

REINFORCED ARMIES BATTLING IN AACHEN

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Island Under Another Blow Today, Report

Installations Damaged Extensively; American Loss Set at 22 Planes

(By the Associated Press) American warplanes renewed their attack on Formosa today, a Japanese imperial communique reported. The broadcast said the "enemy planes" which made a 1,000-plane raid on the big island guarding the central China coast Thursday, struck again Friday morning (Japanese time). "Fighting still continued on both sides up to about noon," the communique said. A previous Tokyo broadcast asserted one American carrier was sunk and another damaged off Formosa in night-long attacks Thursday.

Domei, Japanese news agency, said in an English language broadcast that China-based planes of the 14th U. S. air force participated in the Formosa raid. Domei said this was "of particular significance" and indicated future strikes would be joint operations of land-based and sea-borne planes.

Previous Toll Reported In Thursday's raid by U. S. carrier forces—the fourth successive powerhouse smash at Japan's inner defense line—221 Japanese planes were destroyed, 26 cargo ships were sunk and 19 others damaged, Admiral Nimitz announced today from his Pearl Harbor headquarters. This was the first confirmation of Tokyo radio reports that a thousand planes had raided the island blocking the approach to the China coast.

The mighty strike only 575 miles south of Japan proper climaxed a series of attacks on the Philippines, Formosa, the Ryukyus and Marcus within four days. Once again Admiral Halsey's mighty Third fleet failed to find

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White Girl Becomes Wife Of Jap-American Despite Her Mother's Protest



Eugenia Sperling, 19, above, of Spokane, Wash., who last Monday was married to Japanese-American Pvt. Masao G. Kuroki by an army chaplain at Fort Lawton Wash., despite parental objections. Army spokesmen in announcing the marriage, forbidden by Eugenia's mother, said the army should protect her interests wherever her flag of commerce and territory files.

Liberation at Hand, Gen. Wilson Tells Greece

ROME, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Gen. Sir Henry Wilson, supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean, said in a broadcast tonight that "a force under my command is about to land in Greece" and that kingdom's liberation was at hand.

Wage Differentials in Lumber Industry Hold

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Refusing to eliminate regional wage differentials between the Pacific northwest and the south-west lumber industries, the War Labor board yesterday declared the differentials were based on basic economic factors and could not be eliminated under the principle of wages stabilization. The AFL lumber and sawmill workers had requested an increase in the minimum wage rate from 65 cents an hour to \$1.65 for approximately 2,600 production employees in seven logging and mill companies in the Arizona-New Mexico pine lumber area. Labor members dissented. The northwest minimum ranges from 80 to 87 1/2 cents an hour.

Italian People will be Permitted To Choose Own Government When Allies Whip Nazis, Roosevelt Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, saying the American army entered Italy "not as conquerors but as liberators," has promised the Italian people that they "will be free to work out their own destiny, under a government of their own choosing" when the allies defeat Germany.

Exhibit of Days Creek Girl Wins State Title

PORTLAND, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Champions of the state 4-H club handicraft show being held here this week include Maxine Wright, Days Creek, nine-year exhibit.

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"When Tom Dewey is elected as the next president of the United States he will need the services of Senator Guy Gordon, Congressman Harris Eldsworth and Wayne Morse, republican candidate for senator," Governor John W. Bricker, republican nominee for vice-president, told a cheering crowd of approximately 3,000 people at the Roseburg station today during a 15-minute rear platform talk.

Lashing out at bureaucratic controls, which he insisted must end as soon as the war is over, he declared that "we must have simplification of government. The more government we can get from the cross roads and the less from Washington, the better off we will be."

"No problem is too serious if we attempt its solution honestly and sincerely," he declared in speaking directly to a large group of young people surrounding the rear platform of his six-car special train. "It is the young people who must face the realities of government, for the burden of paying for the war, and extravagances of domestic government will rest upon their shoulders."

It is the responsibility of the present generation he pointed out to provide employment for the returning soldiers. "We can provide jobs," he said, "only if encouragement is given industry, labor and agriculture."

