

ALLIES, NAZIS LOCKED IN BLOODY BATTLE AT SALERNO

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Japs, Routed From Salamau, Attempt to Reach Lae Base; Battle in Kuriles Reported

Anzacs Brave Flooded River To Smash Foe

Battered Lae Offers No Chance of Safety for Fleeing Nippon Remnant

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 13—(AP)—The Japanese garrison at Salamau today made desperate attempts to keep open a trail to Lae, its only channel of escape, so tight was the allied surface and aircraft blockade along northeastern New Guinea's coastal barge route.

Australian pioneers who swam the flooded Francisco river Saturday had overrun prize Salamau airdrome two miles from the city without encountering resistance.

Anzac troops who followed the pioneers across the river were last reported pushing Japanese remnants holding a ridge one mile and a half northwest of airstrip.

In a drive around the outskirts of Salamau, Australians saw no Japanese except the fallen, abandoned and decomposing amid the ruins of a stronghold virtually obliterated by hundreds of tons of bombs since the first allied air attack on April 1, 1942.

No Hope For Japs

Even if the survivors of Salamau garrison succeeded in reaching Lae, their fate was sealed. For Japanese failure to offer serious resistance to the Aus-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the mass of rumors, propaganda and incomplete and contradictory dispatches that make up the news of the moment this much seems fairly certain:

The battle of the Mediterranean is on.

It will be a REAL fight. When it is over—along with whatever else it touches off—the end of the war in Europe will be more clearly predictable than now.

So far as we are concerned, outsiders are concerned, the situation in Italy is like a whirling, snarling, snapping dogfight waged in a cloud of dust. About all we can do is to listen to the din and watch the fragments that fly out of the dust cloud.

As one of the more tangible of these fragments, we seem to have landed at Naples, fought off determined German counterattacks, ESTABLISHED our beachhead and are now fanning out into the interior.

That is to say, we seem to have succeeded in our FIRST important effort.

It seems likely that the Germans may have grabbed Rome. They're evidently trying to set up a puppet government of their own in Italy—both to capitalize for themselves what remains of fascism (the die-hards whose goose is cooked unless the Germans win) and to create added confusion in already-dazed Italy.

Possibly they hope we'll outrage world opinion by coming in after them and destroying art, religious and historic shrines in the process.

Maybe they hope to HIDE BEHIND these shrines.

GERMAN and Italian troops appear to be FIGHTING EACH OTHER in the vitally important valley of the Po.

Reports persist that Italian army garrisons hold Milan and

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British Naval Units En Route To Blast Nippons

LONDON, Sept. 13—(AP)—Great Britain was reported today to be transferring many of her heavier naval units to the far eastern fleet under Admiral Somerville for the opening of an allied payoff drive against the Japanese in southeast Asia this fall.

Lord Louis Mountbatten's new southeast Asia command forces with the transfer of some thousands of commandos from Britain—perhaps for operations against such outlying points as the Andaman islands, which the Japanese have been using as a submarine and seaplane base, and against the Nicobar group in the bay of Bengal.

It is anticipated here that the coming offensive will be on a far greater scale than anything attempted thus far in southeast Asia and will get under way some time in October when the monsoon season ends.

In addition to early operations against outlying islands now in Japanese hands, it is believed generally in London that recapture of the Burma road is one of the immediate goals of the allies, not only in order to speed supplies to China but also for political reasons.

Both the United States and Britain are expected to increase air power in that theater. The Arakan campaign which the British undertook last December demonstrated that the key to the reconquest of Burma is naval and air power and that without control of the sea lanes the number of troops which can successfully be maintained in Burma is strictly limited by the extraordinary complexity of land communications.

Pinniger, Cordon Confer at Salem On Milk Problem

Harry Pinniger and Guy Cordon left today for Salem, where they will confer with Governor Earl Snell and Erwin Peterson, state director of agriculture, concerning the local and statewide milk problem.

Roseburg housewives found the milk shortage very real today as Roseburg and Umpqua dairy trucks picked up empty bottles, but left no milk. Deliveries were halted yesterday following an announcement Saturday that the increased demand upon their supplies necessitated when the Deer Creek Dairy went out of business earlier in the week, made distribution of the milk available only through retail outlets the fairest possible method.

Mr. Pinniger is chairman of state committee appointed by Governor Snell to conduct an investigation of the state milk situation and submit resulting data to the OPA.

Alleged Ration Book Racketeers Arraigned

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13—(AP)—Joseph Harry Simon, 32, and Rick Wilson, 18, both Portland, today awaited trial on charges of illegal possession of ration books, containing coupons for 178,000 gallons of gasoline.

They waived preliminary hearing under federal arraignment Saturday. Simon's bond was set at \$5,000 and Miss Wilson's at \$3,000.

