

Soviets Gain In Siege

Punch Holes In NW, Take Tank Toll

By EDDIE GILMORE

MOSCOW, Saturday, Oct. 3 (AP)—The red army punched more holes in the nazi flank northwest of Stalingrad Friday, and bettered its positions in a building-to-building fight inside the ruined city which Saturday entered its 40th day of historic siege.

A high command communique at midnight said the stoic Stalingrad garrison had killed 1600 more Germans and destroyed or captured 153 nazi tanks in Friday's operations which found the Russians suffering only a slight reverse south of the city.

There the Russians were said to have given up a wedge driven into the enemy's positions after 16 of the 50 tanks hurled against them had been destroyed.

In two sectors of the front northwest of Stalingrad the communique said the Russians did this:

Dislodged the Germans from a number of fortified points, including a hilltop; smashed seven enemy tanks, five guns, 14 machine guns, and wiped out about two companies (400 men) of enemy infantry; and captured 130 crippled German tanks which had been used as stationary firing points.

In the city itself the communique said the Russians beat off one heavy German assault in which 700 nazis and several tanks were destroyed in one sector. In another "our troops forged through, clearing individual buildings of the enemy."

"About one battalion (500 men) of German infantry was wiped out in street fighting," it added.

These two actions apparently formed part of the Red army's stiffened stand in the northwest. (Turn to Page 2)

Willkie Gets To Chungking, To See Chiang

CHUNGKING, Oct. 2 (AP)—Wendell Willkie arrived in the capital of Free China Friday with a jovial quip for the danger of Japanese aerial attack so real at one time that his 4000-mile flight across Asia from Russia was delayed by a roving enemy scout plane.

"There is more danger of my being killed by the kindness of the Chinese than by enemy bullets," he said.

Somewhere along the way from Kuibyshev, over wild and desolate country, his plane cut from its schedule to avoid the menace of an enemy plane.

The Japanese completely missed the main show, but Willkie received the greatest welcome ever given a visitor to Free China as he began his fact-finding mission for President Roosevelt on this nation's great sustained war effort now in its sixth year. Thousands of firecrackers gave a traditional Chinese greeting swelled by the voices of 10,000 persons at the airport.

Saturday, Willkie will see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek whom he described as "one of the truly great men of the age." He also will see President Lio Sen; H. H. Kung, finance minister and vice premier; and Gen. Ho Ying Chin, minister of war.

Plenty to Eat Promise Given

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Aid preparations for meat rationing and efforts to cope with the farm labor shortage, Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board gave definite assurance Friday that "there will be enough food to eat" during the war.

Nelson gave this "considered statement" to the house agriculture committee whose members have warned that the labor situation threatened to result in an acute food shortage. Nelson acknowledged that the farm problem was a major one but expressed confidence that "we are going to be smart enough and intelligent enough as a nation to meet the problem."

Two-County Industries Organize to Contract For War Production

Formal organization of Marion and Polk county industries to obtain war contracts by pooling efforts was undertaken by a group of Salem men at the chamber of commerce Friday night.

To be incorporated immediately with a stated capital of \$50,000, the pool organization is to be known as Marion-Polk War Industries, Inc.

The group's formal decision to organize along lines now being followed successfully in Portland, Baker and Eugene, among notable examples, followed explanations of federal agencies' requirements by John Barnett, production division manager; John S. Bowes, pooling adviser, and M. H. Farnsworth, chief engineer of the Oregon war production board office.

"We are trying to build up an organization that will be beneficial to Salem and to the war effort," Carl W. Hogg, president of the chamber of commerce, who served as temporary chairman, declared. "We've got to hold our buying power here."

Hogg said a committee would start today seeking subscriptions for stock in the corporation, which of itself is to be a contracting agency rather than a producing company, for the benefit of interested machine shops, wood-working plants and other industrial operators in the two counties. The organizing group, which includes two Jefferson operators, voted to limit initial stock subscriptions to any one member to 10 per cent of the total of 5000 common shares of the \$10 par value each.

Attending the meeting by invitation, W. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the federal employment service, told the group that on a population basis, the capital city had the greatest unused reservoir of skilled labor on the Pacific coast.

Possibilities of bringing to Salem the new plywood molding industries being developed as war measures, proposing to produce huge airplanes and sub-chasers, were discussed. It was pointed out that many local firms are producing war material.

