

Germans Hurry Effort to Take Stalingrad

Stars In Salem Tonight

Three Slated on Bonds Program, Victory Center

There may be "Stars Over America" tonight, but the only ones that will count in Salem are Joan Leslie, Walter Pidgeon and Adolph Menjou.

Among more than a score of film actors being sent out from Hollywood by the motion picture industry this month to sell war bonds and stamps, this outstanding trio was designated to include Salem on its itinerary.

The three stars, who are stopping off at Eugene today noon, are scheduled to arrive by automobile at the Marion hotel at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and to appear on a "Bonds for Victory" program at Salem's Victory Center on the county courthouse grounds at 7:30 tonight.

Sen. Douglas McKay, Loyal A. Warner and G. A. Vandenberg will serve as reception committee for the movie industry guests, who are to have an hour and a half of probably needed rest at the hotel immediately upon their arrival. At 6 p.m. the stars will be guests at a no-host dinner at the Marion to be attended by members of the county war savings staff, the day's program committee and a few public officials.

The Victory Center program will open at 7 p.m. with a half-hour concert by an army band. At 7:30 Sen. McKay and Donald G. Black are to take over as masters of ceremonies, for an hour and a half of entertainment and bond-selling for which Miss Leslie, Mr. Menjou and Mr. Pidgeon are to be the highlights. They will be officially welcomed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague. All three stars are to be on the platform and to speak briefly. Instrumental and vocal music provided by the Meisinger accordion sextet, Gayle Ferguson and Pvt. Jack Gates of Camp Adair, and a contest whose nature has not been announced are to round out the program.

The three stars are scheduled to drive to Portland yet tonight to rest up for a daylong appearance there Friday.

Members of Theatrical union local No. 613 went to work Wednesday decorating Victory Center for tonight's show, with flags, pennants, bunting and velvet.

Salem theatre managers, out to set a record, are seeking out as many bond buyers as possible to augment purchases made by the crowds expected to attend tonight's show. High street between State and Court will be closed to traffic during the evening to provide ample audience room.

Persons buying bonds during tonight's program are to have the privilege of going up on the platform and receiving the autograph of the star of their choice. More than 700 large photographs of Miss Leslie have been obtained by the theatre managers here for autograph purposes.

New Railway Readies Base

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—(P)—Dedication of a \$1,500,000 marine railway that will fit the Portland harbor as a repair base will be a Labor day feature at the Commercial Iron and Steel company plant, the navy announced Wednesday.

Size of the railway was not divulged except to say that it would permit handling of as many as six ships at one time for painting or repair of battle damage.

Service Men

PORTLAND, Sept. 2.—(P)—The Smith's took over the US navy recruiting office here Wednesday.

Enlistments included Lyle C. Brien; Glenn W. Hillaberg; Donald T. Ralph F., and Walter D. all of Portland.

They were signed up by Elnora H. H.

Only one of the Jones' boys appeared. He was Dean L., of Klamath Falls.

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Walking Into Victory Program Here



Here they come—motion picture stars Walter Pidgeon (left), Joan Leslie and Adolph Menjou, photographed as they were about to board their train in Hollywood for their "Stars Over America" war bond tour, which will bring them to Salem this afternoon. They will appear tonight on a Victory Center program starting at 7 o'clock, and are to give their autographs to war bond buyers.

August Vessel Deliveries 68

Total Below July's; Oregon Yard Speed Far Above Average

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(P)—America's shipyards delivered 68 new cargo vessels and large tankers during August, the maritime commission announced Wednesday, giving the total as 753,000 deadweight tons.

August production fell below July when 71 ships totaling 790,300 deadweight tons were delivered.

West coast yards went back into first place for the nation by delivering 31 ships. Atlantic coast yards, which led last month, delivered 24 ships, and gulf coast yards turned out 12. One more carrier was completed on the Great Lakes.

The California Shipbuilding corporation, Wilmington, Calif. delivered 11 ships, the largest single producer for the month, and completed its original contract for 85 Liberty ships almost seven months ahead of schedule.

The average time for the August deliveries for all shipyards constructing Liberty ships was 83.3 days from keel laying to delivery, compared with 108.4 days in July.

