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2nd Front at Right Time--Churchill; Big Drives About to Begin--Marshall

Invasion to Hit Europe From West

Russian, British, U. S. Representatives Soon to Confer, Commons Told

LONDON, Sept. 21—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today that the second front will be thrown open "at the right time" and "a mass invasion of the continent from the west will begin."

Calling the Mediterranean battlefield the "third front," the prime minister told commons that the second front "already exists potentially" and "already is rapidly gathering weight."

"The second front exists and is a main preoccupation already with the enemy."

"It has not yet been thrown into play," he continued. "That time is coming."

"At what we and our American allies judge to be the right time this front will be thrown open and a mass invasion of the continent from the west will begin."

War Progress Summarized

Surveying the whole sweep of the war with serene confidence, Churchill also declared:

1. Not a moment was lost needlessly in the operations against Italy and, except for the failure of Italian guards to do their assigned duty, Benito Mussolini would have been shot when Hitler's agents rescued him at Gran Sasso.

2. American forces have landed on the island of Sardinia to assist Italian troops who drove the German garrison over to Corsica, now being occupied by French units.

3. A tripartite conference of representatives of the United States, Britain and Russia will take place "at any early date" and no question will be barred from discussion. Any differences will be set aside for a conference of President Roosevelt, Premier

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE battle of Salerno is practically over.

Late dispatches report that "the initiative is FULLY IN OUR HANDS, with reinforcements pouring in."

Our planes are now operating from fields on the Italian mainland.

KEEP this in mind:

Salerno is only ONE battle in a SERIES of battles. Other battles will follow it, just as other battles followed El Alamein in Africa. Our side will keep moving up the Italian peninsula, just as Montgomery kept moving along the Mediterranean coast of Africa.

The battle of Africa ended with the liquidation of the Germans at Tunis and Bizerte. The battle of Italy will end with the liquidation of the Germans in Italy.

YOU must keep this other point in mind:

The battle of Sicily began when the battle of Africa ended. The battle of Italy followed on the heels of the battle of Sicily.

We must go on and on (with the able assistance of the Russians) until German military power is broken and the German will to fight is destroyed.

That is the way wars are won.

SALERNO is important because it PROVED our ability to land INVASION forces on heavily defended enemy shores.

ALREADY we're looking beyond Salerno — to Naples, Italy's second port.

We're grabbing the islands that ring Naples on the seaward

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Whole German Front Crumbles Near Collapse as Red Advances Piles Of War Material, Caches of Grain

LONDON, Sept. 21—(AP)—Blasting into the Smolensk defense zone to outflank that German central front anchor, red army forces stormed on today from captured Velizh, 65 miles to the northwest, while further south they had slashed across the Kiev-Chernigov highway on the main Crimean escape railway between Zaporozhe and Dniepropetrovsk.

The Moscow communique disclosed an amazing list of triumphs marked up by the hard-slugging Russian troops, including the start of a great wheeling movement pointed toward Cherkasy, key raid center on the Dnieper southeast of Kiev, in an attempt to entrap the hundreds of thousands of German troops reported massed in the river bend.

More than 1,130 towns and villages fell before the slashing soviet advances, the Russian war bulletin said. Tremendous piles of war equipment, including strings of fully loaded troop and material trains, tanks, armored cars, guns and ammunition were reported taken intact, as well as great caches of grain, indicating the haste in which the nazis were fleeing on practically all sectors of the battle front.

The enemy left more than 10,000 dead on the field of battle, the Russians said.

Red army armen smashed an apparent attempt of the Germans to evacuate the Caucasus, when they sank an enemy minesweep

er and three troop barges just south of the Taman peninsula above the recaptured port of Novorossisk.

Nazi Morale Tottering

While the whole German front appeared to be crumbling under the terrific battering by the red army legions, the nazi situation in the Smolensk theater verged on the precarious, soviet front line reports indicated. Here the Russians apparently were hurling in immense concentrations of artillery, infantry, aircraft and tanks to clear the swamps and mine-filled forests around that bastion. Yesterday's advance carried them within 30 miles of the stronghold.

The Berlin radio admitted the Smolensk battle was rising to a climax, with Russian parachute troops dropping behind the German lines above the northern arm of the Dnieper river bend.

The fall of Velizh not only flanked Smolensk but placed red army spearheads within 10 miles of the white Russian border and only 45 miles northeast of Vitebsk on the rail line from Smolensk to Latvia. The old Polish border is less than 115 miles to the west.

