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## Nazi Press Cracks Down On Nervousness Among German Masses

By PAUL GHALI  
Times Foreign Correspondent

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 9.—There is so much nervousness and anxiety among the German masses and so many rumors of "peace talks" in the wind that the Nazi press today issued a general warning to its readers.

The warning, which is published in that once most dreaded organ, the S. S. Schwarze Korps, is very outspoken. It says that any "German worthy of the name"

is forbidden to speak of the end of the war or to allude to any compromise peace as there is no possible peace for Germany beyond that achieved by a German victory. Any German who is "discovered envisaging other possibilities will be considered as a traitor."

That this threat, coming as it does from the S. S., carries as much weight as in bygone days is very doubtful. The S. S. can still bark—loudly. Its bite, however, is

less dangerous since most of its units are on various border fronts, busy building what dikes they can against the on-coming waves threatening to submerge them.

Two thousand persons have been interned recently from Berlin alone because of their "nonconformist opinions." But outside the big towns the people seem less scared of the S. S. than in the past.

Bad news from all fronts is not the only cause of the

falling morale. The arrival of the first beaten Wehrmacht units in towns of western Germany were a tangible evidence of defeat.

Ill-shaven and ragged, with half of their material lost, they made a strange contrast with the youths, spruce in their well-cut uniforms and top boots, who strutted through the Rhineland towns only a year ago on the way

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### FAIR ENOUGH— Pegler Says Goodbye With '73 and '30'

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—This will be my last piece for the Indianapolis Times and in parting I should like to say some things about Roy Howard (president of the Indianapolis Times Publishing Co.), which, so far as my knowledge goes, have never been written before.

Mr. Howard is a liberal newspaper publisher and I would point out that a liberal publisher is one who permits the expression of views contrary to his editorial policy in his newspapers.

Often I have written matter which I knew to be in disagreement with Mr. Howard's ideas and have seen it in print, nevertheless, and Heywood Brown was, for all

Editor's Note—By mutual agreement, the contract under which Mr. Pegler wrote for The Times has been terminated some months ahead of its expiration date to enable him to begin writing immediately under his new sponsor.

Naturally, we regret the parting with an old and valued friend and our best wishes go with him.

Dropping of his column implies no change whatever in the long established Times policy of full and fearless discussion on controversial issues by the most highly qualified writers.

practical purposes, an enemy of Mr. Howard but was allowed to have his say down to their parting, a few days before Heywood died.

By contrast, consider the attitude of the Daily Worker, which fired a movie reviewer because he refused to follow the Communist party line in his review of "Gone With the Wind," and of those butchers-paper "intellectual" weeklies which publish nothing for which they cannot assume editorial sponsorship, except as "communications," in which cases they reserve the last word for themselves.

#### 'Editorial Courage'

Or study the many Communist and less violent left wing publications, most of them published by the unions, and observe, as you must, that the more liberal they pretend to be in the political sense, the more bigoted and untruthful they are editorially.

Mr. Howard showed editorial courage in permitting me to develop the subject of crookedness and Communism in the union movement and to point out, long ago, when the menace of union sub-government was unseen by most of us, the developments which are taking place today in the corrupt alliance of the national government with unscrupulous men, some of them ignorant, some of them shrewd, and many of them criminally crooked, against the human and constitutional rights of the whole American people.

#### 'Few of Us Knew'

Up to that time, in a violent and thoughtless emotional reaction against the abusive customs of many employers, most of the American people thought of unions as organizations almost sacred.

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#### FORD WORKERS RETURN

DETROIT, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—Ford Motor Co. officials said that between 1000 and 1300 of the 2000 crane operators and riveters who struck yesterday at the Willow Run plant were back on the job today and that production of B-24 Liberator bombers would be resumed as nearly a normal scale as possible.

#### LOCAL TEMPERATURES

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### F.D.R. FLOUTS CIVIL RIGHTS, BRICKER SAYS

Republican Editors to Hear  
Candidate Tonight at  
French Lick.

By EARL RICHETT  
Times Political Writer

MITCHELL, Ind., Sept. 9.—Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, Republican vice presidential nominee, today charged the Roosevelt administration with "threatening, abusing and trampling" essential American liberties as guaranteed in the bill of rights.

Bricker, en route to French Lick, Ind., where he formally will accept the G. O. P. vice presidential nomination in an address before the Indiana Republican Editorial association tonight, told a group of Republicans here that the G. O. P. was campaigning against an administration which was "conceived in defeatism."

"The New Deal has always operated on the conviction that ours is a mature economy—that there are no more frontiers—that America is bankrupt and that we will have to liquidate our liberties and be regimented into a socialistic, totalitarian bureaucracy," he said.

G. O. P. Aims Defined  
"The crowning admission by the New Deal of its own failure," he added, "is its proposal to keep untold numbers of men in the army after the peace has been declared as a means of meeting a post-war unemployment situation the New Deal expects to have to face."

