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CONTINUE ATTACKS ON NAZI WESTWALL

BRITAIN DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE OBJECT

French Tactics Sapping German Armed Strength

Allies Hold Ground Won And Push Advances In New Sectors — Save Manpower.

(By Charles Foltz, Associated Press Staff Writer) BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Military advances from the western front said tonight French forces, which held ground they won in the face of heavy German attacks last week, resumed their methodical tactics of infiltration toward the main forts of Germany's westwall. No major action was reported during the day. Military observers said the French high command had shown by the progress of the last two weeks that they relied on a gradual sapping of German defences by taking a pill-box here, a hill there and a crossroads in another sector, sparing manpower as much as possible. These slow penetrations were said to be continuing in all sectors save along the Moselle Valley and before Saarbruecken, industrial centre of the Saar Valley.

RUSSIAN ACT NOT JUSTIFIED

Full Import Of Second Invasion Of Poland Not Yet Apparent.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Sept. 18.—The British Government issued a statement tonight declaring the Russian invasion of Poland "cannot be justified by the arguments put forward by the Soviet Government," and promising to prosecute the war "with all energy until their objects have been achieved."

The Government statement minced no words in describing Stalin's orders to his troops to overrun eastern Poland "at a moment when she is prostrate in the face of overwhelming forces brought against her by Germany."

Russia's actions, it emphasized, "can make no difference to the determination of His Majesty's Government, with the full support of the country, to fulfil their treaty obligations to Poland."

Prime Minister Chamberlain will make a statement on British policy when the house meets Wednesday.

Meanwhile the full implications of the German and Russian forces meeting in Eastern Poland is not yet apparent.

MAY SWING ITALY AND SPAIN

Sources close to the government expressed belief tonight that Roman Catholic opinion in Italy and Spain might be consolidated in favor of Britain and France, as a result of Russia and Germany, cooperators of Nazism and Bolshevism, operating in an overtaking Poland. The feeling grew in semi-official circles that Russia and Germany would establish some sort of buffer zone for each and carved off pieces of former Polish territory, but

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R.C.A.F. Plane Forced Down; Crew Rescued

HALIFAX, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Crew of a Royal Canadian Air Force flying boat forced down in the Atlantic off Nova Scotia has been taken aboard the Swedish freighter Polaris, R. C. A. F. headquarters here announced tonight. Officers of the force said the flying boat was standing by the disabled ship while a tug steamed out from Sydney to tow her into port. The plane's position was given as off Sydney, but her exact location was not announced. R. C. A. F. officers here said tonight a "half dozen" men were aboard the plane, which was on a reconnaissance flight when a broken alternator forced her down today. They refused to disclose where she was flying from at the time.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

Talkies and Dance Bradalbane Tuesday, L-843-9-18-21.

Talkies—Malpeque Wednesday, L-843-9-18-21.

Reserve Saturday, October 7th for Philathea Rummage Sale, L-837-9-18-31.

Dance at Kozy Korner, Vernon, Wednesday, September 20th, L-99-9-19-20.

Dance in Forest Hill Hall Thursday, September 21st, L-996-9-19-11.

Don't forget the co-operative rally in St. Mary's Hall on Thursday night, September 21st, L-4-9-19-11.

See pictures, Scotland, England, Australia, Pownal Church Wednesday 20th, by Rev. A. J. Ebbutt, L-12-19-11.

Monthly meeting Ladies Aid Prince Edward Island Hospital Wednesday, September 20, 3:30 p. m. at Cundall Home, L-17-9-19-21.

Polish Gov't Quits Country With "Heavy Heart"

PARIS, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Havas — Polish president Ignace Moscicki announced through the embassy tonight his decision "with a heavy heart" to transfer the seat of Polish government to an undisclosed haven which will assure it "full sovereignty."

Text of his statement follows:—"Citizens: At a time when our army with incomparable courage was struggling from the first day of the war against the overwhelming power of the enemy, withstanding the onslaught of almost the whole armed might of Germany, our eastern neighbor has invaded our land in violation of solemn covenants and unchanging laws of morality."

