

Try Again to Reach 64 Miners

Plan to Drill Hole
Directly to Tunnel;
Entrance Is Sealed

Compiled From Press Dispatches

A last desperate attempt to reach 64 men trapped in a blazing coal mine 14 miles south of Bel-
laire, O., was slated to be made
late Thursday after earlier rescue
attempts had been given up and
the mine section sealed.

Hope was abandoned early
Thursday when one of the four
fires which had been extinguished
broke out again and forced weary
rescue crews to the surface.

But John Owens, president of
District 50, United Mine Workers
of America, demanded that a hole
be bored directly to the tunnel in
which the men are trapped and an
attempt made to contact them.

Hopes Men Alive

George Mitchell, chief engineer
for the Powhatan Coal Mining
company, said two high speed
drills were expected momentarily.
"We still have hope they may be
alive," Mitchell said, although
other officials expressed opinions
that the men, trapped since Wed-
nesday, are dead.

Adolf Pacifico, UMW vice-presi-
dent, said the men—if alive—could
be given air, food and water
through the hole, which would be
about eight inches in diameter.

Mine officials said it was neces-
sary to seal the entrances to the
mines to put out the fire before it
destroyed the entire mine.

Scores of relatives of the en-
tombment men were waiting hope-
fully at the mine entrance when of-
ficials announced that the shaft
must be sealed.

Roy Fox, supervisor of the Pow-
hatan Coal Mining company, owner
of the mine, largest in Ohio,
said that in "my opinion the men
are dead. How they died we do
not know. Their supply of oxygen
may have run out, or they may
have been trapped by the spread-
ing fire."

Fox said that if the entrances
were not sealed now, it would be
a week or perhaps longer before
the mine could be entered.

The number of presumed dead
was established by counting the
missing head lamps, Fox said.

Earlier, the doomed men had
answered the tappings of rescue
workers on a water pipe running
through the mine, and some hope
was held for their rescue.

Rescue crews sobbed without
shame as they abandoned their
efforts and emerged graying and
worn from the shaft. Many had
brothers and other relatives
trapped inside.

Showers, Cooler Due Over State

Scattered thundershowers were
predicted for Nebraska Thursday,
while cooler weather was a Fri-
day prospect.

Maximum temperatures were
fairly uniform over the state Wed-
nesday with Alliance reporting 90,
Chadron and Sidney 92, Grand Is-
land and Lincoln 91, North Platte
87, Omaha 89, and Valentine 90.

Omaha low during the night was
71, while the state low was Bridge-
port 61. Only precipitation was
0.5 at Bridgeport and .10 at Cul-
bertson.

The Missouri river fell substan-
tially for the first time in several
weeks. The past 24 hours it had
dropped 1.8 feet to a stage of 15.4
at Omaha.

The river was falling upstream
and Meteorologist W. V. Robbins
said it should continue to fall in
the Omaha district for the next
few days.

Girl Breaks Leg in Fall
Shirley Hamilton, 13, of 4709
North Nineteenth street, suffered
a fractured left leg Wednesday
evening when she fell from a tree
while climbing across the street
from her home. She was taken
to Doctors' hospital.

The Weather

Nebraska: Clear to partly
cloudy Thursday night, Friday
and Saturday; thundershowers
Thursday night in northeast and
north central; cooler northeast
Thursday night, warmer north-
west and extreme west Friday,
with highest temperatures 80-
85 northwest and extreme west,
70-80 remaining.

Lower: Clear Thursday night
and Friday, except scattered
thundershowers northwest and
north central late Thursday
night or Friday; warmer Thurs-
day night, cooler northwest and
north central Friday.

Temperatures

Wednesday	Thursday
12:30 p. m. 80	12:30 p. m. 74
1:30 p. m. 82	1:30 p. m. 76
2:30 p. m. 84	2:30 p. m. 78
3:30 p. m. 86	3:30 p. m. 80
4:30 p. m. 88	4:30 p. m. 82
5:30 p. m. 90	5:30 p. m. 84
6:30 p. m. 88	6:30 p. m. 82
7:30 p. m. 86	7:30 p. m. 80
8:30 p. m. 84	8:30 p. m. 78
9:30 p. m. 82	9:30 p. m. 76
10:30 p. m. 80	10:30 p. m. 74
11:30 p. m. 78	11:30 p. m. 72

For the 24 hours ending 12:30
p. m. Wednesday's high tem-
perature, 89; low, 71; mean, 79;
normal, 74. Total excess since
January, 387. High, year ago,
84; low, year ago, 65.