Supporters Urge Dewey To 'Keep on Punching'

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Urged by supporters to "keep punching," Gov. Thomas E. Dewey prepared today for a new invasion of the west in which he may lay down the heaviest bar of his attack on the Roosevelt administration.

PGE Asks Salem Vote On Co-Op Utility Plan

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 13.—(AP)—The Portland General Electric Co. asked the Salem city council today to let the voters decide whether the Salem Electric cooperative shall be given a franchise to operate in the city.

F. R. Orders Speed On Farm Machinery Output

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt directed WPB Chairman Krig today to step up the production of farm machinery so that the United States can continue its record high food production into the postwar period. In addition to domestic needs, the president said the United States will have vast food exports after the war, both through UNRRA for liberated countries and through commercial channels of foreign trade.

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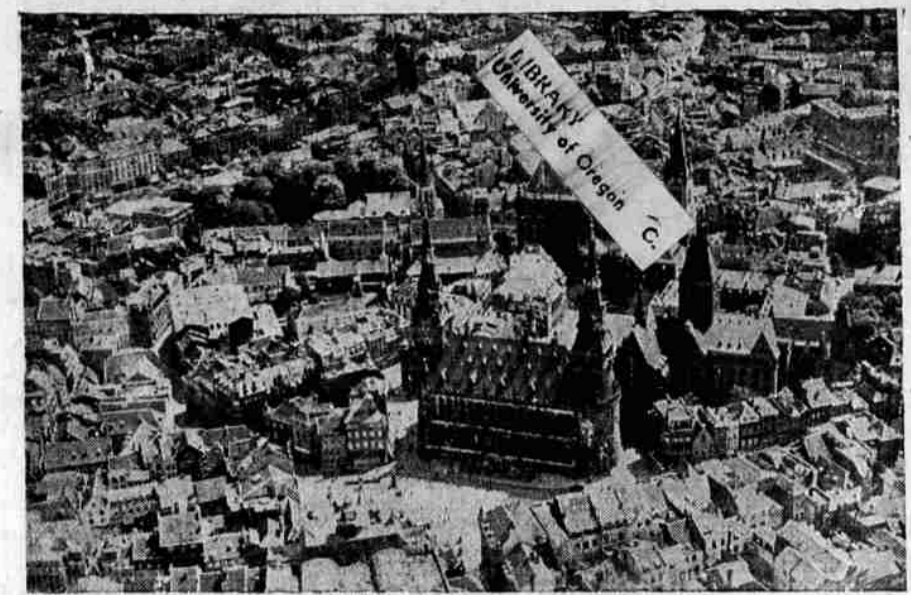
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HISTORIC AACHEN BEING DEMOLISHED—Blasted by American artillery and aircraft, invaded by infantry, following refusal of the German garrison to surrender, the 1,148-year old city of Aachen, pictured above, is being gradually reduced to rubble. Aachen, originally known as Aix-La-Chapelle, was the headquarters of Charlemagne. He was born, died and buried there.

Russians Within 9 Miles of East Prussia; Hungary About To Quit, Austrians Warned

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Japs are taking over Fukien province, in China (again—they took it once before, and evacuated it; that was before WE became a threat). Fukien is just back of the island of Formosa. Tokyo says the operation is "part of our move to forestall U. S. landings from the Pacific which would SEVER OUR COMMUNICATIONS with the southern region."

COMMUNICATIONS! They are the little yellow men's constant bugbear. They have more islands than ships to supply them with, and we are sinking MORE of their ships every day. So they have to take to the land, in China, and conquer a railroad. When we get to the Philippines, we'll even be within bomber range of their precious railroad.

JAPAN isn't whipped, by a means. But the Japs know by this time how the British felt when Hitler's submarines were sinking Britain's ships faster than more could be built.

THE fighting at Germany's western border is bloody and terrible. A dispatch the other day re-

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Permit for \$12 Million Lumber Plant Sale Asked

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Sale of the huge Red River Lumber Co., of the town of Westwood, Lassen county, which it owns, and some 84,000 acres of timber land, was proposed in applications filed today with the state railroad commission. The Northern Counties Utility Co., Los Angeles, has options to buy for an aggregate of around \$12,000,000.