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House Aspirant Busy at Adair

Friends Campaigning For Army Sergeant From Minnesota

Some candidates for congress—the incumbents—are unable to campaign personally because of urgent business in Washington, DC. Charles D. Peterson, farmer-labor party nominee for second district congressman in Minnesota, also has urgent business, not in the national capital but at Camp Adair, Ore.

For he is Staff Sgt. Charles D. Peterson, of Battery A, 929th field artillery, 104th division, and a busy man these days as Camp Adair fills up with new recruits. Friends are carrying on his campaign for the congressional seat.

In peacetime Sergeant Peterson is an advertising man in St. James, Minn., and has been an active worker in the farmer-labor party for a number of years. But this is his first venture as a candidate. He was nominated in the September 8 primary and faces republican and democratic opponents in the general election November 3.

Although a number of men in service are candidates for various offices, Sergeant Peterson knows of only one other who is running for congress, Will Rogers, jr., of California. Since arriving at Camp Adair some weeks ago, Peterson has been in Salem on leave a number of times and has made the acquaintance of a number of Salem people.

Blast Kills R. D. Coiner

Word was received this week by the family of Lt. Robert Dawson Coiner, with the field artillery in Australia, that he met accidental death from the explosion of a shell September 18. No other details were in the official message.

—Mrs. Coiner, the former Doris McCallister, and their children, Bobby 5 and Nancy 3, are residing in Corvallis with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark McCallister, formerly of Salem.

Lt. Coiner's father, the late Col. Richard T. Coiner, was in the army and his brother, Maj. Richard T. Coiner, is now with the army air corps in Washington, DC. His mother lives in Portland. Lt. Coiner attended Oregon State college before enlisting.

Memorial services will be held at Trinity Presbyterian church in Portland, of which he was a member.

Third Trainload Of Labor Arrives

PORTLAND, Oct. 2 (AP)—The third contingent of eastern workers being brought here for work in Kaiser shipyards arrived on a special train Friday.

Friday's train brought 310 workers, to be assigned jobs in the Swan Island yard. This brought the total number of men thus brought here to 1200. About 20,000 are sought.

The newcomers were assigned living quarters in the University homes housing development.

79th Ship Launched

PORTLAND, Oct. 2 (AP)—The Salmon P. Chase, named after President Lincoln's secretary of treasury, slid down the ways of the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation Friday. It was the 79th Liberty freighter launched from these yards. It was completed in 30 days.

FR Signs Ant-Inflation Bill

US Planes Lash France, Help Raise Pacific Toll

Air Fortresses Shoot Down 13 Nazi Fighters

All Bombers Return; Raid Force Totals Over 400 Planes

BERLIN (From German broadcasts), Oct. 2 (AP)—The royal air force bombed western Germany again Friday night, losing a number of aircraft to night fighters and anti-aircraft batteries, DNB reported Saturday.

By WES GALLAGHER

WITH THE UNITED STATES BOMBER COMMAND SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Saturday, Oct. 3 (AP)—America's growing air force unleashed its most powerful attack of the war Friday with Flying Fortresses blasting a nazi aircraft factory at Meaulte and an airfield at St. Omer in northern France, and shooting down 13 of Germany's crack fighter planes.

U. S. Boston bombers at the same time bombed Le Harve's docks, and escorting American and allied fighters totaling 400 accounted for another five nazi Focke Wulf planes in the biggest air battles since the Dieppe raid.

American Eagle squadrons, recently transferred to the United States army air forces from the RAF, accounted for four of the five fighter plane victories.

All the Fortress planes returned from their 13th raid which saw six from 42 states battling as many as 100 German fighters five miles high over Europe. Likewise all the Boston bombers used in the heavy strike returned to their bases.

Six allied fighter planes were lost, but the pilot of one was safe, a joint US army and British air ministry communique said. (Turn to Page 2)

Aussies Drive Past Menari In Guinea

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Saturday, Oct. 3 (AP)—Rugged Australian bush soldiers, pushing up the slippery slopes of the Owen Stanley mountains, have passed Menari, 64 miles by twisting trail from Port Moresby, General MacArthur announced Saturday.

