

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The news story a few days ago of the presentation to the public library of books from the library of the late S. H. Van Trump by his widow...

Van Trump was born in 1869 when Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, famed agnostic, was at the height of his powers...

In our town we had a prominent citizen, veteran of the civil war, the town orator on patriotic occasions...

"Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry."

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Italians Hear Duce Blame Defeat on King

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A voice purporting to be that of Benito Mussolini, the fallen founder of fascism, tonight heaped denunciation upon King Vittorio Emanuele, called for the "elimination of the fascist traitors..."

In a 15-minute radio speech from an undisclosed place the speaker, represented as the ex-duce liberated by the Germans, told a story of that rescue which he said would "become legendary..."

- 1. Take up arms again by the side of Germany and Japan. 2. Reorganize at once the armed forces and militia. 3. Eliminate traitors, particularly those who went over to the enemy. 4. Make an end to plutocratic methods and establish social and fascist order.

Most listeners here who had heard Mussolini speak before said they believed the voice was actually that of the fallen Italian premier, whom the Germans have announced as the head of the Nazi-sponsored "republican fascist party."

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2200 Boxes of Prunes Spoil in Labor Shortage

Spoilage of 2200 boxes of prunes, for the lack of manpower to process them, was reported by the Salem cannery committee as an indication of the current seriousness of the cannery labor situation. In addition to this loss of prunes picked and delivered, some of the canneries are refusing to accept delivery and some growers are delaying the picking of prunes, so the total loss probably is somewhat greater.

This situation was reported in spite of the gratifying response of many citizens to the committee's appeal for workers, and the continued services of a considerable number of soldiers from nearby camps.

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Allies Seize Islands Off Naples

Bond Sale Near Two Million

Marion County Out to Beat Lane in Race

The two million dollar mark will be reached Monday in Marion county's third war loan campaign, it was indicated Saturday when the week's closing tally stood at \$1,808,000.

Who would provide the turkey was still definitely in doubt, but even on that score Marion county had reason for hope, for Lane's latest reported total was \$1,560,000.

Bond booths at various business houses helped pile up Saturday's excellent total, and issued a considerable number of tickets to Tuesday night's "bond premiere" at the Elsinore theatre, a show featuring the stirring picture "Salute to the Marines."

The booth at the J. C. Penney company store reported \$27,000 sales for the day including \$3200 purchased by store employees, over and above their regular payroll savings program.

Praise for the bond sales solicitation work which is being done by the Credit Women's Breakfast club was expressed Saturday by the Salem war finance committee. County Chairman Gard also voiced appreciation for the volunteer service of the civilian defense block leaders and announced that they would each be provided, through civilian defense headquarters, with bond-selling kits and complete instructions.

Gilliam County Exceeds Quota

CONDON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Gilliam county went over the top on its personal quota in the third war loan drive, County Chairman D. N. Macky announced.

Big Potatoes



W. J. Hardie, 755 Breys avenue, holds up a ten-foot potato vine from his victory garden. It's no freak—he had another 14 feet long. Nor did his potatoes all go to vine; he grew one two-pounder. Hardie knows how to make things grow; he's chief gardener at the statehouse.

Japs Rushing Reinforcements To Solomons

By BOB EUNSON ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Sept. 19.—(AP)—American war planes in a new Solomons raid have added 20 to the more than 2000 enemy aircraft destroyed in the south Pacific since August, 1942, but Japan is rushing in reinforcements in the mounting sky battles.

Today's communique reported that bombers "of all categories"—meaning Liberator heavy bombers, Mitchell medium bombers, Avenger torpedo bombers and Dauntless divebombers—struck twice Wednesday under a screen of fighters at the Kahili and Ballale airbases in the vicinity of southern Bougainville. Fifty enemy planes challenged them.

Only the day before, more than 100 American bombers poured explosives on airbases in the area from 9 a. m. until early afternoon while escorting fighters battled it out with 100 interceptors. "The enemy is reinforcing his air raid forces in this area," today's communique said.

Regular Air Raids On Japan Predicted

AN ALEUTIAN ISLAND BASE, Alaska, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Major Gen. Davenport Johnson, assumed command of the US army eleventh air force today and predicted within 12 months the United States will "be hitting regularly" at the heart of Japan by air.

General Johnson, a world war one flying comrade of the late Maj. Gen. Billy Mitchell, added that when the time came the eleventh air force would be ready to address the air war to Japan along the open northern route, probably from a number of points in the Aleutians.

Germany Shortens All Fronts

Nazis Withdraw From Norway to Sea of Azov

By JOHN H. COLBURN STOCKHOLM, Sept. 18.—(AP) Germany is weakening her military position in Norway and Finland and retreating all along the line from the Smolensk area to the Sea of Azov in Russia for a shorter front in a frantic shifting of troops to meet anticipated new allied invasion blows, reports reaching Stockholm said today.