The utility company, recently formed, was organized by Fruit Growers' Supply Co., a cooperative, and an affiliate of the California Fruit Growers' exchange which markets about 75 per cent of the state's fresh citrus crop.

The fruit companies already own big lumber mills at Hills, Siskiyou county, and Susanville, but need other supplies for shipping boxes.

The Red River company is a Minnesota corporation.

Sgt. N. B. Pendergrass, Wounded, Said On Mend

Sergeant Norris S. Pendergrass, son of Mrs. Margaret Pendergrass, who resides at 811 Fieser street, Roseburg, is reported by the War department to be making improvement in his health, following his being wounded in the invasion and battle of southern France on August 18. Sgt. Pendergrass is in the tank division. He has a twin brother also serving in the U. S. forces.

Sailors, Coast Guards Up Output of Coos Sawmills

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Coos bay sawmills are stepping up their output with the help of sailors and coast guardsmen. Lt. C. M. Merkel, executive officer at the North Bend air base, reported.

Says Smaller States May Decide Presidential Race

WEISER, Idaho, Oct. 13.—(AP)—This year's presidential election may be so close that the votes cast in smaller states will be the deciding factors, Reilly Atkinson, former state republican chairman, predicted here today. The present trend, he told a party meeting, is toward G. O. P. Nominee Thomas E. Dewey.

MOSCOW, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Russian tanks and infantry stormed the centuries-old Junkers lands of East Prussia, barely nine miles northeast of the important city of Tilsit today, while in doomed Hungary the victorious red army raced for the 160-mile-distant Austrian frontier.

American Planes Bomb Austrian, Silesian Regions

LONDON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Powerful forces of American bombers from Italy attacked the Vienna area, German Silesia and western Hungary today while fleets from Britain and France pounded heavily at Nazi front line positions on the western front.

The bombers from Italy attacked industrial objectives and railroads over which the Germans were supplying their troops in the swaying lines in Hungary before the red army march against Budapest.

Overnight, British Mosquitos from Britain attacked the German port of Hamburg and unspecified targets in western Germany.

One night plane was lost. A German minesweeper was set afire off the Dutch coast last night.

U. S. bombers based in France added their weight to the siege of Aachen by attacking bridges and road junctions outside the frontier Prussian city.

The U. S. Ninth air force yesterday delivered attacks on Aachen and German communications in the Ruhr, where 62 locomotives were destroyed and 31 damaged. Railways were cut at 26 places and 207 railway cars knocked out.

Three heavy bombers and 17 other planes are missing from yesterday's aerial operations in the Mediterranean sector, which included strafing of airfields and other targets in Austria and Hungary. Eighteen enemy planes were shot down.

Health of Roosevelt "Okay," Physician Says

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Democratic National Chairman Robert Hannegan said today "apparently there is a whispering campaign going on and being intensified about the president's health."

Hannegan made the comment at a press conference after calling attention to a newspaper story quoting Vice Admiral Ross McIntire, the president's personal physician, as saying "the president's health is perfectly okay."

Sleeping Tablets Blamed For Evangelist's Death

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 13.—(AP)—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson died last Sept. 27 "from an accidental overdose" of sleeping tablets.

The jury of 13 persons, including four women, deliberated only a short time. A pathologist told the jury the evangelist had died "of shock and respiratory failure due to overdose of a barbitol compound" and a kidney ailment.

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Petrillo's Defi Forces Roosevelt to Eye Law

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he would like to do something about the refusal of James C. Petrillo's musicians union to make recordings for two major companies, but added that he would have to look into the law first.

A week after the president wired Petrillo asking him to lift the ban, Petrillo declined to do so unless RCA-Victory and Columbia would sign contracts with his union as he said others had done.

The president said it is a great question whether he can legally force the head of the musicians' union to remove his restrictions on record-making.