Record temperatures this date:
High, 100, in 1937; low, 56, in
1908.

Relative humidity, at 7:30 a. m.,
67 per cent; at noon, 54 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ending
7:30 a. m. Thursday, 0. Total
this month, 0. Total this year,
19.88; excess, 5.45. Total to date
last year, 15.32.

Missouri river level Thursday,
15.4 feet; normal, 11.7 feet.

B and C Gas Users' Names to Be Public

How Much, What For,
Will Be Revealed
by Ration Boards

Omahans with a yen to know
all about their neighbors' B or C
gasoline rations may now satisfy
their curiosity, with the official
blessing of OPA.

Officials of the Omaha district
OPA office Thursday revealed re-
sults of a new nationwide regula-
tion authorizing local ration
boards to make public the names
of persons issued B and C ration
cards after June 30, the extra gal-
lonage allotted and the purpose
for which it was claimed.

All present B and C cards will
also become subject to public
scrutiny upon renewal.

In Washington an OPA spokes-
man said the ruling was intended
to fix a national policy, insofar
as it is feasible for boards to com-
ply, in order to discourage the
waste of gasoline through what
he called exaggerated claims.

Not at all fearful that requests
will swamp ration boards in the
Omaha district, John G. Aldrich,
district OPA director, commented:
"If the new rule is enforced by
his neighbors is entitled validly
to the extra gallop, no harm
will be done by the checkup. If
he obtained extra gasoline by vi-
olating regulations, we want to
know about it."

Charles W. Leeman, volunteer
chairman of the downtown ration
board, was not as enthusiastic
about the new rule because of the
possibilities it holds for swamping
already busy board clerks.

"About the only time it might
be helpful," he said, "is in cases
where a motorist may have
obtained gasoline to which he is
not entitled by misrepresenting to
the board a 'permanent' change of
address."

Has Answered Questions
The new OPA regulation reads:
"It is the established policy of
OPA to ration gasoline to neigh-
bors by neighbors. It is entirely
proper that, within the limits of
administrative feasibility, persons
should be entitled to know the
amount of mileage granted to
others who are asking for a share
in the gasoline which belongs to
the community."

Aldrich said that, in the absence
of a fixed policy, the district OPA
office here has followed a practice
of answering individual inquiries
about the supplemental rations of
others.

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Fraud Is Charged in Gas Coupons

Accused of falsely representing
105 counterfeit B-2 gasoline ration
coupons, good for 525 gallons of
gasoline, and presenting them to a
wholesaler for that amount, John
A. Steiner, operator of a filling
station at Twenty-fourth street
and St. Mary's avenue, pleaded in-
nocence Thursday before United
States Commissioner Elmer Thomas
and was released under one
thousand dollars bond.

It was the first appearance in
Omaha of alleged counterfeit cou-
pons in any such quantity. As a
result United States secret ser-
vice agents joined with the OPA
in working on the case.

The stamps, said agents, were
printed on genuine government pa-
per, but close scrutiny of type face
revealed counterfeiting. Theft of
genuine paper from authorized
printing plants has been reported
in a number of eastern cities, fed-
eral authorities said.

New Warrant Issued in Slashing Case

Another warrant charging assault
and battery was issued in South
Side police court Thursday morn-
ing in connection with the slash-
ing Tuesday of Jesus Gonzales, 52,
of 2707 Q street. A warrant had
been issued Wednesday for the
arrest of a South Omaha tavern
operator but Gonzales said the
wrong man had been arrested.

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OPA Fan Price Is Above Ceiling

Kansas City (AP)—The office
of price administration reports
the heat has been put on its
local office.

Funds for six electric fans
were approved by OPA, and
Charles Morpheus, panel secre-
tary, set out to buy them Wed-
nesday. He came back hot—and
empty-handed.

He had found the six fans,
all right, he said, but the dealer
wanted far above the ceiling
price. Even when he learned
that Morpheus was from the
OPA, he still wanted more than
the ceiling price, saying he had
paid more than that for them.

Morpheus said a check would
be made every few days to make
sure the dealer hadn't peddled
his fans at higher than ceiling
prices.

