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ALLIES CLAMP GRIP ON ANTWERP SEA GATES, STILL FIGHT IN AACHEN; HUNGARY TUMBLES INTO TURMOIL

Nazis Win Ten Days' Combat At Ft. Driant

Fanatical Germans in Aachen Resist to Death, Shouting "Heil Hitler"

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY, Oct. 16.—(AP)—American troops smashing down from above Aachen joined forces today with others working up from the south and completely sealed in the city by the juncture. The union was made east of Aachen despite three front German counterattacks in 24 hours, one of them from inside the city, in which nazis screaming "Heil Hitler" rushed American lines with savage fury.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Allied forces sent patrols across the Neder Rhine in Holland, clamped a two-edge grip on the sea entrances to Antwerp and fought to within 32 miles of the Rhine in the Vosges foothills today. But along the Moselle the bitter battle inside Fort Driant ended unsuccessfully after 10 days of close-quarter combat. American forces withdrew there before dawn Friday. It was announced today, the fort, with its maze of underground passages, mushroom pillboxes and steel doors, had taken everything big American guns and planes could give it. It—

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN spite of startling and significant developments in the Pacific, Aachen still holds the center of our interest. What is happening there COULD shorten the German war materially, and we have to get Hitler licked before we can get at our real enemy with both hands.

IN their efforts to RETAKE Aachen (the city is practically in our hands now) the Germans are rushing in some of their best troops—both infantry and tanks. They're throwing in large numbers (the correspondents say "swarms") of their scarce fighter planes.

They've shifted a fresh TANK division down from the Arnhem sector, which gives rise to a fascinating thought: In their stubborn determination to save Aachen at any cost, they MIGHT so weaken themselves at Arnhem that the British would break through for the end run that was frustrated before! Such things have happened in war.

THE straws in the Dutch winds are blowing the other way as this is written.

It rather looks now as if the Germans, in spite of their destruction—

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Republicans Outnumber Democrats By 2316 in Douglas Registration; Miscellaneity Total Boosted to 643

Voter registration in Douglas county for the coming presidential election shows a gain of 1302 from the 1942 registration and a gain of 2967 from the primary totals. County Clerk Roy Agee reported today. Republicans hold a lead of 2316 in a total registration of 14,127, which includes 7836 republicans, 5520 democrats, 98 independents, 18 socialists, 12 prohibitionists and 643 miscellaneous.

The miscellaneous figure is a surprising feature of the registration. In 1942 only 100 persons listed no party affiliation, while in the registration for the primary election in the spring of this year there were 187 miscellaneous voters. Since April 456 voters who have registered have claimed no party affiliation, to make a total of 643.

Since 1942, the total increases in republican and democratic reg-

Marshal Erwin Rommel, Germany's "Desert Fox," Dead, Berlin Announces

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel, the "Desert Fox," is dead, the Berlin radio said yesterday. He was the famed commander of the Afrika corps.

The Berlin broadcast yesterday did not say how Rommel was wounded or when he had died, but said Adolf Hitler had ordered a state funeral.

Rommel's death had been current since late July when allied field dispatches quoted German prisoners as saying he had succumbed to injuries suffered when his car was strafed by allied planes in Normandy. The Germans acknowledged he had suffered a brain concussion and other injuries in an automobile accident during a strafing attack on July 17.

Rommel, who became known as the "Desert Fox" during the African campaign, when his troops drove the British to the gates of Alexandria before they were stopped in October, 1942, by Marshal Montgomery's army, was ground commander of German forces in Normandy at the time of the allied invasion.

He was reported to have quarreled with Marshal Gen. von Rundstedt—then over-all German commander in western Europe—concerning tactics used in combatting the invasion. On July 6 the Berlin radio announced that von Rundstedt had been replaced by Marshal von Kluge in a move that apparently was a victory for Rommel.

A veteran of the first World war, in which he fought with distinction, Rommel joined the Hitler movement in its early stages



Marshal Erwin Rommel.

and later was considered a great favorite of the fuhrer.

He won promotion to field marshal at the age of 50 during the summer of 1942 for his up-to-the-minute successful campaign in North Africa, becoming the youngest German officer ever to hold that rank.

New Price Ceilings Put On Petroleum Products

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Specific ceiling prices for petroleum products in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona will go into effect Thursday, the OPA announced today.