The coupons were tentatively identified by Assistant U. S. Attorney Hedlund as those stolen from a ration board in Portland Aug. 5. The pair were arrested in Grants Pass, Ore., where police Chief Dallas said the girl admitted acting as saleswoman for a ring selling the coupons throughout the northwest.

Dallas said two others of the ring are held in Spokane.

U. S. Loses 8 Planes, Tokyo Radio Claims

2 Japanese Transports Set Afire in Swoop on Naval Base, Admission

New YORK, Sept. 13—(AP)—The Japanese Domei agency said in a broadcast today that 18 American bombers attacked Japanese installations in the northern Kurile islands yesterday. The broadcast was recorded by the Federal Communications commission.

The Kuriles stretch northward from Japan and include the principal North Pacific naval base at Paramushiro.

Domei admitted that two Japanese transports were set afire but said damage to land installations was "extremely light." Land batteries and army and navy aircraft shot down many American planes, the broadcast said, adding that Japanese losses consisted of one plane.

A subsequent Domei English-language broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications commission claimed that eight and probably nine American planes were shot down in the attack which the dispatch said occurred early yesterday morning.

CHUNKING, Sept. 13—(AP)—Brisk clashes between Japanese forces and the troops of outer Mongolia, which is under Russian protection, were reported yesterday by the Central News agency.

The site of the fighting was given as the boundary of Inner and outer Mongolia, north of Pailingmiao, which is 300 miles northwest of Peiping.

Soldiers Nabbed Here As Alleged Deserters

State police arrested Corporal Basil Ellis Stapley and Private Edward Allica Capell last night at the residence of Officer Robert Keefe, a short distance from the local patrol house. The soldiers, both of the 218 Aircraft Battery A, Camp Benicia, California, and traveling in an automobile, were evidently attempting to steal gasoline and were confused in their location, Officer Sherman Morris reports.

Both are being held as suspected deserters pending instructions from their officers. Corporal Stapley is also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a revolver, which was found in the car after he denied having any weapons, according to Officer Morris.

Police are checking the status of the automobile used by the pair.

Cattlemen Ask Delay in Hearing On Freight Rates

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13—(AP)—Pacific northwest cattlemen and farmers awaited today the outcome of a plea to Washington for postponement until after Jan. 1 of scheduled meat freight rate hearings before the Interstate Commerce commission at Denver Oct. 12.

The request was made Saturday through Arthur M. Geary, Portland attorney representing farm organizations of the area.

"Stockmen and farmers already are harassed to the limit" by price ceilings, slaughter quotas and price roll-backs, he declared.

The proposed rate changes, he asserted, would be ruinous to independent slaughterers and packers of the far western states by cutting off supplementary supplies of livestock.

"No packer can afford to pay as high a freight rate for livestock on the hoof as for dressed weights," he said.

Geary charged that the mid-west packers want western livestock shipped to them for fattening and slaughter and return as dressed meats.

Nazi U-Boat Hero Nabbed Off Brazil

Man Who Sank Carrier Ark Royal Taken After Plane Blasts His Craft

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—(AP)—The navy announced today that the skipper of the German U-boat which sank the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal had been captured by a United States plane which combed and sank the enemy undersea boat off the coast of Brazil.

Kaptein Lieutenant Fridrich Guggenberger, who was decorated by Germany for the sinking of the British carrier in 1941, was one of seven survivors picked up after a duel between the navy plane and the U-boat in which bombs finally shattered the submarine.

Guggenberger, the navy said, "is now a prisoner of the United States."

The date of the action in which the submarine was sunk was not disclosed.

Guggenberger was commander of one of two U-boats which the Germans credited for the Ark Royal sinking.

The navy plane, a Martin Mariner, was flying anti-submarine patrol off the Brazilian coast when its crew sighted the submarine. Only minutes later the U-boat sighted the plane. Anti-aircraft fire came from the after deck gun as the submarine turned and increased its speed.

U-Boats Shattered

The navy lumber immediately began its run for the release of bombs. Through heavy fire, the plane came in over its target and released its bombs from an altitude of only 50 feet.

"The drop completely straddled the sub, two of the bombs striking the U-boat's deck, the others landing close aboard on the port and starboard sides," the navy reported.

"The U-boat was blasted out of the water. Then boiling water and intermingled brown stains

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The pair, Henry William Meriton, 30, and Walter Higgins, 26, also are wanted for armed robberies in Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, Kramer said, and for theft and transportation of an automobile from Tacoma to Portland July 31.

He said they will be brought here to face the federal transportation charge.

Enrollment Boost of 150 Marked At Opening of Roseburg's Schools; Flag Raising Ceremonies are Held

Population increase of Roseburg and environs was concretely displayed this morning in Roseburg schools, when 1159 students reported to begin their year's opening day enrollment of 1009.

