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## Terrific Air Attack Paves Way for Army

### Canadians Take Calais; Nazis Begin Retreat at Coast to Escape Trap

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The U. S. First army, striking one of the greatest offensive blows of the war in an effort to break a new hole in the Siegfried line, drove a steel wedge two miles deep on a six-mile front north of Aachen today.

Lt. Gen. Hodges' infantry and tanks rushed forward toward Gellenkirchen in Germany and slashed across the Little Wurm river crossing near the Dutch-German border in the first 45 minutes of the attack.

The assault, made across wooded and pasture land pitted with thousands of foxholes and mine shafts which had been converted into strongholds, was aimed at driving a fourth hole in Adolf Hitler's west wall. The Americans already held three breaches in the line near Aachen.

The attack still was going forward tonight in the face of heavy resistance from enemy pillboxes, and fire from artillery and six-barreled mortars.

### Heeded For Rhine

Surging into the rubble of German defenses almost before the debris had stopped flying from one of the greatest aerial and land bombardments, the Americans were reported not lagging through a lane of ruin pointed at the Rhine between Cologne and Dusseldorf, side door to the Ruhr and main highway to Berlin.

"I doubt if they will stop now until they have reached the Rhine," said one front line correspondent.

For days, many of the doughboys had been living as close as 50 yards to the Nazi lines.

While the bombers got close for pinpoint attacks on the enemy's line, Fortresses and Liberators, 1,200 strong, pounded rail choke-

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## Russians Tighten Balkans Trap on 200,000 Germans

### Dents Made In Foe's Line In Yugoslavia

#### Fall of Riga Reported Imminent, but Warsaw Situation Is Critical

MOSCOW, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Russian fighter bombers swarmed over Yugoslavia in round-the-clock raids on German forces as Russian ground troops gained steadily today along a curving, mountainous front 70 to 100 miles southeast of Belgrade in a drive that is bottling up an estimated 200,000 Nazi troops in the lower Balkans.

The Germans were fiercely defending their Balkan life line southeast of the Yugoslav capital, but yesterday red army troops, with Marshal Tito's partisans acting as advance scouts, dented Nazi defenses another 23 miles to within 43 miles of the Belgrade-Nis line.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE war news is still too tightly censored on all fronts to tell us much. One SENSES, however, that behind this curtain of silence important new developments are stirring.

FAILURE to establish and hold the bridgehead over the northern channel of the Rhine at Arnhem depressed us all, and our propagandists took prompt advantage of it to scare the home front out of its growing (and possibly dangerous) belief that the end of the European war was immediately at hand.

Careful study of the map, in connection with such sketchy disclosures as we have in the tight-censored dispatches, DOESN'T indicate that Arnhem was a major disaster.

It appears instead (on the face of such information as is available) to have been merely one of our inevitable tragedies.

WE (the allies) still hold the corridor through which we reached and CROSSED (over the

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### Self-Slashed Man Faces Charge of Bad Conduct

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Leon F. Sermon, former nationally-known acrobat who disappeared six days ago from a blood-stained room leaving a note asking that his war bonds be sent his son, faced a disorderly conduct charge today.

The 47-year-old, shovard worker was found yesterday lying in a room with unlighted gas jets on full blast. Officer W. F. Smith said. He was taken to a hospital for treatment of slashes across both wrists and in his chest.

The note left in the room from which he disappeared Tuesday said he had cut himself accidentally with a razor.

### Dewey Schedules Next Address as Reply to Roosevelt; G. O. P. Talks Also Dated by Bricker and Warren

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's trip to Charleston, W. Va., for a campaign speech Saturday will be what his aides described today as a "one shot affair," the ammunition to depend on President Roosevelt.

His schedule for the rest of the month, expected to take him through the middle west, along the eastern seaboard and into New England, still is being considered by Dewey's campaign advisers.

Asked what the governor would talk about at Charleston, James C. Hagerty, his executive assistant, said:

"That is likely to depend very much on what President Roosevelt says in his speech Thursday night."

Mr. Roosevelt is scheduled, in his second professionally political address of the campaign, to address a series of democratic rallies.

Meanwhile, other republican orators set out this week in behalf of the national ticket.

## No Coffee Rationing, Lots In Reserve, More Coming

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Coffee drinkers have received assurance from War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes that there will be no resumption of coffee rationing now.

Byrnes said there is a 3½ months supply of coffee on hand or en route and that Brazil has given assurance that 1,000,000 bags will be supplied monthly.