The dealer keeps his fans;
the OPA keeps warm.

Whisky Sale Attempt Fails

Judge Rules Dealers'
Bids Too Low

While a handful of citizens
who like a nip now and then
sipped and licked their lips
wisely, 15 cases of assorted
liquors went begging Thursday
morning when an attempt was
made to auction it at the court-
house to licensed dealers.

The 15 cases on which State
Liquor Agent Frank Spellman
said the retail ceiling price was
about seven hundred dollars and
the wholesale ceiling was about
\$475, brought a bid of \$325.

County Judge Robert R. Troyer
said this was not enough, and
announced he would refuse to
confirm the sale and would or-
der a new attempt.

The liquor was confiscated re-
cently when a Kansan was ar-
rested heading for home with it
in his car and was found guilty
of illegal possession by Judge
Troyer. The judge had ordered
it sold at auction only to li-
censed liquor dealers doing busi-
ness in Douglas county, with a
limit of three cases to a dealer.

Attorney Alfred A. Fiedler
made the \$325 bid for five re-
tail liquor dealers and bar op-
erators. Besides Fiedler, there
were only two dealers bidding,
and they capitulated without
much battle.

When the sale opened, Fiedler
offered a flat bid of two hundred
dollars for the lot. There were
no other bids. Spellman, con-
ducting the sale, said: "This is
ridiculous." He announced he
will attempt to sell the liquor
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Identification bracelets, \$8.50.
Heavy sterling. Mail orders filled.
ZALE'S, 1507 Farnam.—Adv.

Clearance! Men's summer slacks.
Large group at \$3.95. Bargains.
MAYERS, 16th & Capitol.—Adv.

Reds Unleash New Drive on Pinsk; American Troops Outflank La Haye

Bloody Fight
Rages Inside
Doomed City

Von Kluge Succeeds
Von Rundstedt as
German Commander

Compiled From Cable Dispatches

Hard-fighting columns of Ameri-
can First army troops plunged
southward beyond besieged La
Haye du Puits Thursday, outflank-
ing this western anchor of the
enemy's Normandy line while
other troops battled the Germans
in the city in the bloodiest
fighting of the month-old invasion.

An almost equally bitter battle
was raging at the opposite end
of the front around Carpiquet, three
miles west of Caen on the invasion
road to Paris, 120 miles east.

Berlin announced in a broadcast
Thursday night that Marshal Karl
Rudolf von Rundstedt, command-
er of German forces in the west,
had been replaced by Field Mar-
shal Guenther von Kluge.

Supreme headquarters disclosed
Thursday that American troops
withdrew from the La Haye rail-
way station and railroads Thurs-
day after holding it for several
hours. The troops were pulled
back to permit the heavy guns to
soften up enemy emplacements,
battlefront reports said. Severe
street fighting raged on the fringe
of the town.

The Americans forcing their way
south on the Cherbourg peninsula
reached Las Des Jardins, three
miles southwest of La Haye, while
on the east another spearhead
penetrated the forest Du Mont
Caste, three miles southeast of
the town. American troops cap-
tured Glatigny, Scormant and La
Butte, all within a six-mile radius
of La Haye.

Hold Firm Near Caen
As the doughboys advanced vir-
tually foot by foot against the
stubborn Germans, a furious tank
and infantry battle raged near
Caen on the eastern flank of the
Normandy battle area. The allied
command said Canadian and
British forces held firm against a
strong German counter-attack in
the Carpiquet area.

Headquarters announced that
German troops were more densely
packed in defense positions in the
Caen region than on any battle
ground in this or the last war.

The supreme command said that
the German troops there had
reached a concentration of one
division to slightly less than three
miles of the front—a situation that
leaves little room for maneuver-
ing.

The allied troops also are closely
packed, with little freedom of
movement.

The German high command was
reported throwing tanks and in-
fantry lavishly into the battle, and
hand-to-hand fighting was going
on at the airfields south of newly-
captured Carpiquet.

Weather Clears
The mile-long Carpiquet airfield
is no-man's land and an officer
observed reported to supreme
headquarters that three sets of two
huge hangars had been destroyed.

"German tanks can be seen mov-
ing among the remains of the
hangars and shells whistle from
both sides of the airfield," he
said, adding:

"Dead Germans lie around the
tracks of the Bayeux-Carpiquet
railroad and dead cattle lie in the
adjoining fields."