Ships delivered in August included 57 Liberty ships of 10,500 deadweight tons, four large tankers. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Yanks Down Under Fall for Climate

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sept. 2.—(P)—American soldiers have found Australia's climate to their liking and they are as healthy a lot as can be found anywhere in the world, a headquarters medical officer said Wednesday.

Serious sickness has been scarce, the officer said, and there hasn't been an epidemic of any kind.

Airlines Scanned

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(P)—The civil aeronautics board Wednesday took out of its wartime pigeonhole all applications for new airline routes and for changes in existing airlines which had gone beyond the hearing stage prior to last December 12, and promised action on them.

White House Help Short

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(P)—Mrs. Roosevelt disclosed Wednesday that the White House had lost so many servants to the war effort that it was difficult to entertain.

She revealed the manpower shortage to a group of women from all over the country attending a conference of the women's division of the war savings staff of the treasury.

The luncheon was served buffet style, Mrs. Roosevelt explaining that the lack of servants prevented more formal entertaining for large groups.

12th Street Resurfacing Job Finished

Task of resurfacing South 12th street, except for the laying of 120 yards of seal coat, was completed Wednesday noon by Warren Northwest company, and the final touches to the job begun Friday noon are to be made today, according to Hedda Swart, resident engineer for the state highway department.

Original contract with the company called for an asphalt pavement resurfacing from State street to the city limits, but rough portions of 12th between Court and State, also parts of the state highway system, were smoother while equipment was on the job, Swart said.

Twenty two hundred tons of the paving compound was laid during the operation, and equipment, which had been moved from a runway paving job at the city airport to 12th street, was immediately taken to the Southern Pacific depot to repave the front platform Wednesday afternoon.

Tracks of the railroad on 12th street are to be brought to highway level as soon as needed materials can be secured, the city and the highway department have been assured by the company.

Whether the military nature of the highway may provide incentive for speed in securing the materials was not known.

13 Czechs Slain

BERLIN (From German broadcasts)—Sept. 2.—(P)—Execution of 13 Czechs Monday on charges of plotting high treason against the German protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia was announced in Prague Wednesday.

RAF Attacks Rhine Region

Germany Bombed Tuesday From Two Sides

BERLIN (From German broadcasts), Sept. 2.—(P)—British bombers attacked an area "to the left of the Rhine" Wednesday night in their second successive night raid on Germany, DNB said Thursday.

Six of the invading craft were shot down, according to preliminary reports.

High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped at several places.

German bombers meanwhile attacked military objectives in the midlands section of England, the news agency said.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—(P)—More than 200 RAF bombers spread fire and ruin in the German coal and iron center of Saarbruecken Tuesday night in a heavy raid described officially as "an outstanding success," while Russian airmen attacked East Prussia and occupied Poland in another example of destructive teamwork.

An air ministry communique said only three bombers were lost in the Saarbruecken attack, the second on that city and area since (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

British Planes Down, Morocco

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Sept. 2.—(P)—French fighter planes shot down a British reconnaissance plane Tuesday night near Port Lyautey on the Atlantic coast of French Morocco, the Berlin radio said Wednesday, quoting a Paris dispatch.

"This is the fourth plane shot down over that area within a few days," the radio said. "The American-made plane carried photographic equipment and belonged to a reconnaissance patrol group which recently arrived at Gibraltar."

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Egypt Front Holds

Planes Bombard Axis; Fighting Not Yet Joined

By STEPHEN BARBER
CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 2.—(P)—American and allied planes and British guns heavily bombed and shelled axis forces in the western desert Wednesday and so effective was their resistance to axis pressure that the British commander declared the organized defense areas still were holding.

As the desert artillery kept up steady cannonading on the southern, and most critical, part of the front and allied planes shuttled on bomb missions over the battlefield, Lieut. Gen. B. L. Montgomery, field commander, said: "In no place and in no part of the eighth army area have the enemy penetrated our organized defense area."

At his secret headquarters in the western desert, General Montgomery reviewed the fighting thus far in which the real battle between major formations has not yet been joined.

The three days of the fighting thus far have been spent in getting into position for the main combat.

Planes were carrying a heavy share of the fighting, both on the principal battlefield and in auxiliary fields, supplying the axis troops at the front.

Heavy bombers of the US air forces attacked shipping in the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday, hitting one vessel and almost hitting four others in a convoy, and hitting four ships and possibly a fifth, in a raid on Canada, Crete, a link in the axis supply chain.