Attendance at the senior high school, now 283, will increase in the next few days when students known to be working in the fruit harvest or on forest fire crews return to their studies. Students engaged in such activities will be allowed to make up all school work missed and will receive full credit upon completion of the required make-up work. W. M. Campbell, superintendent of Roseburg schools, declared this morning.

Such students must obtain permits from their principal and signed by their employer, however before they are allowed to miss school for such work.

Despite the fact that all students between Washington street and Deer creek were transferred from Benson to Rose and Fuller-

ton schools for this year, Benson shows only a decrease of 10 in today's enrollment.

Flag Ceremonies Held.

Flag raising ceremonies opened the school year in each of the Roseburg schools. Erwin Short, American Legion commander, arranged for speakers at each of the buildings. At senior high and Fullerton, Captain Floy Nichols, officer in command of the local aircraft warning service, spoke. Other speakers were V. J. Micelli at junior high, E. A. Britton at Rose, and Judge C. E. Wimberly at Benson.

All the teaching positions for Roseburg schools have been filled with the exception of girl's physical education at the junior and senior high schools.

Enrollment by building today is: senior high, 283; junior high, 341; Rose, 192; Benson, 209; Fullerton, 134. First day attendance one year ago in each of these buildings was: senior high, 271; junior high, 276; Rose, 143; Benson, 219; Fullerton, 100.

Food Price Reduction Set By OPA

Roll Back Via Federal Subsidy Planned; Milk Not Listed in Program

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—(AP)—General Manager Chester Bowles of the OPA today announced a sweeping price reduction program designed to lower the cost of living to consumers by 2.3 per cent and effect substantial savings in retail prices of potatoes, lard, apples, oranges and other products.

The roll back would be accomplished through a \$100,000,000 government program of transportation subsidies, government crop purchase and resale, and in the case of meat, butter and probably lard, roll-back subsidies within the financial limits set by congress.

Partial effects of the program will be felt by mid-October or November, Bowles told a press conference.

It will be followed up with a price program on winter fruits and vegetables, which Bowles said would bring their prices down to "about 15 per cent less than last winter."

The \$100,000,000 now is available, but additional funds from congress will be necessary, Bowles said, in order to hold down the price of milk.

According to some action would be necessary very soon to put a lid on milk prices and still encourage expanded output from dairy farms, Bowles said he hoped congress would approve the use of a subsidy or production bonus payments to producers.

Reductions Listed

The OPA program expected to be announced shortly will, Bowles said, achieve the following price reductions to consumers on staple grocery store items:

Apples: a cut to 8.75 or 9 cents a pound, by comparison with prices of 10, 12 or 15 cents at present; a theoretical decline of 17 per cent.

Oranges: a cut to 9.7 cents a pound at retail, as an annual average, compared with a present price of 11.5 cents.

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Allies Obtain 38 Warships From Italy

Fleet, Including Four Battleships, Found in "First Class" Order

LONDON, Sept. 13—(AP)—Another Italian naval force arrived at Valletta, Malta, today, including the 23,000-ton battleship Giulio Cesare, the 5,000-ton seaplane carrier Giuseppe Miraglia, four destroyers and a number of submarines.

The arrivals brought to at least 38 the known number of Italian warships in allied hands, and naval authorities waited for word of other arrivals from a score of Mediterranean bases.

Six of Italy's seven battleships now have been accounted for. Five are in allied hands, the Roma was sunk by German planes, and only the 35,000-ton Imperio remains unreported.

The 35,000-ton battleships Italia and Vittorio Veneto and the smaller 24,000-ton Andrea Doria and Duilio, as well as six cruisers, eight destroyers and 14 submarines arrived at Malta late last week, shortly after the armistice was announced.

A dispatch from Madrid, however, said that an Italian cruiser and four other warships, destroyers and gunboats, had been interned at Port Mahon in the Balearics for overstayling the 24-hour leave as provided by international law.

Two other Italian destroyers, the dispatch said, departed from Pollensa, Mallorca, one of the Balearic islands, last night after landing 25 wounded.

Seven of Italy's 10 known cruisers have joined the allies and seven Italian warships reported to have put in previously at the Balearics before heading for an allied port may have included others.

Still unaccounted for are more than half of the Italian submarine fleet which was believed to have numbered between 50 and 60, some of which were understood to have been operating in

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Red Trap Closing In On Bryansk

MOSCOW, Sept. 13—(AP)—The red army advance brought Bryansk within gun range today as the soviet forces, engaged in the Roslavl drive to the northwest and on the west bank of the Desna river to the southwest, threatened to encircle this toughest German bastion in central Russia.

Sweeping across the Ukraine, the Russians won new gains after crossing the Psel river at Gadyach and further increased the peril of the German forces in the Poltava Prikliski sectors. The general drive toward the Dnieper river continued, meanwhile, along the entire front from the mouth of the river to Kiev.