American importers had reported that growers in coffee producing countries had been staying out of the market in order to obtain a price increase, causing the U. S. stockpile to drop.

Byrnes issued his statement yesterday after reports had spread that coffee rationing was imminent and housewives in several communities had started to stock up.

The OPA acknowledged that a resumption of rationing had been considered and that a tentative rationing plan had been distributed to field offices.

### State '43 Mineral Output Exceeds \$12 Million Value

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Oregon's mineral production for 1943 is valued at \$12,310,000 by the bureau of mines.

Its production of mercury, antimony, ore, chromite and diatomite, the bureau reports, was "near the top" among all states. Oregon was second in mercury and diatomite production, third in antimony and chromite. Diatomite is a chalk-like material used in filters, insulators, abrasives.

The state's output of metallic minerals for the year was valued at \$1,346,000, the non-metallics at \$10,964,000.

## Public Welcome Planned Here For Cordon, Ellsworth

The Douglas county republican central committee will sponsor a mass meeting Thursday, Oct. 5, to celebrate the homecoming of U. S. Senator Jay Cordon and Congressman Harris Ellsworth, H. O. Pargeter, county chairman, announced today. The place at which the meeting will be held has not yet been definitely determined.

Senator Cordon will be presented in a 30-minute radio broadcast which will be released over all Oregon stations, being fed through the transmission facilities of Roseburg station KRNR.

The program will start at 7:30 p. m. and will include musical features and introduction of guests prior to the broadcast, which will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

It has not yet been learned whether Congressman Ellsworth will be able to reach Roseburg in time for the meeting, but he is being urged to attend, if possible.

A section of seats will be reserved for all county committee-men and women, the seats to be held until 7:30, after which any unoccupied will be opened to the general public.

### Brassiere Makers to Get Material Priority

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—A special program for the manufacture of low-priced maternity supports and brassieres was announced today by the War Production board. Makers of such items last year will be given priority on materials during the period—November 1 to January 31.

Governors John W. Bricker of Ohio, the vice presidential nominee, and Earl Warren of California lead off with speeches this afternoon and tonight respectively.

Bricker sets out on a 9,250-mile four-week tour that will take him from Bowling Green, Ky., to Duluth, Minn. This week and then on through the midwest and far west, where he will attempt to consolidate a trail already blazed by Gov. Dewey.

The California governor is due to speak for the national ticket in Minneapolis tonight, at Rockford, Ill., tomorrow, and at Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday.

### Women Hurt by Army Car Given U. S. Compensation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed a measure to pay two Portland, Ore., women for injuries received when their automobile was in a collision with an army car.

Tressie Spring will receive \$6,203.79 and Mrs. Hazel Stutte, \$1,012.50.

The accident occurred at Boardman, Ore., July 4, 1942.

### Two Boy Scouts Drown

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Two Portland Boy Scouts, Fred Luce, 13, and Roland Martin, 14, drowned in the Columbia river while on a sailing party yesterday.

## Month's Toll Of Jap Craft Put at 1,220

(By the Associated Press) At least 1,220 Japanese surface craft were destroyed or damaged last month, including 303 ocean ships definitely sunk, a recapitulation of allied communique disclosed today.

No other month has approached it for sheer numbers—August had an overall total of some 800 including about 175 ships unquestionably sunk—although some may have surpassed it in tonnage. Two thirds of the September total consisted of barges, luggers, sampans, river craft and other small boats.

The losses that really hurt Japan were the 303 transports, freighters, tankers, coastal vessels and warships sent to the bottom. Of these 201 were sunk by planes and warships of Adm. W. Nimitz and Gen. MacArthur commands, mostly in and around the Philippines. The remaining 102 were divided almost equally between American submarines, British subs, and China-based planes.

4th China Base Lost  
American air forces in China lost their fourth advanced base when Japanese armies trying to split the country in two overran the Philippines. The remaining 102 were divided almost equally between American submarines, British subs, and China-based planes.

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Yakima Closure Planned to Save Ripening Apples  
YAKIMA, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Hundreds of tons of pears have been dumped at the Yakima city dump in the course of recent weeks and hundreds of tons of other pears, which might have been canned had labor been available, have been used as stock feed. The dump of the spoiled fruit mounts into many thousand dollars.

Today and tomorrow Yakima business men are considering the request of fruit operators for a complete closing of pool halls and theaters until 5 o'clock daily and stores until 1 o'clock so that employes and loungers might be enticed into harvesting work. This will be too late to do anything for the pear harvest, practically all completed, but may eliminate loss in handling apples. School directors are being asked to close high schools.

