

# Fire Destroys Housing Units

### War Dormitories at Bremerton Burn, Also 90 Tires

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saved in the face of a brisk wind and a weak water supply. Farm security administration authorities, under whom the dormitory project was operated, said the loss would be at least \$50,000. The units were called "duration dormitories," built lightly in expectation of razing them after the war emergency.

Fire Chief Yett said a small fire broke out in one of the unfinished units and was quickly extinguished. Fifteen minutes later the second blaze broke out and soon was out of control. The high leaping flames were fed by tar which was on the grounds for roofing. It contributed to a smoke blanket that covered much of the city.

The destroyed trailer tires, many of them virtually new, were stored in the basement of the James Roe building, which burned. They had been taken from trailers which are used as family living units on the project. None of the trailers burned, but two old automobiles were consumed. About 90 trailer tires were carried to safety.

Virtually all of the personal belongings of the occupants of the old dormitory that burned were saved by volunteers. After the fire was checked, scores of Bremerton residents offered sleeping quarters to the 207 men who lost their homes.

The capacity of the razed dormitories was 520 persons. There were no reported injuries in the fire.

# Weather Good For Oregon Harvests

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Weather conditions favored crop harvests throughout Oregon for the week ended Tuesday, the weather bureau disclosed Wednesday. Some damage by hail was reported in some wheat areas, with rain and high wind contributing. The grain harvest is nearly finished in some earlier areas, and corn is thriving, albeit somewhat later than usual.

Edward L. Wells, meteorologist, reported general conditions as follows:

Bartlett pear picking will begin this week or next. Early peaches and apples are being marketed in quantity. Prune prospects improved and some early varieties will be picked this week in Umatilla county.

Southern counties will start picking early hops this week. Sugar beets are thriving. Flax pulling continues. Pea canning is finished and bean canning is progressing. The second cutting of alfalfa and clover is well advanced. Wild hay is being cut. Pastureage is scarce in some eastern counties because of drought and range fires, but elsewhere is better than usual.

# Soldier on Trial, England

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Pvt. Travis P. Hammond, on trial before a United States army court martial on a charge of assaulting a 16-year-old English shipgirl in an air raid shelter, testified Wednesday that the girl consented to his advances.

When he took the stand, Hammond said that after parting with the girl he went to a dance and before returning to camp had a fight with another US soldier whom he accused of calling him names.

In the fight, he said, he received a blow on the left side of his face which left a mark.

The trial adjourned Wednesday before the prosecution finished questioning Hammond.

# Sold the Shirt Off His Back

EUGENE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Ray McInnis is the kind of guy who'll give the shirt right off his back—or anyway, sell it.

At a victory bond rally Tuesday night the secretary of the local Building Laborers' union sold it for a \$500 war bond purchase.

Sales during the two-day rally totaled \$90,000 in bonds and stamps, Dick Williams, chairman, said today.