The last two remaining railways out of Bryansk, leading to Gomel and Smolensk, were under threat of being severed by the Russian forces which were steadily pushing their way through the northwest and southwest approaches of the city.

Southern Oregon Roads To Be Meeting Topic

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 13—(AP)—Five southern Oregon counties will send representatives to Coquille for a meeting Sept. 17 on post-war road building in southern Oregon, it was announced today by Judge W. A. Johnson of the Josephine county court.

The counties to be represented are Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson and Douglas, he said, and State Bridge Engineer C. B. McCullough and Assistant State Engineer Oscar Cutler are to be present.

A primary state highway from Grants Pass to Gold Beach and relocation of the state highway between Grants Pass and Crescent City at Hayes hill are among the projects to be considered, according to Pete Fredrickson, Josephine county road commissioner.

Bridgehead Holding Against Foe's Fierce Blows; Germans Free Mussolini From Prison

(By the Associated Press)

German troops, tanks, artillery and planes are striking savagely in "very heavy fighting" against the allied Fifth army battling to carve a deeper salient in the bloody Salerno battleground of Italy, allied headquarters announced today.

The nazis were hurling their full weight against this invasion bridgehead. They apparently were abandoning southern Italy where British and Canadians pushed rapidly up the toe, capturing the eastern port of Crotona, and seizing Brindisi on the heel.

The Salerno-Naples area was the crucial point of invasion, with action flaring along a 30-mile coastline. Lt. Gen. Clark's troops smashed out repeatedly against nazi armor and artillery commanding the hills, and headquarters said the bridgehead was firmly established.

Italians and Germans were reported by the United Nations radio at Algiers to be fighting in the heights north and south of Naples, with a "full battle" raging in the Turin area between the erstwhile allies. Other reports, however, indicated little if any Italian armed resistance to the nazis.

Striking across the heel from Taranto, British soldiers took the Adriatic port of Brindisi, and the Paris radio said Bari, 69 miles up the coast, also fell to the allies. These two harbors would give jumping-off points for possible invasion of the Balkans.

The fighting at Salerno bore out Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's prediction of a "bitter battle" in Italy. A see-saw battle raged for Battipaglia, airdrome southeast of captured Salerno. In southern Italy, the allies had or apparently soon will have at least 10 good airfields from which to pound the nazis in the north.

The air scouring continued unabated over Italy. German airdromes at Maritza and Calatone on the island of Rhodes in the Dodecanese were hit twice in significant raids over the weekend, with U. S. Liberators staging the attacks Sunday.

Turkish reports said that Italian troops in Rhodes fought the Germans three days before surrendering, and that clashes still were occurring in the Dodecanese islands as the nazis sought to clamp down control.

Mussolini kidnapped. Berlin gleefully announced the "kidnapping" of Mussolini and nazid broadcasts suggested the former duce would be set up in a puppet government attempting to rally Italians again around fascism.

German parachutists, security service agents and armed SS men freed Mussolini, captive of the Badoglio government, since his ousting July 25, Berlin said with-

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Charges Traded After Attorney Quits OPA Post

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13—(AP)—Dismissal of John T. McTernan as chief regional enforcement attorney for the OPA brought from him today a charge that Regional Director Frank E. Marsh "has prevented the enforcement division from carrying out its duties."

McTernan issued a statement declaring "if you are paying more for groceries and meat and vegetables—and you are—and if restaurant prices still are soaring—and they are—you have Marsh to blame."

The charge brought an immediate reply from Leo F. Gentner, acting regional OPA administrator. Gentner is acting for Marsh, who has been named acting assistant to OPA General Manager Chester Bowles in Washington.

"Mr. McTernan has had a free hand for more than a year to make certain of enforcement of OPA regulations in this region," he said. "Any failure of enforcement must be a reflection upon his own activities."

Gentner denied that Marsh had hindered price control activities. He said McTernan had "failed to obtain the confidence of the regional administrator and division heads" and that John Dundas, chief investigator on the Los Angeles OPA enforcement staff, has taken over his duties until a permanent successor is named.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 13—(AP)—After a week-long dry spell, Chelan county dairymen today began delivering milk again, although no word has been received from the OPA or WFA on a request for an increase from 13 cents to 16 cents a quart.

Francis Smith, Chelan County Dairymen's association secretary, said that the milk producers decided to continue operations while awaiting a decision in their case, as they don't feel that the public should be inconvenienced any longer.

"We are still losing money," he explained, "but most of the county's dairymen are going to stay in business until they get some form of relief from the government."

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

A little gardening work on part of Uncle Sam personally would help a lot. He could "weed out" the unnecessary chair warmers at Washington and shift them either into the military field service or into jobs to ease the manpower shortage.