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## Suspected Oregon Bank Bandit Slain In Utah Gun Fight

LEEDS, Utah, Oct. 2.—(AP)—An unidentified gunman hunted throughout the west since the robbery of a bank at Prairie City, Ore., Sept. 20, was killed in a gun battle with officers in the southwestern Utah hinterland yesterday. FBI Agent Jay C. Newman of Salt Lake City said today.

Newman said the man was killed by one shot through the head when he fired at Deputy Sheriff Carl Caldwell and two FBI officers who surprised him in Pine Valley, eight miles west of this village.

The gunman carried about \$2,000, two revolvers, burglar's tools and food, and had been tracked through the timberland for several days.

Search for the robber was centered in this area after a motorist stopped for speeding, shot at State Patrolman Loren Squire and the following day an automobile stolen at John Day, Ore., was found abandoned.

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DEVASTATION IN GERMANY—As allied forces switch their drives from Holland to the Belfort gap area and reported new gains, some idea of the severity of the fighting going on inside naziland is shown in this picture taken in Stolberg, Germany. Shelled and bombed buildings resulted from the battle that took place between American and German troops in that town. Signal corps photo.

## Retention of Oregon's Industrial Development Urged by E. W. Smith, Senatorial Candidate, in Talk Here

Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for United States senator, is seeking election because, "I want to see my native state hold and strengthen the great industrial development to which its record in war production entitles it," the candidate told a large audience at a no-host noon luncheon program at the Umpqua hotel in Roseburg today.

Declaring that a coordinated study for industrial development of the entire Columbia basin is essential, the democratic nominee asserted that "further development of our enormous power, irrigation and navigation possibilities will help industry, enlarge our shipping and commerce, and naturally increase employment."

Outlining his experience as a farmer, he pointed out the importance of the so-called "farm problem."

Victor Johnson, spokesman for the Lummis tribe, told the committee of Reps. Henry Jackson and Hal Holmes of Washington, Compton White of Idaho and John Murdock of Arizona, that "we have watched the drinking tribesmen bring in gallons upon gallons of liquor of inferior quality, obtained at bootleg prices, much to the detriment of our community."

"We believe we are capable of handling the problem and prefer to take care of individuals ourselves."

Warns of Market Glut  
"Over one half of the population of our nation is comprised of farmers and those directly interested in agricultural enterprises," he said. "So recently as in 1932 the 25 per cent of the country's population actually on the land received only 5.2 per cent of the national income. Today the nation's agriculture is in high gear. No great imagination is required to envisage the glut of farm products that will surge over us when the countries of Europe are again in production. And since industry needs the farm

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Lack of Funds Ends Work Of Council of Education  
PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—A council which has spent the last seven years studying Pacific northwest resources and possible industrial development has dissolved—for lack of funds.

Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State college president, disbanded the northwest regional council of education, planning and public administration after businessmen failed to donate money to support it.

The council, of which Strand was chairman, was founded by the Rockefeller institute on \$132,000 grants with the understanding northwest business would take over the financing.

N. P. Engineer Retires After 55 Years on Job  
SEATTLE, Oct. 2.—(AP)—K. G. Chapman, No. 1 in seniority rating among northern Pacific railway engineers, retired here Saturday after 55 years of service.

The 71-year-old veteran who has "pulled" special trains for four presidents, said he was proud of "never having had a wreck."

Chapman, born near Spokane, went to work for the N. P. at Tacoma when he was 15.

Seventh Park Acquired By Josephine County  
GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Josephine county has acquired a new 35-acre park on the Applegate river, giving the county seven parks. Rogue river land, formerly part of Camp White, will be taken over for a state park if plans of the Jackson county chamber of commerce are carried out.

Too Much Liquor Chief Cause of Divorce Cases  
VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Clark county officials figured out today the principal cause of divorce: Too much liquor.

Chief of complaint in the majority of divorces here in the last two and a half years was that the other spouse drank too much.

Boys Unhurt When Auto Rolls Down 50-Ft. Bank  
OREGON CITY, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Morris Kent and Robert Short, Oregon City boys, were unhurt today despite the crash of their car down a 50-foot embankment into a stream.

The car, hitting loose gravel near Estacada yesterday, skidded from the road and turned over twice before crashing into the stream. The boys, unhurt, climbed from a window and walked back to Estacada.

Fatal Stabbing Occurs Near The Dalles Cardroom  
THE DALLES, Ore., Oct. 2.—(AP)—State police were questioning a card room employee today in connection with the fatal stabbing of Willie Jones, 30, outside the cardroom Saturday night.