# Chest Group to Meet

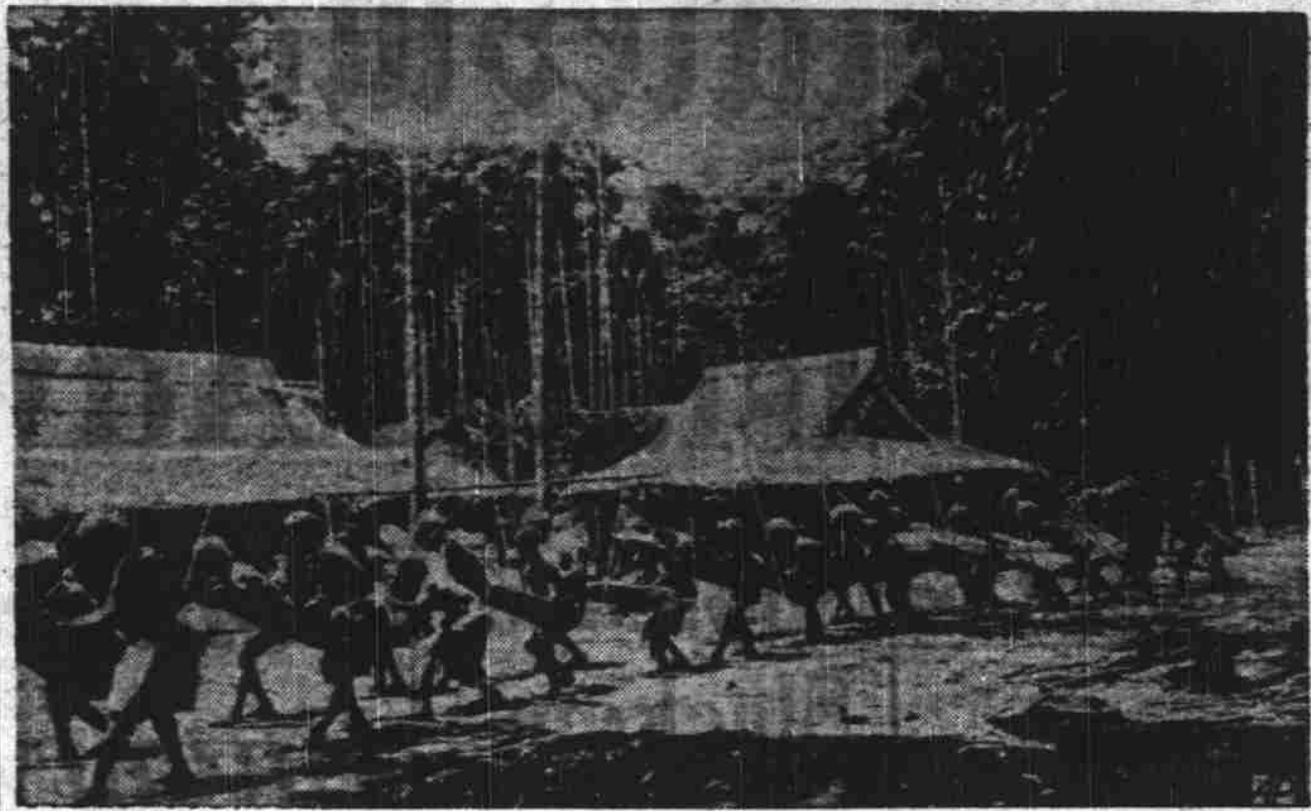
At noon on Friday the War Chest executive committee will meet at the Marion hotel. Jesse J. Gard is chairman of the committee.

# Notice to Salem Hop Pickers

We will haul pickers from Salem to our Lakebrook hop yard by school bus. Those wishing to pick please register at once. Registered pickers will be notified where to meet the bus. Picking will begin August 24th.

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# War Dance In Solomon Islands



Spear-carrying natives do a war dance somewhere in the Solomon Islands, where United States forces have landed in an offensive action to drive out the Japanese. (Associated Press Telegram).

# Atlantic Ship Fight Widens

### British Admit Carrier Loss; Nazis Claim Convoy Attack

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sore loss, since convoys in the Mediterranean have to depend on carrier-based planes once they are out of reach of shore-based fighters.

The extension of axis offensive operations into the South Atlantic was noted by naval sources as a further step in the hot battle of supply.

That ocean is the chief route from America to India and Egypt as well as an important line to Russia via Iran and for British meat and wheat shipments from South America.

These naval sources cited Rio de Janeiro dispatches and axis claims as indications that surface and submarine raids already were in progress. Rio reports said two or three ships had been attacked by a surface raider since Saturday. SOS messages giving the location 1000 miles off Brazil. Also noted were German claims to have sunk more than 45,000 tons of shipping bound for Egypt off the American and West African coasts recently.

# Mainz Raided Second Night

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tion described Wednesday night how the bursts of hundreds of tons of bombs flickered across the target like "lights of a pin table" and started more fires than they could count.

The air ministry news service's report of the stories related by these specially chosen observers said the bombs, including more than 50,000 incendiaries, blasted and enflamed the city, an important center and river port which handles most of the grain traffic in the Rhine-Mainz area.

An RAF commentator said the raiding force was made up of "between 250 and 400 bombers." Hundreds of high explosive bombs and thousands of incendiaries left a 15,000-foot pillar of smoke over the city as a testimonial of havoc.

The observation crews hovered over the city for 46 minutes while plane after plane roared in, dumped its bombs and streaked for home.