The airfield, built in 1938, is
one of the best in Normandy and
has been used extensively by the
Germans.

The density of the German
troops facing the Americans is
roughly half that of the Germans
around Caen, but more difficult
terrain in the Cherbourg penin-
sula offsets this advantage for the
doughboys.

It was agreed that a deluge of
high explosives from the air and a
mighty artillery barrage are need-
ed to crack a hole in the German
lines around Caen. Thursday's
clearing weather gave promise of
the most intense air activity for
three weeks.

After the preliminary military
greeting at the airport, he will be
escorted to the White house for a
presidential reception and tea.
During his stay in Washington the
French leader will be quartered in
the Blair house, the government
residence reserved for foreign dig-
nities.

Early said conferences between
the president and de Gaulle will
be held intermittently through Sat-
urday.

When de Gaulle steps from the
plane bringing him from Algiers,
it will be one year minus only one
day since his former co-leader,
Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, came
here on a similar mission—to im-
prove French-American relations.

What might have been a major
stumbling block to amiable discus-
sions apparently has been elimi-
nated—the specific question of
recognition. Secretary of State
Cordell Hull said Wednesday he
understood the talks would be on
a general rather than specific
level, confirming the assertion of
French sources that de Gaulle did
not plan to press for legal recog-
nition.

Tune in "America's Town Meet-
ing of the Air" over KOWH to-
night, 7:30 to 8:30.—Adv.

Nebraska Soldiers Itching to Get Chance at Nazis

By Lawrence Youngman
(World-Herald Staff Member)

Somewhere in England—The
past week I have spent with Ne-
braska men who expect they will
soon cross the channel and match
skill and weapons with the Nazis.

The most interesting part of
this experience has been to ob-
serve the attitude of these men
toward the business of going into
battle, knowing full well that cas-
ualties and fatalities are bound
to result.

Unless their inner feelings be-
lie their talk and their attitude,
most of these men really want to
go to France, and the sooner
the better.

Aside from patriotic feelings,
their personal reasons seem to be
three:

1. To hurry it up and get the

thing over and go back home
as soon as possible.

2. Most of them have been in
the army several years and they
do not care to again face neigh-
bors and friends without being
able to say that they have seen
some fighting.

3. They have devoted many
months to training and
intensive maneuvers. At times
it's been a rough schedule. They
would hate to think that it all
has been wasted time and
trouble. They would like to try
out what they have been taught.

An Omaha, William Hoagland,
510 North Forty-eighth street, said
he believed if the men were given
their choice of fighting in France
or accepting a comfortable, hon-
orable and safe assignment in the
states that nine out of 10 would
choose France.

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Battle of Russia... Arrows locate red army drives including
advances toward the Warsaw-Riga railway (behind notched line),
which forms the major German supply route to her armies in the
Baltic states. Ringed cities are principal objectives of the Russian
offensive. A new red drive was launched Thursday toward Pinsk,
north of abandoned Kovel. (Story at right.)

War at a Glance

Russia—Red army launches
powerful new offensive toward
Brest-Litovsk and Pinsk above
abandoned Kovel. Third White
Russian army within 45 miles of
Wilno. (Page 1.)

Britain—Churchill reveals
German robot bombs have killed
2,752 persons in last three
weeks, with attacks centered on
London. (Page 1.)

France—American troops out-
flank La Haye as bitter street
fighting rages within city. Furi-
ous tank and infantry battle in
progress near Caen. (Page 1.)

Pacific—Japanese garrisons
on Saipan and Noemfof await
doom as American troops close
in for final battles. (Page 8.)

Italy—Increased German re-
sistance slows allied offensive
10 miles south of Leghorn.
(Page 8.)

Air War—One thousand
American heavy bombers attack
northwest Germany and air
fields and robot bomb sites in
France after heavy RAF night
assault. (Page 8.)

17-Gun Salute for De Gaulle

French Leader Due for
U. S. Parleys

Compiled From Press Dispatches
A 17-gun salute was prepared
for Gen. Charles de Gaulle, 53-
year-old Frenchman, whose name
has become synonymous with
French resistance and political
controversy, when he arrives in
Washington late Thursday after-
noon.

Presidential Secretary Stephen
Early outlined the agenda for de
Gaulle's first day in the capital
and stated de Gaulle would be
given a military reception in ac-
cord with his military rank.

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