Below Smolensk and west of fallen Bryansk, the soviet columns pushed 45 miles forward to storm Kletnya, and were racing on for the white Russian frontier as other units farther south crossed the Snov river 40 miles from Novozybkov, a junction on the Bryansk-Gomel railroad.

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Foe to Feel Full Power Of America

War Thus Far Merely Preparation, Army Head Tell Legion Conclave

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 21—(AP)—Great offensives in which the full strength of America's armed forces will be hurled against the enemy in Asia and Europe are "just about to begin," Gen. George C. Marshall said today.

Addressing the American Legion convention, Marshall said there appeared to be some public misunderstanding of the recent allied successes, a tendency to believe that the final steps of the war were being taken.

On the contrary, he said, the last year and a half has been spent largely in preparation for operations of the large forces still to go into action, in establishing bases for future campaigns.

"Now at last we are ready to carry the war to the enemy," said Marshall, "all overseas, thank God, with a power and force that we hope will bring this conflict to an early conclusion."

"But please remember that this phase is just about to begin, a point which seems not to be understood by our people here at home, possibly because they are far removed from the agonies of war except for those whose sons or husbands have been engaged in the fighting."

Home "Struggle" Cited

Marshall said he found himself "in a curious state of mind" over suggestions that perhaps the army had acquired more than it needed of some types of war goods.

"For three years or more," he said, "it has been a daily struggle of striving to meet the demands without the available means. There has been the constant problem of weighing the priorities of this theater against that one, of sending men to the front for whom training ammunition has been lacking or similar deficiencies."

"Now I find myself in the position of being questioned, if not investigated, for having too much of something or other. I don't know yet exactly what this excess is, but I do know that I am profoundly grateful that for once in the history of the United States there is suggested the possibility that we may have too much of something or other with which to support our armies."

Woe Ahead For Japs

Preparations have been made in north Africa and Sicily, and are about to be made in Italy, for the support of huge ground and air forces, said Marshall, and for a long time similar preparations

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National Lag Hits Third War Loan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21—(AP)—The "big money" days of the \$15,000,000,000 third war loan appeared to be over today.

With weekend sales of only \$506,000,000 shown in last night's progress report, treasury officials called for renewed emphasis on the "door-knocker" campaign to spur individual purchases. The total now stands at \$10,745,000,000.

Pointing to large subscriptions during the past week by corporations and insurance companies, officials said quotas on "E" bond sales appeared to be lagging in virtually every state.

In New York, for instance, where gross sales totaled \$3,921,500,000 or 83 per cent of the state's quota for all types, sales to individuals aggregated only \$399,500,000 or barely half the goal of \$799,000,000 set for the so-called "people's bond."

Similarly, gross sales in Kentucky were reported at \$57,000,000 or 45 per cent of that state's quota, yet individual sales accounted for only 33 per cent of the \$57,000,000 aim for that type, while corporate investments reached 55 per cent of the \$69,000,000 set for that source.

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Slaughter of Japs at Lost Bases Heavy

Survivors Fleeing From Salamau, Lae Mopped Up At Jungle Blockades

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—(AP)—The Berlin radio reported today that the Japanese premier, Tojo, will make an important speech tomorrow to announce "drastic measures and changes within the home front to meet the present serious war situation."

The Japanese cabinet was reported to have held an "extraordinary conference" today.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 21—(AP)—Japan paid a high price in men and equipment while losing Lae and Salamau on New Guinea. Now that these air bases are firmly in General MacArthur's hands, enemy garrisons in the area are beginning to undergo aerial attacks and to see more strafing allied fighters than they have experienced before.

Just how many of a Japanese army once estimated at 20,000 men were slain as Salamau fell Sept. 12 and Lae Sept. 16 remains to be disclosed in official reports. But a spokesman for General MacArthur said today the enemy, caught in a jungle encirclement movement, lost heavily.

He said evidence has been found that the Japanese lost an entire regiment, ordinarily averaging 2,200 men, in killed and hospitalized during the outpost battles at Wau, Mubo and Komiat leading up to the larger scale fighting at Salamau and Lae.