Twenty to 40,000 German troops have been removed from Norway in the last month, and thousands—unconfirmed reports said two divisions—have been withdrawn from Finland since September 1.

Most soldiers trained in mountain operations were said to have been transferred to the Balkans, where the Nazi general staff faces a difficult task in replacing 29 Italian garrison divisions.

Swedish correspondents reported from Berlin that elite German troops have been moved from the Russian front to reinforce troops under Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring and Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in Italy.

German militarists have not acknowledged the withdrawals from Norway and Finland, although troop movements have been known to Scandinavian observers for weeks.

But the Nazi communique yesterday did report shortening of the eastern front and described the retreat as a "strategical necessity."

Berlin dispatches to the Swedish press said German commentators now admitted it was essential for Germany to save soldiers to fight on the Russian front as well as to be ready to meet offensives from other directions.

Allies to Use Short Range Bombers Now

By GLADWIN HILL LONDON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The United States army air force is developing new short-range bombers capable of carrying a great weight of explosives to hasten the defeat of Germany, it was learned here today.

Up to now bomber development has been centered on long-range giants. It has been disclosed that super-flying Fortresses and super-Liberators capable of flying the Atlantic round-trip without refueling are in production, and these will be especially needed in the Pacific.

But the expected conquest of northern Italy—just across the Alps from Germany—has put a premium on planes capable of carrying bigger loads of destruction for comparatively short distances. A large force of these planes is being prepared.

Details of the new bomb-carrier cannot be divulged, but it is sufficient to point out that many types of planes, even fighters, can be converted into short range bombers by changing part of their load from gasoline to bombs.

Succumbs



US CIRCUIT JUDGE BERT EMERY HANEY

Death Takes Federal Judge Bert E. Haney

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 18.—(AP) United States Circuit Judge Bert Emery Haney, 64, died at his home tonight after an extended illness.

He suffered a nervous collapse several months ago following the death of his only son, John Robert Haney, who succumbed after an operation for removal of a brain tumor in San Francisco.

Haney, a democrat, was appointed to the circuit court of appeals by President Roosevelt in 1935 to climax a political career started in 1896 when as a freshman at Willamette university at Salem, Ore. He campaigned in behalf of William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

He worked as a clerk in the law office of the late William D. Fen-ton, then head counsel for the Southern Pacific railroad, in Portland while attending University of Oregon law school, from which he was graduated in 1903.

Haney was appointed Multnomah county deputy district attorney in 1904 and at the conclusion of that term in 1908 he entered a law partnership with the late George W. Joseph. Haney continued with the firm until his appointment to the circuit court of appeals.

President Wilson named Haney "S" attorney for Oregon in 1918. He served until 1920 and later was appointed to the US shipping board by President Harding, resigning in 1926. He was a member of the port of Portland commission, 1933-35; Oregon democratic (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Layton Denied New Trial, Will Appeal

DALLAS, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Richard Layton, convicted rape-slayer of 17-year-old Ruth Hildebrand, said today he would carry his appeal for a new trial to the state supreme court.

The ex-Monmouth police chief, entering court in custody of a state penitentiary guard, heard his motion for a retrial denied by Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker. Layton is sentenced to die in October.

State GOP To Gather In Salem

Republican Clubs Convene Monday, Langlie Speaker

"Vigilance, the Price of Liberty" will be the topic of Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, governor of Washington, in his address Monday night, probable highlight of the tenth annual convention of Oregon Republican clubs which will open that afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Salem chamber of commerce.

Gov. Langlie, who will speak at the convention banquet scheduled for 8:30 p. m. Monday at the Marion hotel, is recognized as one of the Pacific coast's leading republican officials, both because he was the only republican elected to a state office in Washington in 1940 and because of his outstanding record as governor and previously as mayor of Seattle.

Youngest governor since Washington became a state, his administration has been marked by harmony and achievement in contrast to the political chaos of some recent administrations.

Frank Branch Riley will be toastmaster at the convention banquet. Others participating will include Rev. W. Irvin Williams of the First Presbyterian church of Salem who will lead in the invocation; Gov. Earl Snell who will welcome and introduce Gov. Langlie; Harrales Wilson, violin soloist with Wilma Froman, accompanist, and the Friesen quartet.

Dr. O. A. Olson, convention chairman, will call the delegates to order at 2 p. m. Invocation for this session will be led by Rev. George H. Swift of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Mayor I. M. Dougherty and Chairman Olson will extend greetings to the visitors after which President Robert M. Fischer, jr., of Eugene, will announce convention committees. Report of the credentials committee will be followed by reports of present officers; Barbara Benson, secretary; Alan Brown, treasurer; Frederick S. Lampert, first congressional district vice-president; Burt Snyder, second district; John Cahalin, (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Jerry Kosse War Prisoner Of Germans

WOODBURN—A message bearing good news came to the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Kosse last week from the US adjutant general saying, "Report received through International Red Cross that your son, Russel L. Kosse, is a prisoner of war of the German government. A letter of information follows from provost marshal general."

