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Stay Aloof, Yanks Told In Germany

By Don Whitehead.

WITH THE U. S. 1ST ARMY IN GERMANY (AP)—Troops of the U. S. 1st Army will not be permitted to fraternize with German civilians and are expected to remember that they MUST TREAT THEM AS ENEMIES.

For the first time, American troops are going into country where the civilian population can be expected to be hostile, and the army does not want the men to expose themselves to unnecessary danger, nor permit any LEAKS IN SECURITY through the natural friendliness of doughboys.

Which Are Enemies?

There is no doubt many of the Germans will be happy to see the arrival of the Americans because it means the end of war for them, an end of the dreaded Gestapo and the finish of Nazi domination. But who will be a friend and who an enemy no soldier can say.

No longer can a Doughboy stop along the road and chat even casually with the people.

Only those on official business will be able to leave bivouac areas to mingle with civilians. Their relations will be business only.

If soldiers wander about the country in small groups or singly on sight-seeing expeditions, there is danger of ambush by some of Adolf Hitler's fanatics or SS (elite) troops who have donned civilian clothes.

Nazi Propaganda.

Troops will be expected to conduct themselves in a reserved, soldierly manner to dispute enemy propaganda that has terrified the average German of the arrival of the American army. The German has been told for months that if an American army invades Germany, there will be rape, pillage and mass murders.

The people have been urged by Nazi leaders to commit themselves to TOTAL WAR on the home soil.

The gauleiter of the Aachen and Cologne area distributed leaflets in the Aachen vicinity that declared:

"German men and women: When the enemy reaches German positions in the west let him be met with our fanatical resistance! The enemy's attempt to destroy the Reich and wipe out our people must fail. What the enemy failed to achieve five years ago when his well-equipped armies stood before our fortifications must fail again.

Key to Pronouncing Names in War News

(By the Associated Press.)

Following is a key for pronunciation of names now in the war news.

French.

Montbard Mohn-bahr'
Chatennoie Shaht-nwah'
Mirecourt Meer-koor'

German.

Wallendorf Vah'-len-dohrf
Bitburg Beet'-boork

Polish, Baltic.

Modlin Mohd'-leen
Lupkow Loop'-kohv
Nyemanek Nee-yay'-mah-nek

WAR ORDERS
Affecting Civilians on Home Front

EGG CEILINGS—Egg ceilings slightly lower than the comparative 1943 seasonal levels were established by the office of price administration (OPA) for the Sept. 21-Oct. 18 period on all but the producer level. Prices for the full year will be issued in a few weeks, OPA said.

The new order provides a table of ceilings for every county and OPA described it as "so simple that any handler of shell eggs in any town or hamlet can instantly find his selling price for any type of sale."

In many cities consumers already are paying less than ceiling prices because of the egg surplus, OPA said.

The price schedule replaces a system which set prices by base cities and freight rates.

HOUSING — Restrictions on construction will be eased to provide more housing units in congested areas, the war production board (WPB) and the national housing agency announced.

Apartment houses and other existing residential buildings may be remodeled or converted to provide smaller housing units. Approval of the housing agency, however, must be obtained before work is undertaken.

CUT GAS FOR BOATS—Gasoline rations for motorboats, used for non-occupational purposes were ordered sharply reduced Oct. 1.

The OPA amended its regulations to allow:

Inboard motor boats two gallons of gasoline for each rated horsepower, with a maximum of 24 gallons in any three month period.

Outboard boats 2½ gallons per horsepower, with a maximum of 10 gallons quarterly.

GLASS CONTAINERS — Restrictions on the manufacture and use of glass containers and their closures can be removed soon after the fall of Germany, the WPB said.

Tin for lids and tops of glass containers, however, may remain under restrictions indefinitely, WPB added.

CRANBERRIES—The OPA announced that cranberries for both fresh use and for processing will be brought under price control for the first time at an early date. While not all of the distributive mark-ups have been finally determined, OPA said that the highest retail ceilings are expected to be about 40 cents a pound.

YANK THRUST TOWARD RHINE



ALLIED POSITIONS SATURDAY: Canadian 1st Army seized two strong points on coast northeast of Dunkerque, and Polish units probed two and one-half miles into The Netherlands to capture Hulst; British 1st Army encountered stiff resistance on Dutch border; U. S. 1st Army "completely penetrated" the Siegfried line east of encircled Aachen to reach a point 26 miles from Cologne; U. S. 3rd Army was 15 miles from the rich Saar basin north of Metz, had virtually outflanked that fortress city, and was driving steadily east of Nancy toward the Vosges mountains and the Rhine; U. S. 7th Army closed in on Belfort.