Flight Cut Off

Japanese soldiers who fled north from Lae now are being added to the mounting list of enemy dead. American and Australian soldiers who placed armed blockades across the jungle trails above Lae, in expectation of just

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Fines Dealt Sailors for Taking Meat From Ship

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21—(AP)—Pleading guilty to taking nine hams and two slabs of bacon from their ship, three merchant marine sailors were fined \$50 each yesterday by Federal Judge Goodman.

The seamen were Francis E. Hatfield, 23, Tacoma; Virgil A. Gates, Seapooe, Ore., and James G. Godfrey, 23, Portland, Ore. Judge Goodman gave them 15 days to pay the fines and put them on probation for a year.

Liberalism Within Party Required For G. O. P. Victory in 1944, Asserts Willkie, Favored by Oregon Group

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—(AP)—If the republican party adopts a liberal 1944 platform, Wendell L. Willkie is willing to give his complete and undeviating service "as the convention's nominee or as a worker in the ranks."

Willkie made the statement yesterday in response to one of a series of questions in Look magazine which asked, "will you be available for the republican nomination for president in 1944?"

"The 1940 republican candidate said his party could win next year only if liberalism wins "with the republican party itself."

He outlined "five indispensable planks for a liberal republican platform" and criticized the New Deal's pre-Pearl harbor foreign policy and "disgraceful manipulations" on the home front.

The liberal platform, he said, must include: 1. "protection of minorities;" 2. "efficient, well-managed and economical administration;" 3. "a rebirth of enterprise—real enterprise;" 4. Extension of social security and absolute guarantees against unemployment and want; 5. A new foreign policy "by which we and other nations can assure our future safety and promote our mutual interests."

WILLKIE FAVORED BY G. O. P. CLUB OF OREGON

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 21—(AP)—The Oregon Republican club,

which closed its two-day annual state convention here today after setting the stage for the 1944 political campaign, favors Wendell L. Willkie as the republican presidential nominee.

A straw vote gave Willkie 94 votes, compared with 53 for New York's Governor Thomas E. Dewey; 18 for Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota; 14 for Senator Charles L. McNary, 12 for General Douglas MacArthur; and 10 for Herbert Hoover.

There was a scattering of votes for other candidates, including five for President Roosevelt.

Ray Carr, Portland, is the new club president, while other new officers include Alan Brown, Portland, treasurer; Alice Paine, Clackamas county, secretary; Victor White, Tillamook, sergeant-at-arms.

Governor Arthur B. Langlie of Washington, addressing last night's banquet, said the republicans must make sure that Americans maintain their liberties after the war.

He said the G. O. P. also must guarantee full employment for returning soldiers. The republican post-war advisory council's resolutions have no official standing, he said, but are merely for the people to think about.

The Oregon republican club now has 4500 members, compared with only 1100 two years ago.

Cigarette Machines Face Ouster

Council Will Consider Ordinance to Prevent Vending to Juveniles

An ordinance which would prohibit the use of automatic cigarette vending machines within the city of Roseburg was ordered drawn by the city attorney for submission at the next regular meeting of the city council, following a lengthy presentation of a petition before the council last night by a W. C. T. U. delegation.

The local W. C. T. U. has been striving for several months to secure passage of such an ordinance and has been represented at nearly every council meeting. A large delegation appeared last night to renew the demand, a letter from the Roseburg Ministerial association also being presented urging action by the council.

W. C. T. U. spokesmen charged that the vending machines make it a simple matter for juveniles to obtain cigarettes and contended that the situation is aggravated during the school term when more children are on the streets and in places of business where the machines are maintained.

The council, which has been reluctant to act upon the petition, authorized the preparation of an ordinance, which will be debated at a future meeting.

The cigarette vending machines are now operated under a

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Canneries Unable To Handle Prunes

LEBANON, Ore., Sept. 21—(AP)—Prunes and tomatoes, late in ripening, matured with a rush in the South Santiam valley and the cannery here was hopelessly swamped today.

A few warm days sent all available harvest hands into the fields. But harvesting slackened today, although much of the crop is un-picked.

The cannery is unable to handle the fruit. Trucks are lined up outside the packing house, one farmer reporting he had to wait 18 hours before the cannery could unload his prunes.

SILVERTON, Ore., Sept. 21—(AP)—Prune growers said today the labor shortage threatens to put them in the red this year despite a good crop and high prices.

Pickers are scarce and canneries are so short of help that they are refusing to take prunes for which they have contracted, growers said.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21—(AP)—Food Administrator Marvin Jones canceled his scheduled appearance today before the house agriculture committee, which had called him to explain reports of bickering between his agency and the OPA.