Now for the first time in our history we are faced with invasion inundating our country both west and east. Poland, allied with France and Great Britain, is struggling for the rule of law against the lawlessness, the ruthless barbarism, against the reign of evil in the world. From this struggle I have inviolable faith Poland must and shall emerge victorious."

Citizens: From the passing deluge we must safeguard the symbols of the republic and the source of constitutional authority. Therefore, with a heavy heart I have resolved to transfer the seat of the president of the republic to the highest existing authority of the state to a place offering conditions that assure them full sovereignty and enable them to watch over the interests of the Republic."

Citizens: I am aware that throughout the hardest ordeals you will preserve the same dignity and lofty pride by which you have earned the admiration of the world. On every day you guard the honor of the nation, no matter what may befall you. Almighty providence will render justice to our cause.

ITALY PERMITS PEASANTS TO RETURN HOME

Believed War Not In Mussolini's Present Plans

ROME, Sept. 18.—(CP)—A further indication that Italy is holding to her non-aggression status was seen today in this Government's announcement that peasants in the army would be permitted to return home for wine-making and fall planting. While authorities declared that "war of leave" for reservists would not weaken army efficiency, it was considered obvious that Premier Mussolini would not let the men go if war was in his immediate plans. Italian circles watched developments in silence. This was due to the delicate situation for Italy, which as an ally of Germany and the nation with claims for settlement, is in a different position than the smaller powers of Europe. For that reason they refrained from any comment on Soviet Russia's invasion of Poland.

Duke Of Windsor To Join British Forces In France

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(CP)—The War Office announced tonight that the Duke of Windsor shortly will proceed abroad as a Major General in the British expeditionary forces. The king, the war office announced, accepted temporarily his brother's resignation as Field Marshal in order that he might serve actively in the lower rank of Major General. The appointment was effective as of Sept. 3, the day Britain declared war.

The Duke returned from France and Italian fronts during the first Great War, as a staff officer. He was attached to the staff of the Canadian Corps during the closing weeks of the war. During the last crisis that preceded hostilities the Duke, speaking as a private individual with actual experience of war made two pleas for world peace. The first was in an international broadcast and the second was a message to the King of Italy urging him to use his influence for peace.

HITLER UNKNOWN

HARLINGTON, England.—(CP)—Henry Hitler, 74, has never heard of Hitler before he was issued a gasmask, and isn't worrying about him now, "whoever he is."

NAVAL SHIP SUNK BY NAZI SUBMARINE

British Sea Traditions Outstanding In Loss Of H. M. S. Courageous.

(By J. F. Sanderson Canadian Press Staff Writer.)

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(CP Cable)—Men of the H. M. S. Courageous lived up to the finest traditions of the Royal Navy, singing, joking and cheering in the water while the big aircraft carrier slowly sank beneath the surface today, victim of a suicidal attack by a German submarine. The epic story of the gallantry of the crew of the 22,500-ton warship was disclosed tonight when the first survivors were landed. Of 1,100 officers and men aboard, 400 were landed by a British destroyer and an undetermined number are following by merchant ship.

Sinks In 30 Minutes

Captain W. T. Makeig-Jones standing on the bridge of his doomed ship gave the order to abandon her within five minutes of the submarine attack. She sank within 30 minutes, heeling so quickly some boats on the starboard side could not be floated. Officers who landed tonight said they last saw Captain Makeig-Jones on the bridge. His fate is unknown. Many officers and men jumped into the sea, survivors said, when the captain gave orders to abandon ship. Some paddled about in icy cold water for 45 minutes before being picked up by destroyers and merchantmen. They joked, sang and cheered to keep up their spirits, supported companions who could not swim and shouted encouragement to each other until help arrived. Rescue vessels included an American freighter and a Dutch liner. (At Washington the United States Maritime Commission announced its freighter Collingsworth had 53 Courageous survivors aboard.)