The objectives of the Republican party, Bricker said, were first, to win complete victory over Germany and Japan and to bring members of the armed forces home as soon as possible; second, to make sure that these young people and their children shall not be called upon to fight another war and third, to build a post-war America in which there will be jobs for everyone and a high standard of living.

At a press conference at French Lick (Continued on Page 2—Column 2)

### NON-PARTISAN PEACE PROPOSED BY DEWEY

Favors Force, Fair Treatment for Small Nations.

By JOHN L. CUTLER  
United Press Staff Correspondent

ABOARD DEWEY CAMPAIGN TRAIN, Sept. 9.—The Republican party was pledged today by presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey to nonpartisan efforts to shape and maintain world peace.

Dewey voiced the pledge last night in a nation-wide radio address, the second of seven major speeches scheduled in a three-week coast-to-coast campaign tour. He spoke before the closing meeting of the Republican Women's Clubs biennial convention augmented by an audience which packed the Louisville, Ky., national guard armory to the rafters and was estimated by G. O. P. national committeemen at 18,000.

Today he headed for Michigan for conferences at Lansing with party leaders and labor, agriculture, Negro and veterans groups and a week-end visit with his mother.

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### Are Police Hard-Boiled? Well, This Girl Came in to Report the Theft of Her Doll—

Brown-haired, brown-eyed Mary Didion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph X. Didion, 417 E. Ohio st., learned today that the stories about hard-boiled police and newspapermen belong with fairy tales and myths.

The 12-year-old victim of the latest candidate for "meanest thief" title went to the police station grief-stricken to report the theft of her doll.

A few minutes later she left in the arms of policeman and reporters on a "doll buying" tour. The girl, accompanied by her 13-year-old brother Robert, had hurried to the missing person's bureau to report the loss of Loreida Jean, a pre-war model doll taken from her front porch this morning.

Police were stymied until one reached for his wallet. In a few minutes police, reporters, and station personnel had added to the

### WASHINGTON Calling

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

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Don't look for the Dumbarton Oaks peace plan to state definitely whether the senate shall or shall not decide on use of U. S. troops to help quell aggression in the post-war world.

The agreement is expected to say, merely, that each participating state shall meet its responsibility through the operation of its own constitutional processes.

This, if it occurs, will leave the question open for senate debate. And chances are, the debate will focus on a reservation to the treaty, requiring that before American soldiers can be used to keep peace, the senate's O. K. will have to be secured.

Senate foreign relations committee will get its report on Dumbarton Oaks next Tuesday from Secretary Hull.

SENATE DEMOCRATIC leaders are considering creation of a stand-by squad, some member of which would be present constantly in the senate to meet expected sniping attacks from isolationists, on the proposed international organization.

Democratic leaders were caught flatfooted a few days ago by the speech of Senator Bushfield of North Dakota—apparently the opening blast from the isolationist group.

Their squad would marshal arguments and information on the question and be ready at all times for a challenge.

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#### INSIDE VICHY—

### 'I Saw Petain Call Hitler's Emissary a Liar to His Face'

(The following dispatch, the most authoritative and detailed account to date of the last days of the collaborationist regime in Vichy, was filed by the first American reporter to reach the French war-time capital.)

By DANA ADAM SCHMIDT  
United Press Staff Correspondent

VICHY, France, Sept. 7 (Delayed).—Aged Marshal Henri Philippe Petain went to surrender to an agent of Gen. Charles de Gaulle on Aug. 21, just before the fall of Paris. He had a violent quarrel with Adolf Hitler's agent and called him "a liar." But at the last moment he gave in to a German threat to shoot 100 Frenchmen and was carted off to Germany—a prisoner.

I reached the capital of collaborationist France through the assistance of the French underground—the first American reporter here. Vichy is controlled by French forces of the Interior—allied armies have not yet taken over.

The regional commissioner of Gen. De Gaulle, Henry Ingrand, a former Paris surgeon who has been directing the Maquis in the Massif Central for two and a half years, told me the story of Petain's last days in Vichy.

After American forces broke out of the Normandy peninsula and began their drive on Paris, Petain opened negotiations with Ingrand with the view of surrendering himself to the French patriots.

"If Petain had not been made a prisoner by the Germans on Aug. 20, I am sure he would have surrendered to me the next day," Ingrand told me. "I was still with the Maquis near Mont Dor when Swiss minister Walter Stucka came to me with Petain's proposals. It was a question of whether he should surrender unconditionally, be placed under arrest in his home or what."

"I learned that on the night of Aug. 19, German ambassador Dr. Cecil Von Renne-Finck called on Petain and insisted that he leave for an unnamed city in the East, where he said Pierre Laval wanted him to form a new French government."