A spokesman for Jones said he decided not to testify today because he "felt he was unable to give the committee the best possible information at this time."

Jones just called off his appointment with the committee and said he would let me know in the next few days when he could appear," Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) said. "I don't know why he couldn't come today."

Rep. Rizley (R-Ore.), a committee member, said he was puzzled by Jones failure to appear. "I don't know whether it's because Jones doesn't have a definite plan or whether he doesn't want to face a barrage of questions."

Fulmer said farmers want to know "whether or not we are going to continue a program whereby perhaps two or more people operating in connection with the various agencies will have the power to override each other at will."

This "confusion," he added, has been operating against proper production, distribution and price fixing, and the time has now come, the chairman told Jones, when farmers should have a definite program for the crops that will be planted and harvested between now and next spring and in 1944.

Soldier Killed During Maneuvers in Oregon

OREGON CITY, Ore., Sept. 21—(AP)—Pvt. William E. Collins, Oregon City, was killed yesterday during army maneuvers in central Oregon. He was standing up in a truck which went under a railroad underpass.

German Retreat Continues To Avoid Trap; French Forces Mopping Up Enemy in Corsica

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 21.—(AP)—American Liberators threw new weight into the conquest of Italy by bombarding the historic port of Venice as French troops and native guerrillas proceeded today to mop up German resistance of Corsica and the U. S. Fifth army registered new gains in the Salerno beachhead.

Slowly and steadily pressing the Germans backward, the Fifth army stormed and took the key town of Eboli, sixteen miles inland, which had served the enemy as a communications center during last week's heavy fighting about Salerno.

General Mark W. Clark's soldiers also battered their way to Montecorvino, nine miles inland, in a sustained push, an official source disclosed.

A military spokesman also announced that Germans are swinging the lower end of a line which formerly enclosed the Salerno bridgehead to the north and east to avoid being trapped by the continued rapid advance of the British Eighth army.

This retreat already has taken the bulk of the German forces north of the Sele river.

The Germans are using infantry supported by small groups of tanks to fight a delaying action in the Eboli area and the Fifth army also was reported encountering elaborate minefields and demolitions in its slow but continued advance north of Salerno.

The enemy possesses excellent defensive positions in the hill country north and northeast of Salerno, the spokesman said, and the progress of the allied troops is necessarily slow in such terrain.

German prisoners were quoted in official reports from the front as giving eloquent testimony of the devastating effect of incessant allied air attacks on retreating German columns.

Venice Damage Heavy

Cairo headquarters, reporting the bombing of Venice, said one explosion caused there was followed by a column of smoke 5,000 feet high but the full results of the attack were obscured by clouds.

Liberators also hit railway yards and bridge approaches at the Adriatic port of Pescara.

(It was announced officially at Cairo, also that the RAF had extended allied air domination of the Mediterranean by landing on and starting operations from the Italian Dodecanese Island of Cos.)

Corsica Capture Looms

Most of Corsica's Italian garrison of about 40,000 men has joined native guerrillas and French troops landed from French warships in a fight to wipe out the German forces on the island, an official announcement said today.

The Corsican patriots were already waging an effective guerrilla campaign in the mountains, with one group capturing 125 Germans in a single day.

Napoleon's birthplace, Corsica lies within easy bombing range of Rhone valley industrial cities on the French mainland 200 miles away. In addition, it is only 80 miles from the La Spezia naval base and 120 miles from

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Allied Planes Hit Bases in France

LONDON, Sept. 21—(AP)—Striking into France in daylight with a protecting escort of RAF Spitfires, American bombers gave the nazis' Beauvais-Tille airbase, halfway between Paris and the coast, its second hammering in four days today.

The attack was made soon after the German radio reported a night "nuisance" foray by RAF bombers into Germany.

A communique announced that RAF Mitchells also bombed the coke ovens and by products plants at Lens in northern France this morning. One Marauder and two Mitchells were lost.

Chancellor of British Exchequer, Wood, Dies

LONDON, Sept. 21—(AP)—Sir Kingsley Wood, 62, chancellor of the exchequer, died today.

The man who was credited largely with keeping Great Britain's wartime finance on an even keel died on the eve of the anticipated announcement of his pay-as-you-go plan for workers' income tax.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Food prices fined for exceeding price ceilings thus learn that it isn't always advisable to "go over the top."