his country and destroy his regime.

These are:

1. Barricade himself and his die-hard fa-

Flight—from himself, from Germany or from life itself—is the prospect that faces Der Fuehrer upon his defeat by the allies. What choice he will make is an intriguing question which is discussed by a member of the Chicago Daily News and the Indianapolis Times war desk staff.

natical followers in the Berchtesgaden fortress for a suicidal last stand.

2. Assume a disguise and lose himself in the masses of German people as plain Teutonic "Joe Doakes."

3. Flee to a neutral country.

The first possibility sounds melodramatic,

but Hitler has a strong sense of the melodramatic. Furthermore, the "suicide" choice would allow the paranoiac Hitler to go out in a blaze of glory. It would also strike a deep chord in the hearts of those impressionable Germans whose love of Wagnerian climaxes borders on the pathological—they might perpetuate the memory of the little man with the mustache as another Napoleon. This would be sufficient compensation for romantic Adolf.

Some suggest that Hitler might assume a disguise, don civilian clothes and return to

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NAZIS FEAR INVASION ANY HOUR AS 5 AMERICAN COLUMNS MOVE ON GERMAN, BELGIAN BORDERS

BRITISH 8 MILES FROM LEVEL PO VALLEY IN ITALY

Break Through Gothic Line
And Fight to Take
Strategic Ridge.

By JAMES E. ROPER
United Press Staff Correspondent

ROME, Sept. 2.—British troops, breaching the Adriatic end of the Gothic line on a 20-mile front today, drove within eight miles of the southern edge of the great, vulnerable plain known as the Po valley.

A general offensive was underway along the entire Italian front, and the U. S. 5th army in the western sector crossed the Arno river at many places between Florence and the Tyrrhenian sea.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, said by war prisoners to have issued a "do or die" order to his troops at Pesaro in which he pointed out that the Gothic line was the last German hope before Brenner pass, rushed reinforcements into the gap and fierce fighting was in progress for a ridge four to five miles behind the fortifications.

Ridges Only Obstacles

In the eight-mile stretch to the southern edge of the plains, where the allied forces may be able to fan out in lightning advances similar to the sweeps made in France, the only natural obstacles were two ridges. Advancing three to four miles through the Gothic line's steel and concrete fortifications, the 8th army was battling for possession of the first of the ridges.

American troops in the western sector, meanwhile, crossed the Arno river in force at several places and quickly secured bridgeheads for the passage of armored elements—although the north bank of the river was heavily strewn with mines.

Local Airmen Freed by Romania



Capt. Floyd I. Robinson



2d Lt. Beryl H. Stevens



2d Lt. Earvie T. Cloyd



2d Lt. Lynn H. Summers

All Had Been Shot Down, Relatives Here Notified

By VICTOR PETERSON

A lightness of heart, strange after weeks of worry, rules in seven Indianapolis homes today for seven Hoosier hero sons and husbands were among the more than 1000 American airmen liberated from prison camps in Romania and sent to Bucharest three days ago.

Wined and dined by Bucharest citizens, the men have been given the freedom of the city and are awaiting air evacuation to Italy where 900 of them arrived the last day of August.

According to a United Press dispatch, the men dropped to their knees and kissed the earth, then ran whooping across the airfield kissing everyone from generals to buck privates.

Among those liberated was Capt. Floyd I. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Robinson, 1417 N. La Salle st., who was hearing his 50th mission as a pilot of a B-24 when he was shot down June 24 on a raid over the Ploesti oil fields.

The 26-year-old captain, a graduate of West Point in 1942, won his wings at Randolph field, Tex., in 1943 and shipped for overseas duty in February.

A native of this city, he graduated from Technical high school and is married to Charlotte Robinson who maintains the home in San Antonio, Tex. He holds the air medal with three oak leaf clusters.

The voice of Thurman T. Cloyd, 3242 Regent st., faltered and broke when he learned that his son, 2d Lt. Earvie T. Cloyd, was among the freed airmen.

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BERNARD A. LYNCH, SAFETY CHIEF, DIES

Fire Prevention Expert
Served Here 32 Years.

Bernard A. Lynch, chief of fire prevention of the Indianapolis fire department, and considered by many to be the top-ranking authority on fire preventive measures in the country, died last night of a heart attack at his home, 1118 Belle View place.

Close associates said that he had been troubled with a heart condition for about a year but shrugged off any persuasion to consult a physician. Only yesterday he was tracing a case of suspected arson.

Chief Lynch was born here Nov. 8, 1890, and had lived here all his life. He entered the fire department as a private at station house 4 in 1912 and was later transferred to station 5. In 1922 he was assigned to the fire prevention department.