Their task was to obtain a coordinated picture of the attack.

# Copper Labor Probe Begun

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A broad attack by five top war agencies on the manpower shortage in the copper mining industry was disclosed Wednesday night, shortly after the national war labor board announced it would consider wage and union shop demands of copper, lead and zinc workers on an industry-wide basis.

A WPB official, who declined to permit use of his name, said a five-agency committee was deliberating a sweeping but tentative plan to bring fresh labor into the copper mines and prevent present workers from deserting their jobs in favor of shipyards and war plants, where they can get higher pay.

# Mishap Hurts Etzel

Pete Etzel of Liberty was in the Deaconess hospital Wednesday night as a result of an accident with a grain separator. He was suffering from a broken jaw and a badly lacerated face, according to hospital attendants.

# Late Sports

COAST LEAGUE  
PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Second night game (nine innings):  
Los Angeles 010 110 010—4 11 2  
Portland .....001 100 31—6 14 3  
German, Mallery (7), Oobernic (8) Davis (8) and Campbell; Orrell, Fitzke and Leovich.

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Second game (7 innings):  
San Francisco .....000 000 0—0 2 0  
Seattle .....000 100 \*—1 5 0  
Gibson and Sprinz; Fischer and Kears.

GOSHEN, N.Y., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Bill Strang, the Brooklyn storage and trucking man who has spent a small fortune seeking a Hambletonian winner, reached his objective Thursday when the Ambassador led 10 other three-year old trotters home in the rich "buggy whip derby" at Good Time Park.

# AP Writer Missing in Aerial Trip

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Vern Haugland, 34, Associated Press staff man since 1936, was reported missing Wednesday just as he was about to realize his ambition to see action on a Pacific front.

He thus became the second Associated Press correspondent to be listed as missing in the Pacific war. Dr. Witt Hancock, 33, has not been reported since March 3 when he was attempting to escape from the Japanese advance in Java.

Haugland was listed as missing five days after a plane in which he was flying from Townsville, Australia, to the New Guinea front disappeared in a storm.

By a coin toss, Haugland won the opportunity to board the lead plane of a formation making the trip.

The Australian reporter boarded the second plane in the formation. The group ran into a storm and the first and second planes were not accounted for when the storm was passed. Later the second plane reached a New Guinea base but nothing has been heard from the first.

Haugland had been in Townsville several days awaiting transportation. Before his trip northward, he had put in four months' work in the Melbourne bureau, during which he reported the arrival of the first United States troops, the dash of General Douglas MacArthur from the Philippines and the organization of the southwest Pacific allied command.

# Albacore Tuna Given Ceiling

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 12.—(AP)—The spectacular climb in the price of Albacore tuna was halted abruptly Wednesday by the office of price administrator, which clamped on a ceiling of \$398 a ton.

This ceiling is \$17 a ton lower than the prevailing price paid to fishermen. Packers were advised also that a ceiling selling price of \$16 a case will be imposed on canned tuna.

# Postal Sales Drop In Salem In July

The July postal sales were \$30,857.88, Henry R. Crawford, postmaster, announced Wednesday. This was a drop from \$36,106.83 for July 1941, explained in part by the fact that drivers' licenses were mailed out last year in June and July, Crawford believes.

# Held in County Jail

Elaine Ethel Gurtigis of Labish was held in the county jail early today charged with being drunk on the highway. She was arrested by state police on the Portland highway.

# Bombers Hit Enemy Ships

### Marines on Three of Vital Solomon Island Group

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"bitter fighting," a fact suggesting that the Japanese had rallied powerful air and surface units to the defense of their beleaguered troops.

Those troops apparently were already in a strong defensive position. The navy said there was substantial evidence that the Japs "had well under way" the development of a base in the Tulagi area—presumably at Tulagi harbor, which is a fine natural naval base.

The navy's report on the campaign in the Solomons was given in communique 104 on the sixth day of the fighting. The communique made no claim of decisive success as yet and clearly left open the possibility that many days of hard fighting are ahead before the avowed American purpose of driving the Japs out of the vital Tulagi area can be attained.