The new prices, replacing "freeze" type ceilings, will apply to all major distribution levels except retail at service stations. They will, however, "cause some changes in the existing prices of a few sellers," OPA said, adding that the general level will "remain about the same."

Conversion "Go" Signal Given Portland Plants

PORTLAND, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Fourteen Portland plants will begin manufacturing \$1,894,000 worth of civilian goods as soon as they can convert from war production.

The firms—only ones in Oregon authorized to reconvert to peacetime lines under the War Production board order—will produce such items as beds, electrical heating devices, neon signs, aluminum cooking utensils, dust pans and septic tanks.

Park Visitors Increased

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Crater Lake National park had 15,905 more visitors this season than last, superintendent E. P. Leavitt said today.

Up to September 30, 43,560 arrived in 9,396 motor vehicles, compared with 27,656 visitors in 7,387 vehicles last season.

Douglas in Assn. Aiming for Better Transportation

What may become known as the Western Traffic association was organized Saturday at Myrtle Point, where 37 representatives of chambers of commerce in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties considered ways and means of improving transportation facilities within those counties and the northern coast counties of California.

It was decided that a united effort was imperative toward the finding of a solution of transportation problems and each delegate present indicated that the project had the united backing of the residents of the areas represented.

An executive committee composed of two members from each county was selected with W. J. Mess of Roseburg serving as chairman. Other members of the committee are: Charles Robinson and Ralph Moore, Coos county; Frank Shaw and Ralph Dewart, Curry county; and Harold J. Hickerson, Douglas county.

Action was taken to provide funds to finance the work of the association and plans were adopted to carry out research and other work essential to the success of the adopted program.

Attending the meeting from Roseburg were: Earl Wiley Wm. Oerding, W. C. Holmes, Cong. Harris Ellsworth, W. J. Mess and Harold J. Hickerson.

Mother Saves 2 Small Sons From Drowning

OLYMPIA, Oct. 16.—(AP)—A 24-year-old mother, Mrs. Ivar Carlson, plunged into the icy waters of the bay here Saturday and saved her two boys, age seven and eight after a rowboat in which the pair were playing overturned.

Firemen of the resuscitation squad brought the younger lad back to consciousness.

Diphtheria Puts Harvest Hands Under Quarantine

MERRILL, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Potato harvest hands in a migratory camp here were under virtual quarantine today after one child died from diphtheria and another was ill.

The Klamath county health officer closed the camp—holding 100 families—to additional tenants.

Horthy Peace Bid Leads To Bloody Chaos

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Hungary has toppled into political chaos after Regent Nicholas Horthy's dramatic bid for peace.

Horthy's quick ceiling—at least on the Budapest radio—by Count Szalasy's last-ditch crowd of arrow cross nazis only emphasized that Hungarians were fighting among themselves instead of against the invading Red army. Reports via Stockholm today said that in some places they were fighting the Germans too.

All this added up to a melting of the barrier between the Red army and a great drive past Budapest to Vienna and a possible final decision in the east.

The Germans took quick measures to stave off the debacle but admitted through the official German news agency that Horthy's petition for an armistice had "greatly damaged the waging of the war."

Berlin dispatches to Stockholm newspapers said nazi troops swift-

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Dr. Wilson Compton New Washington State Prexy

SPOKANE, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Dr. Wilson Martindale Compton, economist, industrial executive and educator, has accepted the presidency of Washington State college to succeed Dr. E. O. Holland, who recently announced his intention to retire this year.

Dr. Compton, who is head of the National Lumber Manufacturers association, will be only the third president the college has had since its inception in 1893. Dr. Enoch A. Bryon held the presidency for 23 years from 1893 until his succession by Dr. Holland.

Umatilla Tops Oregon Counties in Bond Sales

PORTLAND, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Umatilla county was ranked by state war bond officials today as Oregon's leading county in war bond sales in September.

Umatilla subscribed 127.5 per cent of its quota. Multnomah county followed, with 108.6 per cent, and Josephine county, with 106.5 per cent, third.

The entire state sold \$8,309,896—94.4 per cent of the month's quota.