Was In Canada

One of the officers saved was Commander Abel Smith, Esquerry to the King who accompanied the King and Queen to Canada and the United States this year. He was called from (Continued on page 9, Col 5)

War Briefs

BUDAPEST, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Prominent Poles residing in Hungary announced today their intention of joining the French army in the war against Germany.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A single French pilot shot down today by German planes in aerial combat over the western front today, French military authorities said. Advice from the front lines given out in Paris tonight said French planes had been generally active along the front in meeting the German air force on an even footing.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(CP)—The Evening Standard's Londoner's Dairy today reported Mrs. Flora French, wife of its founder, the famous Colonel Jack Boyle, Yukon pioneer, is complaining in London of the difficulty of obtaining war work because she is the widow of an American artist and no longer a British subject.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(CP Cable)—The war has failed to halt plans to open the billiard season at Thurston's Sept. 25. Londoners enjoyed a vaudeville for the first time since the war broke out when numerous variety houses reopened today and reported good business.

BELGRADE, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The Yugoslav Government received powers to govern by decree today from the Regency Council today to continue until Parliament convenes.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Queen Wilhelmina will open the regular session of Parliament tomorrow with a speech from Throne in which she was expected to reaffirm the Netherlands' policy of strict neutrality.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Government officials are prepared, it was learned today, for a German peace move in which the United States may be asked to play a part though indications were the answer to such a request would be "no."

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Island Red Cross Society Prepares For War Activities

Executive Council Enlarged To Aid In Work — Hon. Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan Outlines Objectives.

(By J. F. Sanderson Canadian Press Staff Writer.)

The Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, President of the P. E. I. Red Cross Society, addressed the special war emergency meeting held here last night. So great was the interest of the people that the City hall would not hold the crowd and it was found necessary to adjourn to the Hearns Memorial Hall.

PRINCE COUNTY

The Hon. Thane A. Campbell; H. T. Holman, Summerside; Dr. Tanton, O'Leary; Hon. Horace Wright, Bedeque; Mr. J. A. Bernard, Trigon; Mr. H. P. MacPhee; Mr. J. B. Burnett; Mr. Reuben MacDonald; Mr. A. B. Fisher; Mr. A. Belcher; Mrs. MacLare Pres. Q. M. N. G.; Mr. W. A. Stewart; Miss Ina Gillian; Mrs. Wm. Moore; Mrs. Gus MacDonald; Mrs. Frank Murray, all of Charlottetown; Dr. Farmer; Mr. Stewart; Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Fairview; Mrs. Wesley Bell, York Point.

QUEENS COUNTY

Hon. Mark A. MacGuigan; Hon. Geo. D. DeBlas; Mr. John P. Gordon; Mr. H. P. MacPhee; Mr. J. B. Burnett; Mr. Reuben MacDonald; Mr. A. B. Fisher; Mr. A. Belcher; Mrs. MacLare Pres. Q. M. N. G.; Mr. W. A. Stewart; Miss Ina Gillian; Mrs. Wm. Moore; Mrs. Gus MacDonald; Mrs. Frank Murray, all of Charlottetown; Dr. Farmer; Mr. Stewart; Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Fairview; Mrs. Wesley Bell, York Point.

KINGS COUNTY

Mr. Harry Merlan, Souris; Dr. P. D. MacIntyre, Montague; Mr. Leu Poole, Montague; Senator J. A. MacDonald, Cardigan; Mr. Harry Stewart; Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Georgetown; Mrs. Norman MacDonald, Georgetown.

Polish Resistance Near Collapse In Face Of Two Powerful Invaders

(By Lloyd Lehrbas, Associated Press Staff Writer) CERNAUTI, Rumania, Sept. 19.—(Tuesday, 1 a. m.—9 p. m. A.D.T Monday)—(AP)—Three widely separated Polish armies, badly battered and almost surrounded, today were reported continuing to fight against overwhelming German armies despite the flight of the Polish Government from the nation.