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Russ, Romanians Open Talks; Bulgaria Forms New Cabinet

LONDON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Soviet and Romanian representatives began growing defection among the Nazis Balkan satellites also came today, with the German Transocean news agency reporting that puppet president Joseph Tiso, of Czechoslovakia, had relieved Gen. Ferdinand Catos, commander-in-chief of the Slovak army, of his post, and the German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau reporting that German troops were evacuating Greece and destroying installations at ports in Albania and Yugoslavia.

The reported formation of the Bulgarian cabinet was taken here as an encouraging sign that the Cairo peace delegation, would proceed with its mission of receiving unconditional surrender terms from the allies.

Hitlerites Fall Back at Top Speed From Channel Coast to Lorraine Basin.

By VIRGIL PINKLEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, A. E. F., Sept. 2.—Five American armored columns moved on the borders of Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg along a front of more than 100 miles today and Nazi spokesmen warned their people that allied invasion forces might break into the fatherland at any hour.

At the same time, British and Canadian troops cut a wide swath across the robot bomb coast to the north, eliminating most of the German robot bases in France and advancing to within 15 miles of Belgium.

The Germans were falling back at top speed all across the front from the channel coast to the Lorraine basin, offering only the weakest resistance.

FINLAND BREAK SEEN IMMINENT

Severance of Reich Ties
Expected in Parliament
Meeting Today.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Finland may break off relations with Germany at a special meeting of parliament today as a first step toward making peace with Russia.

(A Vichy broadcast heard in London said the two countries had severed diplomatic relations.)

The Finnish government ordered all ships to sail immediately for Finnish or Swedish ports—usually a sign that a diplomatic break is imminent—and the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter said a Finnish peace delegation was ready to leave immediately for Moscow.

Clinching Evidence

Clinching evidence that an important move was contemplated was seen in the Helsinki government's decision to convene parliament today instead of Tuesday.

Dagens Nyheter said Russia had made known to Finland that she must break with Germany before any peace negotiations can begin. Thus, the mere departure of any mission for Moscow would be practically the equivalent of a Finnish surrender.

WINTER HOURS IN EFFECT AT STORES

Fall and winter opening and closing hours went into effect today for the majority of Indianapolis stores. Shops will be closed Labor day.

Murray Morris, manager of the Merchants' Association of Indianapolis, announced that the hours for Tuesdays through Saturdays will be from 9:45 a. m. to 5:45 p. m. Stores will open at noon Mondays and close at 8:45 p. m.

\$2,500,000 EXPANSION FOR PLANT APPROVED

The Defense Plant Corp. announced in Washington today an increase in its contract with General Motors Corp. to provide additional facilities here, costing approximately \$2,500,000.

Allison division officials said they were not permitted to say what the \$2,500,000 would be used for but said that an announcement about it might be made later.

NORRIS BECOMES WORSE

MCCOOK, Neb., Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Former Senator George W. Norris, 83, lost all consciousness last night and was reported by his doctors to be in a "very critical condition." He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday.

"It is evident that the enemy is withdrawing in disorder right back to Germany," a British military spokesman said.

Unofficial front reports and German admissions, which headquarters observers saw no reason to doubt, said units of the American 1st army

By UNITED PRESS

Two travelers from Berlin reaching Switzerland already had in a dispatch to the office of war information that German military reverses had caused a split within the elite guard of Goebbels' Chief Heinrich Himmler, the imprisonment of some 58 leaders, an increase in Gestapo executions and a tendency for jittery Nazis to take out personal post-war "insurance" by performing favors for non-Nazis.

Both travelers said the feeling in Berlin was that the war would soon be over, with little open speculation, however, as to how it would end. One of them said that some of the people "still cherish the hope of a compromise peace."

Patton's spearheads already had breached the outer works of the Maginot line and were pushing forward almost unopposed toward the vaunted Siegfried line just beyond the frontier.

The German Transocean news agency said one 3d army column reached Longwy, two miles south of Luxembourg, while another was in the Thionville area, inside the part of Alsace-Lorraine seized by the Germans in the French armistice of 1940 and about 14 miles from Germany proper.

Press dispatches reaching Stockholm from Berlin said official Nazi spokesmen admitted Patton's

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WAR FRONTS

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NORTHERN FRANCE—Americans within artillery range of Germany.

SOUTHERN FRANCE—Four allied columns converge on Lyon.

RUSSIA—Russians 100 miles from Yugoslavia.

ITALY—British within eight miles of Po valley.

PACIFIC—Liberators raid Formosa.

AIR WAR—R. A. F. raids Bremen.

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PICK-A-BACK BOMBERS USED

Sent Over England by
Nazis as Robot Terror-
ism Eases.

LONDON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—With their robot bombing offensive all but hipped, the Germans switched tactics last night and struck back feebly with a new "secret weapon," a pilotless bomber packed with explosives and released from a control plane at a great distance.