The surprising advance—strong opposition had been expected in naturally strong positions—was accomplished "without establishing contact with the enemy," the bulletin from allied headquarters said, and placed the Australians on the final leg of the dash for the gap which pierces the crest of the mountains.

Saturday's communique reported the much-battered Walropl bridge, the Japanese supply bottleneck on the upward trail from Buna, was now "almost completely destroyed."

American Flying Fortresses also smashed at the distant bases of Rabaul and Buna in New Britain and the Solomons, scoring a hit on one cruiser, setting two large transports afire with direct hits and probably hitting a second cruiser and another vessel.

The Rabaul airbase and an ammunition dump were also blasted, and the airbase at Buks in the Solomons attacked.

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Army Rejects Relative of Corp. Hitler

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP)—William Patrick Hitler, a nephew of Adolf, has been rejected by the army.

When William, 31 and single, answered his draft questionnaire, he wrote opposite "living relatives serving or who have served in other armies:"

"1. Thomas J. Dowling, uncle, England, 1923-1926, Royal Air Force. 2. Adolf Hitler, uncle, Germany, 1914-1918, corporal."

William said he would change his name if necessary to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. "It only costs 50 cents," he said. Hitler is a rather uncomfortable name, you know.

USO Executive Praises Salem

More Space Averred Imperative for Full Program

Salem's interest in the welfare of the service men, its cooperation and hospitality have been unexcelled in any city he has visited to date, George Stock, head of the USO's personnel division, said in Salem on Friday. Spending the afternoon in Salem as he stopped here en route from New York City to Santa Cruz, Calif., where he is to attend the regional USO meeting next week, Stock was a guest of the Salem USO council for luncheon.

Reports from the various departments of the organization were presented at the meeting and Stock spent some time at the USO center and at army encampments in this area.

"More space for recreational activities here is imperative if the program underway is allowed to function fully," Stock declared, at the same time praising the facilities already provided in Legion hall.

Resignation of Frank Earnest as a council member was announced by Director R. R. Boardman, who explained that Earnest has accepted a position with Siemens-Drake Puget Sound contractors and is to leave shortly for Alaska. He is to be succeeded on the USO council by Alderman Tom Armstrong.

Friday's luncheon meeting was held in the USO canteen and game room.

Liquor Making Called to Halt

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—The war production board Friday ordered all the distillers in the country still making whisky, gin and other liquors to halt their manufacture by next Thursday and convert to industrial alcohol, needed for such items as explosives and synthetic rubber. About half the distillers had been converted previously.

A WPB official, declining to permit use of his name, said it was planned to give the industry two 30-day "vacations" a year during which unlimited production of liquor would be permitted.

It was estimated the gin stocks might run out by the fall of 1943; blended whisky might last more than two years longer; bourbon and rye might last five years or more.

Naval Casualties 932 in September

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Casualties of US naval forces reported to next of kin in the period September 7 to September 21 totaled 932 dead, wounded and missing.

This was announced by the navy department Friday night in connection with the issuance of its 13th casualty list of the war. The list, given out for local publication only, included 163 dead, 67 wounded and 703 missing and covered officers and men from all states except Arizona, Delaware, Nevada and Wyoming.

Linfield Enrolls 286

McMINNVILLE, Oct. 2 (AP)—Linfield college's registration reached 286 Friday. The students were classified: 102 freshmen, 89 sophomores, 42 juniors and 42 seniors, four music, six graduate, one special.

Inflation In Brief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—The anti-inflation bill in brief: President Roosevelt is directed to stabilize wages, salaries and prices by November 1, on the basis of September 15 levels so far as practicable.

He has wide powers to depart from the September 15 standards to correct gross inequities, or aid in the prosecution of the war.

Farm ceilings can not be set below the highest market level between January 1 and September 15, 1942, whichever is higher. If such ceilings are too low to reflect increases in farm labor and other costs since January 1, 1942, he is directed to raise them.

The bill calls for a 90 per cent parity "floor" under cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco and peanuts, the floor to be established by means of loans. However, the president may hold the loans down to 85 per cent on corn and wheat used for feeding livestock and poultry.

Utilities and common carriers seeking to increase rates must give 30 days notice to the president, and agree that his representatives may appear in behalf of consumers at any hearings on the rates.

The bill, which had been rushed through the last days of congressional consideration during the day, was delivered at the White House about 8:30 p.m. The president immediately began a discussion of the measure with a group of congressional leaders and other officials who had assembled to see it signed into law. The chief executive affixed his signature at 10:15.

Looking on were: Attorney General E. A. Tamm, Secretary of Commerce Jones, Herbert Gaston, assistant secretary of the treasury; Harold Smith, director of the budget; Lehn Henderson, the price administrator; Isaac Rubin of the bureau of labor statistics; William H. Davis, chairman of the war labor board; Samuel B. Hedges, assistant to the secretary of agriculture; Judge Samuel Rosenman, supreme court justice; Justice Byrnes; Harry Hopkins, Senator Barkley, the senate majority leader; Senator Brown (D-Mich) who had charge of the bill; Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, the majority leader of the house.

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Scrap Trucks Fall Behind

Huge Harvest Here Requires Added Day of Pickup

Salem's residential district salvage drive ended Friday as far as householders were concerned, but for city street department truck drivers it will continue at least two more days.

Snowed under Thursday and Friday by donations from the northwest and southwest sections of the city, the city crews aided by high school students were unable to complete their rounds, City Engineer J. H. Davis reported. As a result the trucks will return today to southwest Salem for the cleanup.

At least one day next week will be required to answer remaining calls to pick up heavy articles of metal, Davis said.

No salvage official would attempt to estimate precisely the results of the week's drive in tonnage. Guesses ranged from 250 to 450 tons in addition to the 36 of so tons collected in downtown Salem last week.

Contrary to earlier reports, the Spanish-American war field gun on the state house grounds has not yet gone to the scrap pile. The state department announced Friday that records disclosed the gun was presented to the state by the war department in 1921 with the proviso that it be returned upon demand. The war department has been asked whether or not the cannon should now be returned in the form of metal for the war melting pots.

Limited assistance to Marion county's rural salvage drive, expected to start late this month, appeared available Friday when the state highway department announced its trucks would pick up donated scrap left alongside state highways.

Friday's unusual contributions of scrap included a civil war rifle, heirloom given by E. T. Prescott, and a world war German machine gun, turned in by William H. Trindie. An assortment of old tailor's irons, dumb bells and heavy brasses lighting fixtures was added by Mrs. L. F. Aldrich.

Champion heavyweight contribution of the day was promised by Oregon Pulp & Paper company whose officials said many tons of scrap metal were ready for sale as scrap.

Merchant Vessel Toll Hits 482

By The Associated Press

Torpedoing of a medium-sized united nations merchant vessel off the northern coast of South America was announced by the navy Friday. Four of the 87-man crew were lost.

Survivors of the sinking, which boosted to 482 the Associated Press tabulation of announced sinkings in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor, were landed at an east coast port. The ship was sunk late in August.

Order Comes Today

Houses Pass Measures to Stabilize

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Surrounded by congressional leaders and intimate advisers, President Roosevelt Friday night signed the anti-inflation bill giving him broad authority to stabilize prices, wages and salaries.

The White House announced shortly afterward that an executive order in connection with the measure would be signed and issued Saturday.

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Adair Troops Training on Rifle Range

CAMP ADAIR, Oct. 2—Rifle practice began on the range here Friday, with Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, of the 96th infantry division, in charge of training the cadre "to shoot for blood on the battlefield."

"This division will earn the name of 'Devadeye Division,' he declared, and his words have weight because of his own record as a rifle shot of the highest renown. For 30 years he has competed in rifle shooting, first in the Texas national guard, later on the regular army team, which he captained twice and was on two other winning teams as a firing member. In 1924 he scored 343 out of a possible 350 in the Philippines.

"If you can see to jab a knife into butter, at the table, you can see well enough to shoot," said the general, insisting that excellent vision was not essential and that the time to learn to shoot was before going to the range at all. Steady nerve helps, he added, but with most men the big error is in trigger release, and reflexes must be right.

"The men must be equal to any emergency. Everyone must be imbued with the idea that he is to hit what he is aiming at and not the side of a hill."

Weather

Thursday's max. temp. 65, min. 46. River Friday -4 ft. By army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Forecast: Saturday's sunset 6:50 p.m. Sunday's sunrise 7:15 a.m.