Advices received at this border town showed the Polish armies were entrenched as follows:— 1. In Warsaw and west of the city, still holding out after a 12-day siege. 2. Along the Bug River north of Pinsk and in the Bialystok sector. 3. Along the San River west of Lwow, the capital of the Ukraine territory now being invaded by the Russian and German armies.

(By Lloyd Lehrbas Associated Press Staff Writer) Foreign Staff)

CERNAUTI, RUMANIA, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Poland's life as a nation ebbed fast tonight as Government officials, troops and civilians fled by thousands across the Rumanian frontier before converging German and Soviet Russian troops.

President Ignace Moscicki, Foreign Minister Joseph Beck, and Marshal Edward Smigly-Rydz, army commander, accompanied by scores of other officials, have crossed the border. They planned to go on to Paris from Bucharest.

Moscicki entrained for Craiova, near the Bulgarian frontier, while Beck motored to the Sasiuk-Modolya district and Marshal Smigly-Rydz to Bilzak in the Carpathian Mountains.

There was a bitter argument between Beck and Smigly-Rydz at the station during the farewell to Moscicki. The army chief stalked off to an automobile, ignoring Beck's aides.

Poland's "Big three" now were separated. "Furious Engagement" (Havas News Agency quoted Polish dispatches reaching Cernauti as stating that in a "furious engagement" near Lwow, Polish troops wiped out two German divisions. It added the engagement was not confirmed.)

The Russian Army, advancing swiftly since its entry into Poland yesterday was rolling westward through the Ukraine. The motorized forces were reported moving through the province of Tarnopol, through (Continued on page 9, Col 4)

Hitler Is Heavy Loser On West Front

LEEDS, ENGLAND, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Adolf Hitler soon will be compelled to launch a counter-offensive on the Western Front to save face, the Military Correspondent of the Yorkshire Post predicted today.

France has captured a strip of German territory from one to 12 miles deep and nearly continuous along a 100-mile front, the writer said. Even shells fired by German artillery now explode on German territory, he added, concluding that the dynamics of Nazi prestige politics will compel Hitler to attempt capture of the lost ground.

French 35's the correspondent said, are consistently out-ranging the German field artillery.

BUFFER STATE IN POLAND IS INVADERS AIM

Nazi-Soviet Intention To "Assist" Polish Population Russians Declare.

(By Witt Hancock, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Sept. 18.—(AP)—German and Soviet Russia were believed by some sources tonight to plan creation of a small Polish buffer state as their armies bit further into Poland.

These sources said they saw a hint of such a possibility in a joint communiqué broadcast from Russian stations.

This announcement declared the intention of the Soviet and German armies was to "assist the population of Poland in reconstructing conditions of their state existence."

Red Army general staff reports indicated the Russian march, which started early Sunday, was proceeding along the 500-mile eastern Polish frontier from Latvia to Rumania.

The joint Soviet-German communiqué declared:—"Germany and the Soviet Union are convinced of every description with regard to the tasks of Soviet and German troops in Poland, the Government of the U. S. S. R. and Germany declare that the actions of these troops pursue no aim counter to the interests of Germany or the Soviet Union or contradicting the spirit and the letter of the non-aggression pact concluded by Germany and the U. S. S. R."

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U. S. Clipper Safe On Run Despite Fears

LONDON, Sept. 19.—(Tuesday) —(CP)—Reuters News Agency said today that the American Clipper flying boat of Pan-American Airways, was winning its way safely across the Atlantic to New York after an interruption in wireless communications had caused fears for its safety.

The flying boat left Horta, the Azores, at 7:10 P. M. (4:10 P. M. A.D.T.) Monday.