US army air force fighters returned to their bases tonight after completing the heaviest day since they entered the battle in this area. They flew as escorts to bombers, and did not lose any planes.

The accurate bombing of the RAF planes the Americans were helping protect on forays behind the El Alamein front drew high praise from Brig. Gen. Aubrey Strickland, commander of the American fighters in this area. He called it splendid; further, he thanked the British fliers on behalf of the Americans for the way in which the experienced British were aiding the United States pilots to learn the desert warfare.

The RAF Tuesday night raided Tobruk and, with the help of naval planes, blew up an enemy ammunition dump near the Qattara depression, on which the southern end of the front is backed.

Advance ground elements met the thrust of Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel's tanks on the southern rim of the bottleneck between the Qattara depression and the sea. The El Alamein front on the north was, on the whole, quiet.

Council Fears Siberia Move; Japs Leaving

By The Associated Press
The recurring possibility that Japan will attack Siberia engaged the attention of the Pacific council, meeting in Washington Wednesday, and the Chinese foreign minister, Dr. T. V. Soong, declared that "to us, it is purely a matter of time until they attack."

The Japanese premier, Tojo, hastened to give "assurance" that the resignation of his foreign minister, Tojo, meant no such thing. Tojo was the leading exponent in the imperial government of keeping Russia out of the Pacific war. His deputy, also quit Wednesday.

On the China front Chiang Kai-shek's command saw indications that the Japs were about to abandon one of their last air bases in the eastern seaboard province of Chekiang—another evidence of the developing Japanese defensive policy in China which may be only a prelude to assault on Siberia. The city believed about to fall to the Chinese is Kinshwa, old provincial capital.

US Soldiers Jeered in Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Sept. 2.—(P)—The automobile of a United States army officer was stoned Wednesday and two stray American soldiers in the forbidden streets of Belfast were angrily challenged, "Why don't you go home?" by crowds protesting the hanging this morning of a young Irish outlaw.

The situation was generally calm, however, with violence confined to isolated incidents after the initial upsurge of feeling when notice was posted on the prison door that Thomas J. Williams, 19, had been executed for the murder of a policeman last Easter morn.

The presence of the two American soldiers afoot among the crowds was not explained, for the streets of Belfast were declared out of bounds for 48 hours from last midnight to avert any incidents by the outlaw Irish republican army in connection with Williams' hanging.

Members of the Irish transport workers union stopped work in protest against Williams' hanging, thus paralyzing the handling of goods destined for transatlantic traffic, and at many places shops and pubs remained closed. In one area the republicans explained that roving parties of young men had instructed them to bar their doors if the execution was carried out.

USO Moves To New Home

Legion Hall Acquired On Temporary Plan; Equipment Asked

United Service Organizations workers in Salem moved first of their equipment into the American Legion's hall at Cottage and Chemscheta streets Wednesday afternoon.

The move, simple because of lack of most of the furnishings eventually to be used by a recreation center here, is to be completed this morning, R. R. Boardman, USO director in this area, believes.

Needed in the temporary quarters, donated rent-free by Capital post No. 9 of the Legion, are three ping pong tables, Boardman said, suggesting that such as items may stand unused in a Salem home whose residents would gladly lend it for soldier use. A promise to care for any borrowed property goes with Boardman's request for the loan of such tables.

Possibility that in like manner (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Oregon Bonds Quota Slated

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(P)—September quotas for the sale of war bonds, announced Wednesday, ranged from \$85,000 for Nevada to \$125,000,000 for New York.

The national quota is \$775,000,000. A reduction from previous months prescribed by the treasury to seasonal factors. The August quota was \$815,000,000, but sales were \$705,458,768. August was the third consecutive month in which the quota was not reached.

Among quotas were: Washington, \$8,750,000; Oregon, \$8,750,000; Alaska, \$600,000.

Infant Mortality Rate up, Europe

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 2.—(P)—The Vatican City paper Osservatore Romano, expressing alarm at the increase in infant mortality in Europe, recalled Wednesday that in the World War Pope Benedict XV considered the "unsusured of innocents" one of the strongest reasons to invoke peace.

The paper said that according to League of Nations statistics it was apparent that except in a few countries like Switzerland, Hungary and Bulgaria the infant mortality rate in Europe had "everywhere increased."