War Costs \$93 Billion Yearly, Morgenthau Says

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Ninety-three billion dollars annually are being spent to keep the nation's war machine rolling, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau said here, adding that there would be a seventh war loan drive.

Morgenthau stopped last night en route by plane to Los Angeles. Members of his party said the seventh war loan would be announced from the west coast.

New Ladies Dress Shop Will Open in Roseburg

Opening of the "Excel Dress Shoppe" at 124 N. Jackson street has been announced for the latter part of next week by the owner, Mrs. Freda Child, formerly with the Charles News store in Portland. Mrs. Child reports that the shop will carry an exclusive line of ladies ready-to-wear and accessories and will feature youthful fashions for women of all ages. The shop is located in the building formerly occupied by Dr. P. L. Clinton.

Conscientious Objector Killed by Falling Tree

PORTLAND, Oct. 13.—(AP)—George R. Watkins, 30, stationed at a conscientious objector camp near here, was killed yesterday by a falling tree.

Watkins, a former resident of Athol, Idaho, was working on a forest service road-building project.

Yanks Fight in Streets, Nazis Rushing Tanks

City Reported 85 Perct. Destroyed; Escape Route Eastward Being Closed

OUTSIDE AACHEN, Oct. 13 (5:50 p. m.)—(AP)—The German escape gap leading east from Aachen was cut to half a mile tonight and was being closed.

(By the Associated Press) U. S. First Army doughboys fought into Aachen block by block today, and the Germans rushed up reinforcements.

A major tank battle was in prospect, and Berlin reported the Germans, also, were bringing up reinforcements. Shifting armor from Holland, the Germans rolled up a heavy tank force toward the wrecked smoking city of German kings, which Berlin more said was virtually flattened by an "unprecedented steamroller of fire."

Divebombers screamed down against the holed-up defenders, and returning armor reported the city 85 per cent destroyed or damaged. North of Aachen, the Germans hurled a heavy counter-attack in the Bardenberg area.

At the deepest point of penetration into Germany Americans moved ahead slightly in the Stolberg sector east of Aachen, and to the south, took Vossenack after driving all the way through the Hurlgen fire forest.

A counter-attack threw them back slightly. Foe En Route Strafed While the fighting carried into Aachen shells and bombs poured on enemy troops and armor moving along secondary roads in the vicinity of Rohe, five miles northeast of Aachen.

The enemy kept his columns off the main roads and no traffic moved on broad Adolf Hitler highway from the direction of Cologne. But on the side roads there was a heavy movement of troops toward Aachen. The Germans threw in Tiger tanks and artillery at Aachen, Berlin said. They also sent swarms of fighter planes, largest forces in recent weeks to be committed to a single action, against U. S. positions last night as First Army infantry fought into the northeastern factory district in flaming sky battles, 12 Nazi planes, and possibly also more were shot down for a loss of four American fighters.

Other U. S. Units Gain On the allied southern flank, U. S. Seventh Army forces gained in the drive toward the Belfort gap, and in the center, the Third Army took Ennoy on the east fringe of the Parroy forest, east of Lunville. Other Third Army troops battled hand-to-hand with Germans in Mezerles-Les-Mez, five miles north of the fortress city of Metz.

New battles developed swiftly in the north.

After a sharp attack against enemy positions west of the Meuse river, tank-supported British Tommies captured the German-held Dutch town of Overloon, ten miles from the reich border, and surged into the woods beyond. They also exploited a sudden Nazi withdrawal from a 12-mile wide bridgehead on the south bank of the Neder Rhine.

In the north the Canadians landed reinforcements for their bridgehead south of the Schelde river in southwest Holland, and extended their hold across the Leopold canal in Belgium.

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Allied headquarters announced that Fifth Army troops took more than 300 prisoners in the new assault in the central Italian sector.

Aided by warm weather American forces pushed ahead in the wake of yesterday's tremendous aerial attacks and partly flanked the town of Livorno, 10 miles south of Bologna, the communique said.

The doughboys again encountered stiff enemy resistance. In describing the heavy fighting as it unfolded the communique said "no material advances have been made."

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