YANKS KILL JAPS FOR DIME A DOZEN—These eight men and one officer represent one of the most unique Jap-fighting outfits in the southwest Pacific. Called the "Dime-A-Dozen Club" after their leader, Lt. Raymond Moss (center) of Medford, Ore., promised to hand out a dime for every dozen Nips killed. The group has racked up 47 kills. They are pictured here receiving their dimes and membership certificates. Left to right: Pfc Manuel Alvarez, Los Angeles; Pfc Morris Manuel, Winchester, Ky.; Cpl. Karl Doll, North Hollywood, Calif.; S/Sgt. Richard Kowitz, St. Paul, Minn.; S/Sgt. Harry Schulte, Gary, S. D.; S/Sgt. Ralph Brocin, Spooner, Minn.; S/Sgt. Alex McLean, Grafton, N. D.; and Pfc Raymond Cattrelli, Sebeka, Minn. Their division, the Americal, fought at Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

Survey of Umpqua River Basin Provided in U. S. Allotment of \$18,000

U. S. Senator Guy Cordon reports receipt of word from William E. Warne, acting commissioner of the bureau of reclamation at Washington, that an allotment of \$18,000 from project planning funds for the fiscal year of 1945 has been made for a survey of the Umpqua river basin. The survey will be made as a part of the Willamette river survey project. Cordon had requested the survey when it had been omitted from projects involving numerous other Oregon streams. The ability of the bureau to forward its survey, it was stated, will depend upon the available manpower.

Crash in Coquille Kills Three Fliers, Hurts 5 Civilians

COQUILLE, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Three navy fliers were dead and five civilians were in hospitals today, victims of a plane that crashed and tore through a row of houses in this western Oregon town yesterday.

The plane plowed into a residential district near the high school, witnesses said. The chimneys of two houses were sheared, as well as porches from two more. A grocery store was hit and then the plane exploded, setting fire to another house.

Dan Rogers, a civilian, was critically hurt. A man and his wife were taken to a Myrtle Point hospital, badly hurt. The fourth victim was an unidentified baby.

Clarence Oslen, former principal of the high school, had his leg broken by flying fragments from the plane.

Property damage is high, state police here declared. Several blocks of the area were declared out of bounds to spectators and roped off by naval authorities, who refused to answer questions.

Shipyard Worker's Average Yearly Pay \$3,001

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—The average full-time shipyard worker in the Portland area earned \$3,001 last year, the state industrial accident commission report showed today.

A survey of 65,000 tinhaters showed that—despite reports of \$100-weekly salaries—less than one of every 20 received more than \$4,000. About 20 per cent earned more than \$3,000.

Average in the lumber industry was reported as \$2,378 annually for full timers. Counting part-time employees, the shipyard average wage was \$1,843, and the lumber wage \$1,758.

Negro Held in Murder

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—A Negro, arrested at a federal housing project here last week, was returned to Seattle today for questioning in connection with the murder of Mrs. Margaret Anderson, 39.

F. R. Uses Aids For Shields, Dewey Says

EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS WITH DEWEY, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey shaped a new attack today on the administration's demobilization plan to supplement his assertion that President Roosevelt is attempting to "hide behind evasions by his associates" on G. O. P.-raised campaign issues.

James C. Hagerty, the New York governor's executive assistant, indicated that Dewey planned to reply—probably in his St. Louis speech tonight—to a letter written by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, to Mr. Roosevelt.

Dewey asserted in his Sept. 7 speech in Philadelphia that Hershey had said it would be necessary to demobilize the armed forces gradually after the war, attributing to Hershey the statement "we can keep people in the army about as cheaply as we could create an agency for them when they are out."

Hershey Amplifies

Hershey wrote Mr. Roosevelt that this statement, made at a news conference in Denver last August, represented "personal opinion in a field over which I have no responsibility." He added that it was so understood at the time.

Since then, Hershey said the war and navy departments have informed a congressional committee that "the needs of the armed forces to defeat Japan and the

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"Horror Movies" Make Nighthawks Of Kids, Assertion

PORTLAND, Oct. 16.—(AP)—A plea to ban post-midnight "horror movies" which juvenile authorities claimed were keeping 10 and 12 year olds on the streets all night long lay before Mayor Riley today.

The "spook shows"—a brand-new addition to the list of juvenile temptations—draw three-block lines of youngsters, six abreast, officers said.

Police Chief Niles and the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs joined in asking that these pictures be eliminated—at least until after the war.

Two police matrons reported youngsters swarming into all-night cafes from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock. "Children as young as 10 to 12 were asleep on the curbs, waiting for buses," they said.

Other high spots of the matrons' all-night survey: A girl wedged into a crowd of bobbysocks so large officials couldn't break it up, was carried out almost fainting.

A 20-year-old girl from a theater in hysterics. Matrons estimated the total number of youngsters at more than 3,000.