Reserves Press Back Defenders To Southwest

Fresh Troops, Planes, Tanks Join Fight; Reds Advance At Moscow, Hold Caucasus

MOSCOW, Thursday, Sept. 3.—(AP)—The Germans are rushing large-scale reserves of aircraft, tanks and troops from areas deep in the rear for an all-out attack on the wavering defenses of Stalingrad, dispatches from the front said Thursday as the soviet command acknowledged a new breakthrough southwest of the city.

Fresh Hungarian and Rumanian divisions also were reported hurrying to join in the assault on the vital Volga river city. The soviet midnight communique had announced that the red army had "retreated to a new defense line" after fighting stubbornly against 150 tanks supported by swarms of planes.

A dispatch from the Moscow front, however, reported Russian gains to the west despite fierce enemy resistance. Two populated places were said to have been captured.

Northwest of Stalingrad the red army apparently was holding against violent Nazi onslaughts, but the fate of Stalingrad grew more critical hourly.

German troops also had reached a zone in the Caucasus "northwest of Novorossisk," the Russian Black sea naval base, the midnight communique acknowledged, while the red army held back at Mtskheta, 86 miles west of the Russian oil fields of Grozny in the middle Caucasus.

"Southwest of Stalingrad," the communique said, "our troops fought stiff engagements with large enemy tank and infantry forces which broke through into our defenses. In one sector the Germans hurled into attack about 150 tanks. Our troops defending this line disabled and destroyed by artillery fire about 30 enemy tanks."

"However, a group of German tanks succeeded in penetrating into our lines. After stubborn fighting our troops in this sector retreated to a new defense line."

Northwest of Stalingrad, the Russians reported the red army had withstood a constant pounding and delivered a number of flanking blows against the nazis. One unit alone was said to have destroyed eight Nazi tanks, 12 ammunition trucks, and seven anti-tank guns, while annihilating a company of German infantry.

South of Kramnodar in the Caucasus, the Russians said their troops were annihilating a trapped enemy group while west of that city the red army fought heavy defensive engagements "with the enemy advancing in the direction of Novorossisk." More than 200 Germans were reported killed on the road to Novorossisk.

Eight pontoons loaded with Germans were sunk in a river near Mtskheta (probably the Terek), and "our troops best off enemy attacks," the communique said. Soviet artillery also was reported to have destroyed three German armored cars, eight trucks and three speedboats operating on the river.

Fighting also flared up on the west bank of the upper Don at Voronezh where the Russians said soviet artillery repulsed Nazi tank attacks and destroyed a number of guns, 65 ammunition cars and an enemy infantry company.

(The German high command claimed that axis mechanized troops north of Stalingrad had driven to the Volga, thereupon repulsing strong counter-attacks. Shipping on the stream was being subjected to both gunfire and aerial bombardment, the Germans claiming that an oiler was sunk by air action in the estuary south of Astrakhan. The Germans also reported progress in the Black sea area of the Caucasus, south of Anapa, and said they had repulsed new Russian attacks on the central front and on the Leningrad front south of Lake Ladoga.)

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The allied bombers also made a strong raid on the big Japanese air base at Lae, on the north coast of New Guinea.

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Bombers Blast Enemy Ships

Destroyer Attacked; Airdrome Raided; Troops Quiet

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Thursday, Sept. 2.—(P)—Allied bombers of Gen. MacArthur's command made a heavy attack on the Japanese airdrome at Buks, at the northern tip of the Solomon islands, in a night raid Wednesday night, unloading five tons of bombs along the runway and upon enemy installations, it was announced Thursday.

A Japanese destroyer was attacked, but results were not learned immediately, the daily headquarters communique said. New Guinea again received a major share of the allies' attention, but ground fighting was confined to isolated Japanese remnants in the Milne bay area at the extreme southeastern tip of the big island guarding the northern approaches to Australia itself.

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Canadians Bomb, Go Home—In Day

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Inflation's Cause, Cure

Grocery bills are going up. So are the bills from the butcher, the baker, the department store. The answer is higher prices, the first signs of the disease, inflation, which may upset a national economy.

What is inflation? Here is the answer, stripped of technicalities, and here are the proposed remedies.

The story on page two of today's Statesman, by Claude A. Jagger, with World financial editor, will give you the background for understanding of President Roosevelt's message to the people, which will be delivered about Labor day.