"Petain had asked Stucka and me to be present to witness the pressure he was under."

"At that moment an emissary whom Petain had sent to contact Laval the day before, returned with a letter from Laval stating he had

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#### Hoosier Heroes—

### KRAMER KILLED, BREEDEN MISSING

Maclean, Johnson, Timmons Wounded in Action.

Action in France has claimed the life of another Indianapolis man, while one is missing as a result of submarine action and three have been wounded.

#### KILLED

Pvt. Rex Kramer, 1417 Oliver ave., in France.

#### MISSING

Electrician's Mate 3-c Charles Edward Breedon, 6112 Estate st., at sea.

#### WOUNDED

Pvt. John M. Maclean Jr., 2816 N. Illinois st., in France.

Cpl. Paul W. Johnson, 1432 College ave., in France.

Pfc. Glenn W. Timmons, formerly of 36 W. Morris st., on Saipan.

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#### REPORT NAZIS LEAVE RHODES

ROME, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—The Germans have started evacuating the island of Rhodes in the Aegean sea off Turkey, the newspaper Risorgimento Libera reported today.

## ALLIES SMASH GERMAN BID TO BREAK CHANNEL TRAP; CLIMAX NEAR ON MOSELLE

### FALL OF NAZIS SEEN TIMED BY ALLIED BREAKS

End May Come by October  
Or Be Delayed Until  
Next Year.

By LYLE C. WILSON  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Hard fighting on the European front through the winter and into 1945 is a possibility seriously and constantly considered here today despite spectacular allied advances in France.

The individual your correspondent and many others regard as the best informed in Washington on the European military situation puts it this way:

#### Could Be Protracted

An opinion on the date of Germany's collapse and unconditional surrender must at this time be largely speculative because it depends on several factors, none of which can be calculated precisely.

If we get the breaks in all respects, Germany might fold within three weeks—say by Oct. 1. That seems to be the earliest expectable date and it is not improbable. But unfavorable weather conditions or bad luck might easily prolong the European war into next year.

Armchair strategists attempting to judge the approach of Germany's unconditional surrender should consider these factors:

1. Except in the south where the port of Marseilles is open and relatively undamaged, the vast allied armies in France are being supplied through Cherbourg, an inferior port, and "over the beach."

#### Ports Urgently Required

The allied thrust in the west urgently requires the capture of Brest and its clearance for traffic.

2. Consolidation of the allied position in France requires a firm joining and amalgamation of the invasion forces which hit France from the south and speeded up the Rhone valley with the invasion forces that hit from the west near Cherbourg.

3. Any German collapse within the next three or four weeks would almost inevitably have to be accomplished by substantial destruction of German armies in Italy and by a major Russian army offensive in the vicinity of Warsaw.

### Sinatra Berates Films and Quits

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—"The Voice" is through with the movies.

No longer will swooning bobby soxers clutter up the theater isles as the picture of Frank Sinatra flashes across the screen. From now on, they'll swoon and sigh only in the privacy of their own homes.

"Pictures stink," The Voice said today, in no uncertain terms. "Most of the people in them do too."

It was the second emancipation proclamation for big-eared Sinatra, whose off-key groans have earned him a sizable fortune in radio and in the movies. He asserted his independence the first time when he declared himself free from Maestro Tommy Dorsey.

"The man the microphone made" said he loved radio as much as he hated pictures, and therefore would devote his time to it entirely.

No matter how much The Voice hates Hollywood and its people, he'll sacrifice his own feelings and continue to live there.

"It's a good place to raise children, the sun and everything, you know," Sinatra said.

### Russia—

Soviets Reported  
Driving Into  
S. Poland.

#### BULLETIN

LONDON, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—The Ankara radio said tonight that the Russians had marched almost across Bulgaria and were approaching the Greek frontier.

By ROBERT MUSEL  
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Berlin radio reported today that the Russian army had opened a powerful offensive aimed westward through Southern Poland toward Krakow, last big defense bastion guarding the approaches to German Silesia less than 50 miles to the west.

The entire Russian front appeared stirring with new life after a relative lull of more than a month.

A United Press dispatch from Moscow reported a "lull before the storm" along the East Prussian border, where the Russian army was drawn up for a smash into Germany proper. Radio France said the Germans were evacuating Praga, the Warsaw suburb on the east bank of the Vistula.

#### Reported in E. Prussia

(The British radio broadcast what it described as a report from Moscow that the first Soviet patrols had crossed the East Prussian frontier and returned with prisoners.)

The D. N. B. news agency reported the new Soviet offensive in the area of Posen, old Polish citadel captured by the Russians in their summer sweep through Poland, and Kromow, 46 miles west of Posen.

"The Soviets won initial successes," D. N. B. acknowledged, in

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### 'IKE' GIVES PLAQUE TO PEOPLE OF PARIS

Crowds Jam Champs Elysee  
At Impressive Ceremony.