The disclosure of evidence that the Japanese had well under way the development of a base in the Tulagi area recalled to naval men the fact that Tulagi offers one of the finest naval base sites in the southwestern Pacific and a major installation there would have constituted a direct threat to Australia and islands guarding the United States-Australian supply line.

This was brought out by Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the US fleet, in a statement earlier this week in which he said that the enemy "have been in process of consolidating their positions" in the Solomons with the purpose of using them "as a base of offensive operations against our positions which cover the line of communications to Australia and New Zealand."

The navy gave no information as to the sequence of landings on the three islands or whether they were carried out simultaneously.

Previously disclosures on landing operations had been given out here only in King's statement which said merely that "planned landings" had been accomplished.

# Indian Youth Admitted, Bar

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—George E. La Vatta, 23-year-old Indian of the Shoshone tribe, was admitted to the Oregon state bar Wednesday.

La Vatta, a graduate of Willamette university in the class of 1942, is the first Indian attorney admitted to practice in the state in years. The oath was administered by Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin.

# Building Workers Families Aid Crop

MEDFORD, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Rogue river valley fruit growers and packers reported Wednesday that the harvest labor outlook was brighter.

Families of newly arrived construction workers at Camp White are applying for work in packing houses and orchards.

# Enforcement Slated

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Richard G. Montgomery, state OPA director, disclosed Wednesday that maximum price regulations will be enforced shortly in Oregon. He and several aides have been called to San Francisco for a conference.

# Violence Less In India City

### Party Declares Small Group Presses Riots; US Keeps Hands Off

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year-old Omaha radio announcer, was the democratic participation in internal troubles there, the state department said Wednesday night.

The presence of American forces in India, the department revealed, is primarily to aid China.

In the event of disturbances where they are stationed they are authorized to resort to defensive measures only, "should their own personal safety or that of other American citizens be endangered."

The announcement pointed out that the policy of the United States government in this emergency already had been made part of the orders issued to American forces who have been in India for some time.

(Full details of American military dispositions in India have not been disclosed. It has been revealed, however, that they consist mainly of aerial personnel and ground crews. The ferrying command has been engaged in piloting planes and materials to China via India. In addition, American planes using India as a base have raided such enemy bases as Rangoon, Burma.)

# Canadian Ship Captures Sub

### 32 Germans on Board U-Boat Appear Glad To Be Prisoners

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they had much to eat for a day or so, for they were hungry as wolves. They seemed very surprised that we had butter and canned milk. They'd pass the butter around and look at it as if they'd never seen anything like it before.

The Canadians had no trouble with their prisoners, the seaman declared.

"We were waiting for them to start cutting up rough," said Croft, "but most of them seemed darn glad to be aboard. Most of them were youngsters. One kid came over the side pointing to himself and saying, 'Me glad, me glad.'"

"Some of the others wouldn't talk to us or have anything to do with us at first, but there was one who had been in Canada. He must have told his mates they were lucky to be with Canadians, because they warmed up a little later."

# Pelley Given 15-Year Term

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley, spruce little goateed founder of the Silver Shirts of America, only shook his head in federal court Wednesday when asked if he had anything to say in his own behalf and then drew a 15-year prison sentence on charges of criminal sedition.

"I don't know how long the war will last," Judge Robert C. Baltzell said in pronouncing the penalty, "but the sentence should be such that we will be assured that no further harm will be done for the duration."

Pelley's secretary and co-defendant, Miss Agnes Marian Henderson, sobbed out a promise to disassociate herself from the Pelley activities and received a two-year suspended sentence. Lawrence A. Brown, associated with Pelley in Noblesville, Ind., publishing firm, Fellowship Press, Inc., was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and the firm itself was fined \$5000.

# Five RCAF Pilots Die in Collision

WINNIPEG, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Five of six RCAF crewmen aboard two twin-motored Anson training planes were injured fatally late Wednesday when their craft collided and crashed one mile northeast of the Armstrong, Ont., airport.

A search for the sixth man was under way at the scene of the crash. The names of the airmen who died were not disclosed immediately.

The planes, being ferried from Winnipeg to Ottawa, had refueled at Armstrong, 390 miles east of here. The collision apparently occurred just after they left that airport.