WEST FRONT--

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counterattacks against the British north of the Albert canal near the Dutch border, but to the west they were giving away along the coast and Polish troops of the Canadian 1st Army were 2½ miles into Holland where they captured Hulst.

At the south end of the front there still were some German forces between the U. S. 3rd and 7th Armies, for the latter ran into heavy opposition in pushing seven miles northeast of Vesoul, which is 33 miles west of Belfort.

[The French radio at Algiers said that American forces had reached Belfort, guardian of the Belfort gap into Germany.]

The main interest in the fighting centered, however, on the struggle around Aachen, and it was on this sector that supreme headquarters said the Siegfried line had been "COMPLETELY PENETRATED."

Headquarters emphasized that this did not imply a break-through, although suggesting that one was likley, since a break-through is accomplished only when a breach is exploited to the extent that troops can pour through freely.

The drive put Lieut. Gen. Hodges' U. S. 1st Army infantry on Adolf Hitler's autobahnen—a super highway on the road to Cologne and Berlin.

341,375 Captured.

The bag of prisoners taken by the 1st Army alone had risen to 173,375, making a total for the Americans of 341,375 since the June 6 landings.

A frontline dispatch said the Germans were reported to have called back to the western front command Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, who was reported sacked in a dispute with Field Marshal Erwin Rommel over strategy in the Normandy campaign.

Von Rundstedt, AN OLD-TIME PRUSSIAN GENERAL, thus would succeed Field Marshal Walter von Model, who lasted but a few days in the whirlwind of the Allied advance.

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USING NAZI CANNON.

By Edward D. Ball.

WITH THE AMERICANS BEFORE THIONVILLE, FRANCE (AP)—The U. S. 3rd Army captured a section of the Maginot line on the west side of the Moselle in this area Saturday and turned the German-installed 105 mm. guns on the enemy across the river.

The main stronghold seized here was Fort Gingringen, which was built in 1870 and modernized by the French in 1919. In 1940 the Germans replaced the French-installed 75 mm. guns with Krupp-manufactured 105s. The Americans captured these INTACT WITH THEIR AMMUNITION.

Americans who could not read a word of the German markings worked out on their own hook how to manipulate the guns, turned them around and began firing salvo after salvo at the Germans in that part of Thionville east of the river.

The man who solved operation of the enemy guns was Sergt. Joseph C. Pellerin, Lawrence, Mass., who said he did it "by ear."

It was at Gingringen that Marshal Henri Petain ordered French gun crews to surrender in 1940 after they had sent out word they were prepared to fight on indefinitely.

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HIT RAILWAYS.

LONDON, ENGLAND (SUNDAY) (AP)—Allied fighters and fighter bombers, fanning out for HUNDREDS OF MILES in the area immediately behind the Siegfried line, struck German locomotives, tank cars, trucks and barges rushing reinforcements and supplies to the enemy defenses Saturday.

Simultaneously 150 medium bombers of the U. S. 9th Air Force dumped 300 tons of bombs on the isthmus and dike connecting Walcheren island in Antwerp harbor with the mainland to prevent the German garrison from making a fortress of that position. There was heavy antiaircraft fire from ships in the estuary, and two bombers failed to return.

The pilots who strafed German transport reported they hit 54 locomotives, 30 oil tank cars, 100 railway cars, three barges and three grounded German planes.

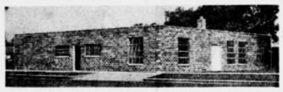
Neither the medium bombers nor the fighters sighted any enemy planes in the air as THE WEATHER TURNED BAD and reduced operations after a promising morning.

NAZI CHUTIST KILLED.

LONDON, ENGLAND (AP)—Capt. Joachim Meissner, rated as Germany's ace parachute officer, has been killed on the western front.

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BRAZIL DENIAL OF UNEASINESS

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY (AP)—Brazilian Ambassador Joao Baptista Luzardo said Saturday after contacting the Rio de Janeiro government that he was fully authorized to issue an emphatic denial of reports concerning uneasiness in Brazil.