Jones, identified as a section hand from Wishram, Wash., was stabbed under the heart with a slasp-type pocket knife.

Tumble Kills Child  
BEND OR., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Judith Gale Mayfield, 15 months old, tumbled to her death from a truck yesterday as she waved at her father, working in the family yard near Bend.

## One State Health Board Proposed

PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—A revised health program for Oregon which would eliminate the post of state health officer and the state sanitary authority was proposed by a legislative interim committee today.

The plan, submitted to Governor Smith, would place a seven-man board over all health work in the state. The board, appointed by the governor, would include four physicians, two laymen, and the director of agriculture as an ex-officio member.

The board would supervise three departments:

1. Administration, headed by a public health director with duties somewhat similar to those of the present state health officer.

2. Communicable disease, headed by a licensed epidemiologist.

3. Sanitation, headed by a sanitary engineer.

The legislative committee also proposed laws penalizing restaurants for failure to sterilize utensils, and permitting confinement of persons who refuse to submit to treatment of venereal diseases.

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Equipment Received for Guard Unit in Roseburg  
Equipment for 70 men, the present authorized enlisted strength, has been received by Company A, 17th battalion, Oregon State Guard, of Roseburg, Captain J. L. Saunders, commanding officer, announced today. The men recently were measured for uniforms which will be received in the near future, it is expected.

Equipment so far received includes rifles, ammunition, packs, shelter halves, helmets, mess equipment, etc.

Captain Saunders announced the appointment of Lieutenant Harlan Melton to serve as property officer.

Meeting of Chamber Directorate Postponed  
The regular meeting of directors of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, scheduled for tomorrow night, will be postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 10, President Earl Wiley announced today. The postponement was requested by directors desiring to attend the meeting to be held for Wayne Morse, republican candidate for U. S. senator, who will broadcast an address from Radio Station KRNR at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Beware Raised \$1 Bills, Warning to Public  
PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The ancient query of "what president appears on a five-dollar bill" is going to be more important than a parlor quiz game.

People who don't know, warned a secret service agent, may be bilked. A new racket in this area is handing out one-dollar bills with higher numbers mated over the "one dollar" figure.

Gas Stove Blast Sends Woman to Hospital  
PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Mrs. Ernest Bacher, 67, was in the hospital today with second degree burns suffered when a butane gas stove exploded in her trailer last night.

The explosion reverberated through a large area of northeast Portland, and larded a coffeepot off a stove eight blocks away.

## Charge of Hitting Woman is Denied

Pleading innocent to a charge of assault and battery, Al Doney, 22, Riddick, posted \$100 bail pending trial in the Roseburg justice court Oct. 5, Judge Thomas C. Hartfield reported. Doney, the judge said, was accused of striking Mrs. Virginia Dutton during an argument. Mrs. Dutton being the complaining witness.

Fines totaling \$120 were paid by William M. Hanks, 49, of Canbyville, Judge Hartfield reported, \$100 being paid on a plea of guilty to a charge of drunken driving, and \$10 each for operating a car without a driver's license and failure to stop at a through highway. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended.

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Checks Indicate Missing Acrobat Still Living  
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP)—Leon F. Sermon, former circus and vaudeville acrobat who disappeared from a bloodstained hotel room last Tuesday, was believed safe today.

Police, searching for him after finding a note saying he had cut himself accidentally and asking that his war bonds be sent to his son, were notified that checks had been cashed in his name in Tizard, Ore.

The checks, drawn on his Portland account, were in his handwriting, bank officials said; and the description of the man who cashed them corresponded to Sermon's.

Teetotaler Finds Beer In and Near His Auto  
PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Alvin Hoover wishes he had some use for the packaged goods he found in the back end of his car.

When he went to the garage at his home today, he noted two boxes in the automobile. They were two cases of beer. Near the car he found two quart bottles of the beverage.

He doesn't drink, he said.

Youth in Hospital Here With Gunshot Wound  
Delbert Moore, 15, of Days Creek was in Mercy hospital today suffering from a gunshot wound in the leg. The youth reportedly was wounded by a .22 caliber bullet when a rifle in the hands of a younger companion, Johnny Perdue, 13, was accidentally discharged. The wound was not believed to be serious.

Levity Fact Rant  
By L. F. Roizenstein

With its urgent need of waste fat, it's a pity the government could not have collected the superabundance of adiposity shed by perspiring consumers and grocery staffs in the rush for coffee last Friday and Saturday.