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News and Novelty

# On the Inside In Washington

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
Wide World War Analyst for The Statesman

The chances for a successful conquest of the Tulagi area of the Solomon islands appear better than ever, despite probable heavy American losses, but even a complete victory in that section at this time should give rise to no wave of optimism about the progress of the war.

Four great issues which bear directly upon the final outcome of the conflict are now being decided on the battlefields of southern Russia, and from there the news is grave.

A victory in the Solomons would go a long way toward (1) Securing the approaches to Australia and its supply lines from the United States, (2) Furnishing one starting point for the future general offensive in the Pacific and (3) Showing the effectiveness of American preparations to make that offensive.

At best, these are limited objectives despite the relatively great cost in men, ships and planes necessary to accomplish them. But the enemy's objectives and the allied stakes in the battle of the Caucasus are far-reaching and, at worst, may decide the ability of the Russians to keep the main strength of Adolf Hitler's armies engaged until the crushing weight of British and American power can be thrown into decisive action against them.

A Russian defeat in the Caucasus probably would mean that a large part of the red forces would withdraw north and east of the Volga river, where their position would be almost entirely defensive, for the time being at least. The Germans, having gained a huge wealth of natural resources, would need comparative, by small forces to hold the Russians behind the Volga, and the bulk of their strength could be turned in some other direction.

If the Caucasus and all that it stands for in United Nations interest is yet to be saved or even partially saved, it would seem that the Russians or their British and American allies must produce quickly resistance so effective as to fall little short of a military miracle.

# Mishap Fatal To Reiling Of Silverton

ALBANY, Aug. 12.—Joe Reiling, 33, died Wednesday forenoon as the result of an accidental cut received while boning a fore quarter of beef at the D. E. Nebergall Meat company, where he was employed as butcher. He was holding the knife toward him and it slipped, cutting a deep gash in the groin. He died from loss of blood while on the way to the hospital, according to E. C. Fisher, county coroner.

Reiling had been employed at the Nebergall plant for 18 months. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Kenneth, 3½, and Larry, three months.

SILVERTON, Aug. 12.—Joe Reiling, who died Wednesday as the result of an accident in Albany, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Reiling of Silverton. His wife is the former Naoma Zwick of Salem.

Besides his widow and two sons, and his parents, four sisters and three brothers survive. The sisters are Kathryn Tuttle, Salome, Ariz., Selma Reiling, US navy nurse at Pearl Harbor, TH, Geraldine Reiling, Silverton, Eulalie Reiling, St. Vincent's nurses training school, Portland.

The brothers are Ed, Tom and Gregory, jr., all of Silverton. Funeral services will be held Friday.

# Eleanor Answers 'Front' Queries

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—While Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was answering at a Hunter college forum Wednesday, several persons submitted queries asking why there was a delay in opening a second front.

At first the president's wife replied only that she was not a military expert but when the questioning persisted she said emphatically:

"All right. How much do you know about distances? About the ships available to transport supplies? About the ammunition, the guns and the supplies necessary for such a second front? Do you want a second front to begin before you are sure about all these plans? Do you want a Dunkerque of American soldiers?"

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3 GREAT STARS IN A 4 STAR TRIUMPH!  
Charles BOYER  
Olivia de HAVILLAND  
Paulette GODDARD  
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HOLD BACK THE DAWN  
PLUS  
HUGH HERBERT  
THERE'S ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE

# Clark Gable Takes Oath

### 'Very Happy' About Enlisting, Wants To Be Gunner

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—(AP)

A nervous Clark Gable put aside the wealth and fame of Hollywood Wednesday to enlist in the army as a buck private.

What may be the last public appearance for some time of the idol of thousands of feminine movie fans was an auspicious affair. It took place high in the Federal building, with half a floor roped off and guarded to insure privacy.

It was an intent Gable who listened as Col. Malcolm P. Andrus, in charge of recruiting for southern California, read the army oath.

The screen star's hand was shaking noticeably as he raised it to say "I do."

"I hope you will serve with honor to yourself and your country," Colonel Andrus said when it was over. "I welcome you into the United States army."

"Thank you, sir," Gable replied, with a wide smile and a handshake.