"My government and I can only attribute (the reports) to the work of a fifth column interested in creating disturbances in South America," the ambassador said in an interview.

The noon edition of the newspaper El Tiempo said there were reports that former Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha had been arrested at his Rio residence while other military and civilian leaders also were under detention. Luzardo said such reports were false.

The communist paper Diario Popular said, "according to the information we are able to get, the situation is the result of a Nazi putsch."

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COMMUNICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—A usually informed diplomatic source said here Saturday that cable communications with Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, had been interrupted, but the difficulty was subsequently traced to a temporary denial of facilities to one company.

The action was taken by the federal communications commission in connection with rate regulations. Normal cable communications with Rio are being maintained, operating agencies reported.

Waste kitchen fats make gunpowder.

Nazis Unable to Conceal Disaster From the People

By Paul Ghali.

(Special Wireless to the Chicago Daily News and The Des Moines Register.)

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BERN, SWITZERLAND—Growing signs of German demoralization and a desire for peace at almost any price are interpreted here as being largely due to the state of mind of the retreating wehrmacht troops.

Nazi officials are still endeavoring to explain the retreat from France as having been carried out "according to plan."

For example, Captain von Schramm, military commentator of the DNB, spoke of the withdrawal movements as a great strategical success.

The whole army, declared he, had been able to evade the clutches of the enemy.

However, the German people know the truth. They know that this was not an orderly retreat but a panic-stricken flight RECALLING THE DARK DAYS OF 1918. Soldiers fled individually regardless of orders with but one preoccupation, their personal safety.

Retreat Roads.

From Paris to Nancy and Metz roads were packed with vehicles of all shapes and sizes to which groups of wehrmacht soldiers were clinging. When they got to the fatherland many headed STRAIGHT FOR HOME, it is reported, instead of reporting to their officers.

The overlord of German security, Heinrich Himmler, himself, had to intervene, according to private information obtained by your correspondent. According to this source, he was at Saarbrucken and on the Alsatian border on Sept. 3 for the purpose of supervising the entrance into Germany of the retreating wehrmacht troops.

He also ordered SS (elite guard) formations to arrest units which were too obviously disorganized.

Regardless of what battalions they belonged to the panicky troops were formed into new units and hustled off to man the Siegfried line.

The few fortunate enough to dodge the SS got home, however, and they talked. As a result, on Sept. 12 the German radio was forced to give a formal warning to the public not to listen to "tales" of soldiers back from France.

Obnoxious Tales.

Some of these "tales" were especially obnoxious to the Nazis. One says that many officers abandoned their troops and fled in cars. Another, that formations in Paris cravenly left the city two days before the American tanks arrived.

Many of these men whose hearts are filled with envy and hatred for officers who indulged in wine, women and song while they were risking their lives in the battlefield, now say, "we are not going to fight any longer for Hitler and his —— party."

It may be recalled that it was this same spirit of revolt that led quickly to the 1918 armistice and to the rapid rise of the Communist-Spartacist movement throughout Germany.

In 1918 the mutiny of German sailors at Kiel, which rapidly led to the fall of the German empire, broke out because the crews were tired of fighting for LEADERS WHO LED COMFORTABLE LIVES IN BERLIN.

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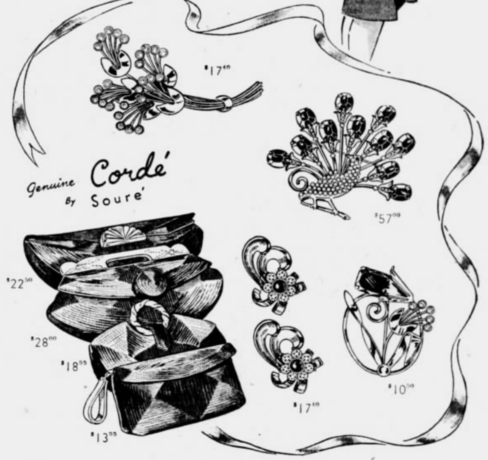
Ready to Seek Wage Revision

CINCINNATI, OHIO (AP)—Spokesmen for the United Mine Workers of America indicated Saturday the union would ask coal operators, or the war labor board, for a new contract within 24 hours after any decision revising upward the "little steel" wage formula.

This clause in the present mine wage agreement was cited: "If at anytime during the term of this supplemental agreement a significant change occurs in the government wage policy, either party shall have the right to request negotiations on general wage rates."

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