Assault Accompanies Tokyo Claim that Jap Sea-Air Units Battle Yankee Carrier Force

(By the Associated Press)
A second Superfortress attack within 48 hours against prime military targets on Formosa island was reported by the U. S. 20th air force today as radio Tokyo was claiming Japanese naval and air units were in battle with an American carrier force in that sector.

The 20th air force communique said a large force of B-29s hit Okayama, major plane repair and air supply base, and Heito, 17 miles northward. Both points are in Formosa's southwestern coastal area. Heito has an airfield and an air supply depot.

No Superfortresses were lost during the second attack, the announcement said. "Very good bombing results" under good weather conditions were reported by crewmen.

In the first B-29 Formosa raid Saturday bombing results were "excellent" with 37 Okayama buildings totally destroyed and 16 heavily damaged. Two of the Superfortresses previously reported missing on this raid are safe, the communique said, while a third crash-landed at a forward base. One was lost.

Japanese broadcasts reported the Japanese fleet had at last come out of hiding and was "in pursuit of the fleeing enemy task force." Imperial communiques asserted that 16 American warships, including ten carriers, were sunk, and another 19 damaged.

Tuulent Japanese broadcasts quoted Premier Gen. Koto as saying "the long awaited opportunity for Japan's battle in the Pacific has just come." Nipponese "Naval observers" were reported to have said "the avowed enemy offensive against the Philippines has been dealt a sledgehammer blow."

Nimitz Doesn't Confirm

The Japanese fleet, long sought by American commanders in the Pacific, has not been mentioned in Adm. Nimitz's reports on the Formosa action. His reports still incomplete, listed 487 Japanese planes as destroyed, 63 enemy ships sunk or damaged, against a loss of 45 U. S. planes.

Tokyo said a diversionary unit of the great American carrier task force was intercepted by Philippines-based planes after 60 U. S. bombers and fighters raided Manila Saturday (U. S. time). The Japanese claimed a carrier was sunk and four other warships damaged.

Nimitz reported the Japanese began pressing "strong counterattacks" against carrier forces off Formosa Thursday night. Twenty Nipponese were shot down. Nevertheless, carrier planes returned to the attack in Formosa and Luzon island in the northern Philippines Friday. They encountered "little air opposition" and wiped

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New Shingle Mill Being Built at Sutherlin

SUTHERLIN.—A new shingle mill is being constructed on the east side of the Davis and Wood Lumber company's new eight-acre pond on highway 99 by J. T. Welch of LaComb, Wash. The size of the main building will be quite large with a building at the rear to be used for storing shingles.

The new mill expects to employ about ten men and will have a capacity of 80 to 70 squares daily. Cedar logs will be brought from different logging companies and from mills.

Mr. Welch, the owner, has had years of experience in shingle mills at Bellingham, Wash., and expects to have his mill in operation by the middle of November. J. T. Welch has been engaged as sawyer and filer.

Liquor Sale Hours for Service Men Still Hold

PORTLAND, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Oregon servicemen—despite the Ninth service command's new ruling allowing army personnel to buy liquor whenever stores are open—for the present must confine their purchases to the hours of 5:30 p. m.

The state liquor control commission ruled that its regulation establishing those hours for sales to the military could not be changed until the commission meetings Oct. 19-20.

Future of Camp Abbot Draws Cordon's Notice

BEND, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Guy Cordon said here today he planned to confer with the war department on the future of Camp Abbot, semi-deserted army engineer's camp south of Bend.

Cordon, campaigning in central Oregon for reelection, indicated the camp could be converted easily into an army hospital or a rest camp, with fine fishing streams nearby.

Crash Into Residence Kills Auto Driver

ILWACO, Wash., Oct. 16.—(AP)—E. W. Peck, Ilwaco cafe owner, died today of broken neck and skull fracture suffered when the car he was driving crashed into a Seaview residence Saturday night.

Three passengers were injured, none believed seriously. They were Mrs. Peck, Ernest Kary of Ilwaco and Mrs. Ruby Smith of Seaview.

Fruits Freed for Holidays

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Packers of dried fruits, primarily raisins and prunes, may release large quantities of their 1944 pack for civilian holiday use, according to the War Food administration regional office here.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenblatt
Roosevelt and Dewey seem to be "Gallup"-ing to the polls in a real horse race, with latest indications that either the president may lose by a nose or the contender win by a moustache.