PARIS, Sept. 8 (Delayed) (U. P.).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, in an impressive ceremony beside the grave of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe, presented a plaque bearing the supreme headquarters' flaming sword of liberation to the people of Paris today to commemorate the city's liberation.

Parisians jammed the Etoile and lined the Champs Elysees for a glimpse of Eisenhower and other ranking officers who took part in the ceremony. They included Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Adm. Sir Bertram Ramsay, Air Marshal Sir Arthur T. Harris, Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz and Air Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory.

### Preparations Made Here For Unforgettable V-Day

Preparations for an unforgettable V-day holiday, tempered with the solemnity of prayer and patriotism, are gaining momentum here.

Under plans now formulated, thousands of workers will be freed to celebrate the minute word of Germany's final surrender is announced, but for those preferring alcoholic stimulation the outlook is dry unless private kitchen-cabinet supplies are available.

Some talk of a V-day parade in the air, especially in the vicinity of the mayor's office, the Chamber of Commerce and various American

### Ousted on Saipan France—



### GEN. SMITH OF ARMY RELIEVED

Ground Chief on Island  
Removed by Marine Gen.  
Holland Smith.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—Marine Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commanding general of the Saipan operation, said today that "circumstances forced me" to relieve army Maj. Gen. Ralph Smith from his post as commander of the army ground forces on Saipan.

"As you well know," the marine general told a news conference today, "one of the many prerogatives and responsibilities of a commanding officer operating under the principles of unity of command is the assignment and transfer of officers commanding subordinate elements in any operation."

"Unfortunately, circumstances forced me to exercise one of these prerogatives and I did relieve Maj. Gen. Ralph Smith."

Smith declined to elaborate further upon his statement.

"Not a Buck-Passer"

"I am not given to passing the buck," he said, "but as you seek details concerning this incident, I remind you that Gen. Smith is an army officer and I must refer you to the war department."

The war department, however, refused to comment, referring inquiries back to the navy on grounds that it was in charge of that theater.

Army Gen. Smith, a native of Omaha, Neb., was in command of the army forces on Saipan. No announcement has been made that he had been relieved. Rumors of a clash between the two generals have been heard since the Saipan operation, however.

Earlier this year, Gen. Ralph Smith received the legion of merit for his work as commander of the 27th infantry division in the capture of Makin in the Gilbert Islands and Eniwetok in the Marshalls.

#### ITALIAN LINER DESTROYED

ROME, Sept. 9 (U. P.).—The big Italian luxury liner Rex, former queen of the Trans-Atlantic passenger runs, was written off as a total loss today after two attacks by rocket-firing R. A. F. planes that left the ship burning fiercely and two-thirds submerged in Trieste harbor.

Thousands Turned  
Back in Major  
Attack.

#### By VIRGIL FINKLEY United Press Staff Correspondent

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, A. E. F., Sept. 9.—A desperate, break-out attempt by tens of thousands of Germans trapped along the channel coast has been thwarted, it was revealed today as the Battle of the Moselle roared toward a climax.

Supreme headquarters announced that the trapped Germans were stopped cold when they threw everything they had into an effort to blast open an escape corridor through the British lines between Lille and Ghent late yesterday.

A continued security blackout concealed most of the operations on the battlefield curving within less than 20 miles of the German border as long ago as yesterday. A front dispatch, however, said the next two days should resolve the issue in the violent fighting along the Moselle valley, where the Nazis battled to guard the approaches to the Siegfried line.

#### Aims to Shatter Nazis

United Press War Correspondent Robert C. Richards reported from the 3d army front that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's basic aim was to shatter the German forces massed in the heights beyond the Moselle, and his forces were gathering in the valley for a full scale attempt to engulf the defenses between Metz and Nancy in a swift pincers blow.

Unofficial front reports said the British 2d army had smashed across the Albert canal in a second crossing at Gheel, 12 miles from that at Beeringen. Headquarters sources reported that the Nazis were fighting ferociously to contain the Seerlingen spearhead.

The German break-out attempt as the British and Canadian forces tightened the noose on them was described officially as a "major" effort. They were halted, a headquarters spokesman said, and today were squeezed even more tightly in the bag.

#### Specific Size Undisclosed

The specific size of the force involved in the abortive break-out and the extent of its progress toward the Allied communications line were undisclosed. However, there was every indication that it was the last desperate bid of the thousands of Germans—the number was estimated at more than 100,000 earlier this week—to escape death, capture or surrender.

The garrisons of Calais, Boulogne, Le Havre and Brest still were holding out. Canadian troops probing the coastal stretches between the

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### QUEBEC PREPARING FOR FDR-CHURCHILL

QUEBEC, Que., Sept. 9 (U. P.).—Several American, British and Canadian officials were today laying the ground work for the coming meeting of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill.