

Russ Storm Warsaw Gates In Final Phase of Battle

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MOSCOW, Sept. 14.—Marshal Konstantin K. Rokosovsky's refreshed and reinforced Russian army stormed the eastern suburbs of Warsaw today, and front dispatches indicated that the battle for the Polish capital was entering its final phase.

(The German high command reported that Russian assault forces had penetrated Praga, the Warsaw suburb on the east bank of the Vistula, where violent street fighting was going on. It said the fighting before Warsaw had now "reached a new climax.")

The long lull on the Vistula front appeared definitely ended. Big battles were raging in all sectors northeast, east and southeast of Warsaw.

Coincident with the Warsaw flare-up, a new Russian offensive at the southern end of the Polish front cracked the last German positions before the Czechoslovak frontier and Cossack cavalrymen were reported storming across the Transylvanian mountains, wresting from Hungary the territory taken from Romania with Nazi approval.

The capture yesterday of Lomza, keystone base of the German defenses northeast of Warsaw and south of East Prussia, evidently was the signal for the full scale renewal of the battle for the capital.

The battle began some seven weeks ago. Six German divisions arrived and checked Rokosovsky at the very gates of Warsaw. He was obliged to fight violent battles in order to absorb the impact and beat off powerful Nazi attacks.

The Russian-trained 1st Polish army took part in the offensive against Warsaw.

Air Force Assists

Soviet fighters and dive bombers ranged ahead of the charging troops to bomb and strafe German front lines.

Russian military spokesmen gave no details on the early progress of the battle but they expressed confidence that the allied armies would wipe out the German bridgehead in Praga.

(The Polish underground army in Warsaw, whose uprising a month ago was criticized in Moscow as "premature," was still fighting inside the city and broadcast word that the new offensive had started a hurried German evacuation of Praga.)

Almost 200 miles south of Warsaw, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 1st Ukrainian army wheeled southward along a 35-mile front between Sanok and Kroso, captured the latter stronghold and pushed on 24 miles to the border of Slovakia.

Partisans Fighting

Partisan uprisings already were reported in progress at a score of points in the Nazi-controlled puppet state and Moscow spokesmen indicated the Russians would link up with the patriots for a quick drive down into Hungary, barely 20 miles beyond Presov.

At the same time, other Soviet forces pushed up into Transylvania from the south, liberating large areas of that Hungarian-occupied region which will be taken from Hungary and restored to Romania under the terms of the latter country's armistice with the allies.

(A Yugoslav communiqué said the Russians and partisans joined up in Eastern Serbia and Berlin estimated that Soviet forces had crossed the Bulgarian border into Greece.)

NAZI OUTPOSTS IN ITALY ARE OVERRUN

ROME, Sept. 14 (U. P.)—American and British troops under Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark overwhelmed German outpost positions between Pistoia and Lucca on the Italian front today and penetrated well into the Gothic line itself.

British divisions for the last several weeks have been fighting under Clark's command in the U. S. 5th army sector, it was revealed for the first time. The units included the 6th South African armored division whose advance elements occupied Pistoia Sept. 10.

British 8th army troops in the Adriatic sector cleared the enemy from many positions on the Coriano-San Savino ridge before Rimini, prize coastal city. Heavy fighting was still in progress in that area.

WOMEN OF MOOSE TO HAVE STYLE SHOW

A style show and initiation of 50 members will be on the program of chapter 11, Women of the Moose, at 8 p. m. today in the Moose temple, 135 N. Delaware st.

Mrs. Evelyn Britton is publicity chairman for the chapter, and committee members are Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Phyllis Doyle, Sophia Laird, Vivian Edington, Nita Beckley, Phoebe Hart, Mrs. Britton, Ruth Simpson, Merle Hartlage and Laura Fryberger.

Judges for the style show will be Mark Gray, Clarence Mackey and Walter Collins.

Parade of Canines to Mark National Dog Week Here

National Dog week will be observed here with a dog parade Sept. 22, the Indianapolis Animal Welfare League announced today.

Limited to 200 animals, the parade will form on St. Clair st., between Meridian and Pennsylvania sts., and follow a line of march south on Meridian, around the War Memorial Plaza, and north on Pennsylvania, returning to St. Clair.

Prizes will be awarded for the best cared-for dog, most obedient, the smallest, largest, dog with the longest ears, dog with the longest tail, the best clown dog, and the

KIWANIANS TO OPEN STATE MEET SUNDAY

Meets His Savior After 26 Years

DENVER, Sept. 14 (U. P.)—It took the wives of two world war I veterans—one of whom had saved the other's life near Nancy, France, in May, 1918—to introduce them today at the 23d national Disabled American Veterans convention here.

The convention opens Sunday evening at the War Memorial and closes with a dinner at the Columbia club Monday evening in honor of Governor Jack H. Rhodes.

F. Harold Van Orman of Evansville and J. Hudson Huford of Bluefield, Va., are two other speakers scheduled for the meeting.

WHITNEY ESCAPES GERMAN CAPTORS

ROME, Sept. 14 (U. P.)—Col. John Hay Whitney, who was captured by the Germans in southern France on May, 1918—to introduce them today at the 23d national Disabled American Veterans convention here.

And after the introduction, W. R. Etheridge of Evansville, Ind., managed to say: "Thanks, fellow," to Robert J. Trantham, Paducah, Ky., although it was 26 years ago that Trantham had saved his life.

They made their way to a farmhouse. When the tank fired on it, all five surrendered.

Whitney, former member of the New York racing commission, was captured when a jeep in which he and four other persons were riding was attacked by a hidden German tank.

More than 4000 enemy troops

Big Chinese Offensive Wins Tengchung

DURING the long siege, the Chinese from the 20th army group battered their way through the stone walls and cleared the Japanese in hand-to-hand combat.

The Japanese fought desperately for the city and its outer defenses—across the mountain of Lai Feng Shan, a mile from Tengchung, over the 30-foot high stone walls, along pill box-studded streets and through fortified temples and homes.

Tengchung, third largest city in Yunnan, once was a prosperous main trade center between Burma and China, even when Marco Polo visited it centuries ago. Today it was nothing but ruins.

During the long siege, the Chinese dropped more than 1000 tons of artillery and mortar shells on the city, in addition to hundreds of tons of bombs dropped by the 14th and 10th air forces.

All supplies for the campaign were first flown over the "hump"—across the towering Himalayas—and then parachuted to the Chinese, who surrounded the city and cut all Japanese escape routes.

HOME-COMING SLATED

A home-coming and covered dish dinner for Irvington chapter No. 364, O. E. S. will be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday at the Irvington Masonic temple, 3515 E. Washington st.

EDEN WILL JOIN QUEBEC PARLEY

British Foreign Secretary To Discuss 'Broad Range Problems.'

QUEBEC, Sept. 14 (U. P.)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will join the Roosevelt-Churchill conference shortly to discuss a broad range of political problems which are accumulating rapidly in Europe and Asia in the wake of allied military successes, it was announced officially today.

The announcement was made at a special news conference by a British spokesman, who said he did not know whether Secretary of State Hull would join President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in their discussions at the ancient Quebec citadel.

It was learned later, however, that Hull will not come here unless there are some unexpected developments. Hull and the President met for three consecutive days in Washington prior to the start of this conference and discussed the topics on schedule for the meeting here. They were described as in complete accord.

High on the political agenda were certain to be three of the most difficult problems before the allies:

1. The plans for occupation of Germany, the peace terms to be imposed on her and the extent to which France shall be given a share and voice in the enforcement of these terms.

End Expected Soon

2. The long-standing Polish-Russian dispute, which includes territorial matters. Eden has just completed a series of London talks with the prime minister and foreign minister of the Polish government.

3. Delicate questions involving the British attitude in the Far East. The United States has in the past urged greater independence for India to remedy the somewhat lethargic role of that country in the war against Japan. Running through the entire political situation in the Far East was the basic problem of how far self-determination will be extended to British, French and Dutch territories now held by Japan.

Eden's presence here was not expected to prolong the conference, which very probably will wind up the coming week-end.

Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. arrived late yesterday and dined at the Citadel last night. He is here as a member of a special cabinet committee to study world-wide economic problems.

Adm. Emory S. Land, head of the American shipping administration and the maritime commission, also was participating in the talks.

As the conference continued today, Churchill took time from the Anglo-American talks to meet separately with the Canadian war cabinet.

POLES TO DIVIDE FARMS OF 'TRAITORS'

MOSCOW, Sept. 14—By a new decree of the Polish committee of national liberation, all farmlands "which belonged to Germans and Polish traitors" as well as estates containing more than 125 acres will be placed in a "national land fund" for distribution among land-starved peasants and agricultural laborers.

This decree, which has been approved by the Krajowa Rada Narodowa, or Polish National Council, provides that the distribution shall be carried out by Dec. 20, 1944, according to an article in the Soviet army organ Red Star.

Presumably, a more extensive program of land reform will be carried out once all of Poland has been liberated. Meanwhile, land will be distributed only among landless peasants and peasants whose land holdings are insufficient to provide them with a livelihood.

If the land fund set aside for distribution in any given district is insufficient to give the peasants 12 acres each, plots will be smaller, but ultimately "all who are entitled to land under the land reform decree will get it."

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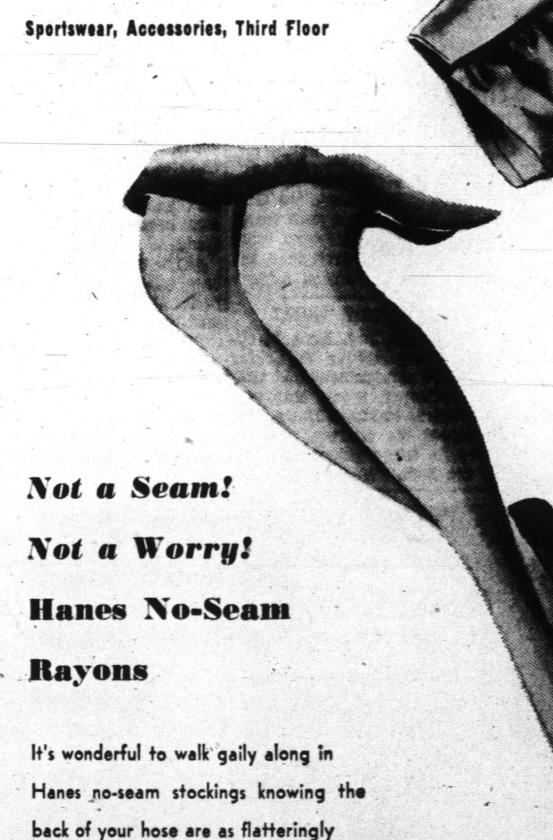
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 14 (U. P.)—Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R. Ind.) will speak at a dinner meeting of the Jackson county Republican campaign committee Tuesday night, James P. Kem, chairman of the committee, said today.



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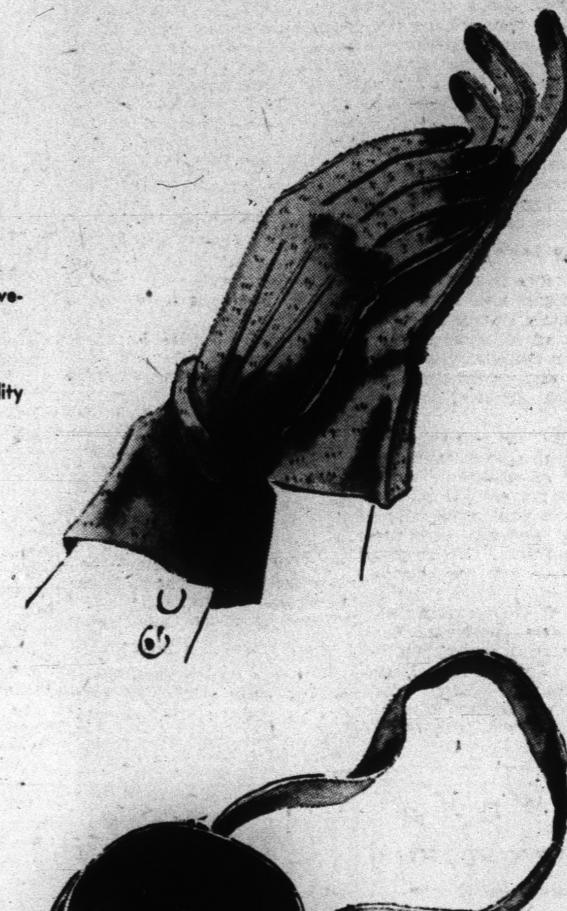
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