The screen star, 41 and widowed with the death of Carole Lombard in an airplane accident several months ago as she concluded a bond-selling tour, was to leave Wednesday night for Miami, Fla., and three months' basic training, after which he hopes to enroll in officers' school.

"I am very happy about it all," he said, as photographers snapped him from every angle and newsreel cameras ground away.

"I have made application to be a gunner and I'm going to do my very best. There's nothing else to say."

He was inducted alone, but no sooner had he finished than Colonel Andrus read the oath to the star's cameraman and close friend, Andrew J. McIntyre. They hope to see service together.

Gable, a consistent top movie money earner for more than a decade, has for months been rumored planning to join the army air force.

# Lack of Cooks 'Nonexistent'

Arthur Peters, representative of the Salem culinary alliance, took issue Wednesday with the statement of local restaurant men that a shortage of cooks and waitresses existed here.

The union spokesman asserted nearly 100 applications for spare time work were received by his organization Wednesday. Many women, he added, are now working in canneries rather than restaurants because the packers pay higher wages.

The Salem Restaurant association with the assistance of the Salem chamber of commerce, is working out plans to invite interested women to register for rush hour work.

# Bogus Checks on Salem Bank Pass

PENDLETON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Bogus checks totaling \$900, drawn on a Salem bank, were passed here last week, Police Chief Charles Lemons said Wednesday.

The checks were cashed by Pendleton merchants for three men representing themselves as officials of a contracting firm.

Lemons said similar losses had been reported at Portland and Boise and were believed the work of the same men.

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10:15  
Canyons: 1:30,  
3:45, 6:30, 9:15

# Fish Victor In New York

### Isolationism Charge Fails to Defeat; Taylor Leads, Idaho

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nomination for the senate seat held by George W. Norris, independent. It was a seven-man field including Rep. Harry B. Coffee, whose opponents called his pre-war attitude obstructive. Kenneth Wherry, mid-west director of the republicans, won his party's nomination. Norris has not said he will run again but friends expect him to enter the race as an independent.

In Ohio, all incumbent congressmen were renominated except Sweeney. They included two republicans, Reps. Charles H. Eison and John M. Vorys, whose pre-war policies, their opponents said, impaired the war effort.

John McSweeney, former house member, was nominated by the Ohio democrats to oppose Republican Gov. John W. Bricker's third term effort.

Glen Taylor, a radio entertainer of Pocatello, Idaho, led a field of five for the democratic senatorial nomination, and his nearest opponent acknowledged defeat. Sen. John Thomas, republican, who had been called a pre-war isolationist by his opposition, won renomination in a walkaway. Rep. Compton I. White, democrat, who was a target of similar criticism was renominated also.

In Arkansas, former Rep. John McClellan piled up a big lead over State Atty. Gen. Jack Holt for the democratic nomination for senator, and Holt conceded defeat, his first in 14 years.

# Germany May Have Reached 1942 Goals

ISTANBUL, Aug. 10.—(Delayed) (AP)—The possibility Germany may already have attained most of her 1942 objectives in Russia and may be ready to halt her offensive on the eastern front and consolidate her positions for the winter was indicated Monday by a neutral official, who, demanding anonymity, claimed direct German information.

Quoting as his informant a Nazi propaganda "inspector" visiting Turkey on official business, this neutral official said Germany plans to erect an "eastern wall" before the winter and retire behind it with a peace proposal. The Nazi functionary quoted operates under Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi party chief of foreign propaganda and a reichsminister in charge of occupied Russia.

The new German east wall, it was said, would run across the northern Caucasus mountains, which the Germans have just about reached in their drive down the Caucasus, and along the Volga river from Astrakhan through the regions of Stalingrad and Voronezh and thence roughly along the present front to the Leningrad area.

The German was quoted further as saying "We know we cannot defeat America," although it was not clear why this remark was made.

"However," the German was said to have added, "we hope by using our submarine weapon in conjunction with Japanese plans to keep America so disorganized as to give her the impression she cannot win the war."

# YM Board to Convene

Salem YMCA board of directors will meet today noon at the YMCA building. Paul B. Wallace, president of the board, will be in charge.

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ELSMORE  
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