The message which came in mid-August indicated that Jerry Kosse was reported missing after a bombing raid over Germany, from which the B-17 on which he served did not return. It was feared that he might have been killed.

German Tank Knocked Out in Italy



United States infantrymen (background) advance through a field in the Salerno sector heavy with the smoke of battle. Wreck at right is a smashed German tank knocked out in the battle. (Associated Press photo by signal corps radio from Algiers).

Keynoter



GOV. A. A. LANGLEIE

Russians Push Near Kiev, Dnieper Dam

By JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Soviet troops smashed to within 37 miles of Dnieperopetrovsk, Boulder dam of the Dnieper river bend, with the capture of the railway junction of Pavlograd, and swept closer to imperilled Kiev with gains on the north and east, Moscow announced tonight.

A communique reported 8700 Germans were killed, 2000 wounded and 500 captured in Saturday's widespread advances. The Russian columns were reported within 44 miles of Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, which was threatened from several directions.

The drive on Kiev reached closest to the middle Dnieper river basin along the Kiev-Nezhin railway. Northeast of Kiev the important town of Chernigov came within soviet artillery range as Vibli, six miles to the east, was captured and 26 other towns overrun. Thus the Russians were 80 miles north of Kiev and closing in on the highway linking that city and Chernigov.

Southeast of Kiev the Russian threat was more distant, but a surprise dash which swamped a Nazi rearguard resulted in a 12-mile red army advance that cut the Kiev-Poltava railway at Mirgorod, 128 miles from Kiev and 50 miles northwest of Poltava.

A total of 735 towns and villages were captured, said the Moscow communique recorded by the soviet monitor, in an unchecked advance in almost every sector of the 600 mile front toward Smolensk, Rostavl, Gomel, (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Salerno Victory Certain

Nazis Give In South, Hold Naples Gate

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Allied naval units have opened a new phase in the battle for Italy by seizing three more islands commanding the immediate sea approaches to the great port of Naples, headquarters announced today as allied ground troops emerged victorious in the bloody fighting at Salerno.

A special communique disclosed the occupation of Ischia, 16 miles southwest of Naples, only a few hours after the regular war bulletin from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced the seizure of two other islands off the northern spur of the Bay of Naples.

Ischia was taken Thursday, one day after the occupation of Ponza, 65 miles west of Naples, and of Procida, 12 miles southwest of Naples and only two miles from the northern land arm of the bay.

Allied forces previously had occupied the island of Capri, on the southern side of the bay. Ischia, largest of the four, has an area of about 26 square miles and is only seven miles from the nearest mainland coast.

(Berlin broadcast an announcement that the Germans had occupied the island of Elba, Napoleon's first home in exile, 32 miles east of Corsica and eight miles from the Italian coast. Seven thousand Italian troops were said by the Nazis to have surrendered there.)

Allied armies emerged victors in the battle of Salerno—first great engagement with Hitler's legions for the command of Europe—because of an abundance of grim courage on the part of American and British infantrymen and overwhelming air and sea superiority.

The American Fifth and British Eighth armies merged in the final stages of the strategic victory which enlarged the Salerno bridgehead into a full fighting front.

German troops, who tried futilely for seven days to hammer the American and British forces into the sea, had retreated in the south, where the allies smashed inland 11 miles, but still clung savagely to the gateway to Naples in the north.

The headquarters communique announced the capture of the town of Roccasalce, 11 miles inland from the coast on the southern flank, where the Germans were fleeing to escape entrapment.

The victory of Salerno belongs to the battle-grimed infantrymen under Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark who fought ceaselessly for seven days without rest and who refused to be budged from their foxholes on the beaches by Nazi might and who died rather than give up an inch.

The infantry made the victory possible. Air power, which pulverized Nazi communications and front line positions, and sea power, which poured a tide of reserves on the beaches, won it.

Because of this combination, General Eisenhower has two great armies surging through the breach in Hitler's European fortress, with a third in reserve.

These are some of the fruits of the week's savage fighting. Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz's northwest African air forces have fighter fields within 10 minutes flight of Naples. At least five German divisions have been badly mauled, sparing strength which the German army can ill afford to lose. Hundreds of square miles of southern Italy now are in allied hand and will serve as the base for the drive north. The next big German stand certainly will be before Naples. The capture of Naples would give the allies one of the best and largest seaports in Italy, through which thousands of tons of supplies could be funneled. Every indication that the Germans mean to defend each foot of ground in Italy could be seen in (Turn to Page 2—Story A)