Two of the pick-a-back bombers crashed and exploded in southern England during the night, but the

MADRID, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—A neutral military expert said last night that Nazi engineers had told him Adolf Hitler has at least three secret weapons—including a flaming "artificial cloud"—capable of the most terrible destruction, as Berlin reports claimed Germany would win the war within the next six months through the use of new weapons.

air ministry said they caused only slight damage and no casualties.

Few details on the projectiles were available, but they were believed to be obsolete Junkers-88 bombers carrying 4000 to 8000 pounds of high explosives and

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Travelers Jam Trains, Busses

TRAINS AND BUSES leaving Indianapolis yesterday and today have been jammed to capacity with persons who evidently thought the "Stay at Home" appeals were meant for the other guys.

Yesterday was termed the heaviest Friday since Easter by officials of the bus terminal and Union station. Bus ticket windows have been fronted by lines since early yesterday morning and almost every departing bus has left would-be passengers waiting for the next one.

The train station still is jammed, but the crowd appears to be thinning out.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	65	10 a. m.	76
7 a. m.	65	11 a. m.	79
8 a. m.	68	12 (Noon)	83
9 a. m.	72	1 p. m.	84

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington
Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Don't be surprised at anything, from now on, in the way of war news.

German collapse, when it comes, may have fantastic overtones. For instance: Where will top Nazis look for refuge? Argentina? It doesn't seem likely they can get there short of attempting spy-thriller disguises and fake passports. Switzerland? Sweden? It's not certain those countries will take them. Ireland? It might be the smartest bet, if Nazis understood the Celtic mind.

BETTING HERE now is that Americans will storm through Germany before Russians do.

Germans are not going to let us walk in—there'll probably be heavy fighting along Siegfried line. But the Germans have shown in past month that their first concern is to hold the Russians back in the East—and they've done it. The Russians are not in East Prussia, haven't taken Warsaw. They're farther back today than they were a few weeks ago.

Haven't Enough to Hold Both Lines

GUESS HERE is that the Germans haven't enough to hold both lines, will have to choose—or may have chosen already—where to concentrate their best fighters and try to hold. Since the eastern front is still firm, except in Balkans, it looks as if they've chosen to hold there. With capture of French airfields, we'll probably be able to disrupt transportation in Germany as we did in France if they attempt any large-scale transfer of troops now.

NAVY'S POST-WAR plans are well advanced. It is nearing a

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ATROCITY— Japs Behead Guam Natives To Guard Secret of Defenses

By CHARLES ARNOT and
MAC R. JOHNSON
United Press War Correspondents

YONA VILLAGE, Guam, Aug. 15 (Delayed).—In this little native village on recaptured Guam more than 2000 Chamorro natives knelt before a small palm-thatched shrine today to pray for 51 native men who were decapitated by the Japanese during the final stages of the Guam campaign.

Father Oscar L. Calvo, only remaining Catholic priest on the island, conducted services while the victims' families wept silently. A hier with four candles and a rude wooden crucifix stood before the shrine in honor of the beheaded natives, all of whom had been taken from this small community and forced to join a labor battalion to help the Japanese defenders.

There can be no doubt of the fate of the 51 native villagers, which stands as the greatest single atrocity of the Pacific war.

I, CHARLES ARNOT, saw with my own eyes in an uncovered grave the headless bodies of 43 of those men, whom it has been officially established were forced to aid the enemy retreat along the east coast of Guam; and then were executed apparently for fear they would reveal the main Japanese concentrations to invading U. S. troops.

I was taken to the jungle abbatoir by marine forces. On the way we saw three decapitated corpses.

Suddenly we came upon a horrifying, repulsive, stomach-turning sight that one would never want to see again. There in an

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Hoosier Heroes—

EIGHT LOCAL MEN ON NEW CASUALTY LIST

Pvt. Orville L. Johnson

Killed in France.

Eight Indianapolis men are included on today's casualty list, three of them giving their lives in the fighting in France. A former missing infantryman has been reported safe.

KILLED
Pvt. Orville L. Johnson, 1321 Bradbury st., in France.

Motor Machinist's Mate 2-c Robert Charles Davis, 1942 Park ave., died of wounds.

Pvt. J. Leon Ficus, 6171 Winthrop ave., in France.

WOUNDED
Pfc. Lawrence Schnabel, 3901 Wallace st., in Solomons.

Sgt. Ralph J. Wycoff, 1539 S. Belmont ave., on Japan.

Pfc. Patrick Dugan, 351 N. Addison st., in France.

Pvt. Lloyd A. Pottenger Jr., 3400 Lafayette rd., in France.

Pvt. Joseph G. Beel, 230 S. Summit st., in France.

SAFE
Pfc. Bruce F. Babbs, 2066 Ruckle st., in France.

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BOMBERS OVER YUGOSLAVIA
ROME, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—American heavy bombers in strength estimated at 250 to 300 planes bombed railway bridges and two railway yards in Yugoslavia today.

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All the regular Times features
and the news of the day are
contained in this 10-page newspaper.