Reuters said that a Portuguese gunboat was dispatched to the assistance of the Clipper when the latter's communications led to a break in the flying boat had come down in the Atlantic, 100 miles west of the Azores. The gunboat was reported returning to its base after it was learned that all was well aboard the clipper.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Pan-American Airways officials said tonight it had received a report from its Baltimore base that the American Clipper, reported down 100 miles west of the Azores, was flying "ahead of schedule" and due in Bermuda early tomorrow morning.

Pan American officials said they thought the report the clipper was down resulted from momentary radio trouble, and that now it was believed the plane was safe.

The plane left the Azores, wireless operators at Horta were unable to talk to her, and asked the Portuguese radio system to ask ships to stand by.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Pan-American Airways officials here said tonight an "electrical" disturbance had interrupted communication from the Bermuda-bound American Clipper for 45 minutes but they were resumed later.

Aircraft Carrier's Survivors Are Landed In Eng.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(Tuesday) —(CP)—The Admiralty issued today a list of 438 survivors of the torpedoed aircraft carrier Courageous, first warship casualty in the war with Germany.

The Admiralty emphasized that the list was not complete. The ship's company numbered slightly more than 1,100 when she went down at an unnamed spot yesterday.

About 400 of the survivors were landed in England tonight by destroyer, some of them telling vivid stories of the sinking.

The list of survivors included Commander E. M. C. Abel-Smith, a former equestrian to the King, the ship's chaplain, the senior engineer and various other officers and men. Commander C. W. G. M. Woodhouse also was listed among the survivors, but there was no immediate mention of Captain W. T. S. R.

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Director Of Marine Services Is Appointed

OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Transport minister Hector today named R. K. Smith, director of marine services, as chairman of the newly-constituted ships licensing board, for the conservation of Canadian registered ships.

Others appointed to the board are: A. M. Merrett, director of department of national revenue; Commander J. A. Heenan, naval service; F. E. Bowen, director of trade and commerce; J. R. O'Malley, of the department of transport will act as secretary.

Under the regulations established by an order-in-council tabled in the House of Commons Sept. 5, no ships whose gross tonnage exceeds 500 tons, shall proceed to sea on any voyage from a port in Canada to a port outside of Canada or vice versa without a license.

The order also applies to voyages of such ships from a port outside of Canada to any outside port, except under a license granted on behalf of the minister of transport. A penalty of \$500 is provided for breaking the regulations.

The object of the order is the conservation of Canadian registered ships for Canadian, British or allied needs. The board states it does not desire to interfere with established services unless "absolutely essential."

Situation At A Glance

(Canadian Press)

MOSCOW—Germany and Russia believed planning creation of small Polish buffer state between them.

CERNAUTI—Polish Government, troops and 100,000 civilians flee Poland for Rumania; "big three" of Polish leaders separated, reported quarrelling.

PARIS—French report sinking German submarine; western front quiet.

COPENHAGEN—Premiers of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland confer on maintenance of neutrality.

WASHINGTON—United States officials prepared for Hitler peace move in which United States might be asked to participate; expect Washington answer would be "no."

ROME—Italy sends peasant members of army home for fall farming, indicating Rome intends to remain a non-belligerent.

LONDON—Great Britain, labelling Russian invasion of Poland "unjustified," states she will "prosecute the war with all energy" until its "objects have been achieved"; German submarine sinks British aircraft carrier Courageous, undetermined number of men lost.

BERLIN—Russian and German forces meet at Brest-Litovsk as generals draw up occupation line for armies; Warsaw, still in Polish hands, attacked again.

TORONTO, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	31 41
Montreal	42 58
Quebec	40 60
Saint John	41 60
Halifax	47 58
Charlottetown	49 57

Maritime Provinces and Bay Chaleur: Moderate winds; becoming fresh at night; fair and quite cool.

High tide this afternoon at 2:04 and tomorrow morning at 3:18. Sun sets this evening at 6:04 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:43. First quarter moon Sept. 20, 6:34 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 4:30 P.M. Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M., 6:20 P.M.

CAN YOU REMEMBER JUST WHAT WORRIED YOU YESTERDAY?



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