

French Commandos Storm Corsica

Giraud Reports Favorable Turn In Island Fight

Landings Effected Under Noses of Nazi Airforce

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 20.—(AP)—French commandos, taking their first active part in the war since Tunisia, have stormed into Corsica, to battle side by side with French patriots in an effort to grab the key Mediterranean island less than 50 miles from the northern shores of the Nazi-held Italian mainland, it was announced tonight.

The French high command, in announcing the swift, surprise action against the Germans on the turbulent island, which lies directly above Sardinia, declared the fighting there had taken "a favorable turn."

The news of the French landing, under the very noses of the Germans and within range of the Nazi air force in both France and Italy, came a few hours after it was announced that Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American fifth army had seized key positions overlooking the Gulf of Naples.

Naples Within Range of Fifth Army Artillery

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 20.—(AP)—French commandos totaling a 15-mile advance through mountains shrouded in heat and dust.

All Sardinia was in the hands of two Italian divisions which acted on orders of Marshal Pietro Badoglio and chased German elements onto the French island of Corsica, seven miles north, which also appeared untenable.

While the British eighth army consolidated its junction with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army on the burned beaches of Salerno, the British fifth corps in the south captured Gioia, 28 miles inland and northwest of Taranto, extending the allied hold on southern Italy.

Allied air power, particularly American invader dive bombers, ripped and tore with high explosives as high as 1800 vehicles retreating north of Contursi from the center of the Salerno front under the pressure of the fifth and eighth armies. Of 1800 trucks jamming the roads in this area, the allies destroyed 109 and damaged 137 others.

Seizure of the Sorrento peninsula flanked the south side of the Bay of Naples. Sea approaches to Italy's second largest port in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius already were firmly commanded by the allies who seized the guardian islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida on either side of the bay last week.

American 155-mm "Long Toms" of African and Sicilian fame could now lob shells into bomb-torn Naples at will from the peninsula or the islands. The peninsula lies 12 miles across the bay from Naples and its 866,000 people. Gen. Clark has said Naples is his first objective.

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(NC Reporter Don Hollenbeck, in a broadcast from allied headquarters, said that two Italian divisions which drove the Nazis off Sardinia were slated to cross to Corsica to help the French drive.

He said the Germans were "trying to get to the port of Bastia for quick evacuation to the port of Leghorn on the mainland.")

Thus far, the entire Corsican operation has been French.

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Council to Revise Salary Proposals, Visit Junk Site

City councilmen, who spent three minutes determining to visit the proposed site for Phil Steinbock's three-postponed establishment of a junkyard on the Salem riverfront, Monday night put in 49 minutes discussing the overtime clause in the new salary ordinance and then sent back the entire thing to be rewritten.

Discarded at the same time was a special overtime ordinance. Acceptable features of both will be combined in the new ordinance to be drawn by a committee which Mayor I. M. Doughton is to name, the council anticipates.

When, and if, those clauses are written into a salary ordinance, employees of the city street department will put in regular 44-hour work weeks, may work up to 48 hours, receiving straight time for the overtime tasks, but may not work more than eight hours in any one day or 48 hours in one week except in case of an emergency.

The argument which has kept the council talking in circles during two sessions in committee of the whole has been a state law provision to the effect that municipal employees may not work overtime except in cases of an emergency. The state law also provides for a 48 hour week, while several of the city departments operate on a 44-hour schedule. Fire and police departments are exempted from those regulations so far as either state law or city policy is concerned.

Question of Steinbock's establishment of a "salvage depot" for metal scrap at his Willamette riverfront property was brought before the council by Paul Hendricks, who maintained that currently the spot is a "dirty, filthy place," and that "anything put there would be an improvement." Steinbock has asked for the right to build a 10-foot board fence around the property, which is zoned for such businesses as that which he intends to put there, but which is also a fire zone requiring a metal fence.

By denying the board fence privilege, aldermen have maintained they could keep one unsightly development off the banks of the river and would thus be in a position to start a beautification program at the close of the war. To this, Steinbock has responded that he will gladly move the materials from the property within six months after cessation of hostilities, but that during wartime he needs the combined assets of central locale and railroad frontage to move in and out the metal scrap needed for defense work.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sorenson

The republican clubs of the state are holding their annual convention in Salem. Outside of club chores, such as electing officers, etc., the chief assignment must be setting the stage for 1944. That means, the presidential election, primarily, and a senator and four congressmen secondarily. The presidency is what has all the politicians guessing now.

Drew Pearson, in his Sunday night broadcast, renewed his flat prediction that Mr. Roosevelt would not be a candidate to succeed himself. It seems to me that Pearson is sticking his neck out a long way on that one. Just to spite Pearson and prove he is the chronic liar Roosevelt claims he is, the president may just go ahead and run—against everyone else in Washington, republican or democrat expects him to.

Eliot Janeway, a Fortune magazine writer, is visiting Oregon on one of the political round-ups that magazine writers make in months before the party conventions. He had a piece in the current Fortune after his survey of the midwest. While the polls show that Roosevelt has a big lead, Janeway found widespread revolt among midwestern farmers: "The region closest to articulate revolt against Roosevelt is the middle west."

But there, Janeway says, the "upper crust is swinging to him as religiously as the same element is on the Atlantic seaboard"—what he calls the Churchill vote. And Janeway accuses the republican high command with being willing to make a "sacrifice hit" in 1944 in order to score in 1948:

"The No. 1 factor working in Roosevelt's favor is the republican high command. Many of its influential members are not playing to win in 1944. One motive is that they too have been influenced by the ubiquitous 'you can't beat Roosevelt with the war on,' and by the impressive list of their Roosevelt-hating friends in each state who are announcing that they intend to vote for the Commander-in-Chief. But the chief motive behind this attitude is the widespread feeling among republican strategists that it could be poor politics to win in 1944."

It has been told on Tom Dewey that his advisers were encouraging him to dodge 1944 and hold for 1948. And Janeway imputes to some republican strategists the desire to give Willkie the 1944 nomination (Continued on Editorial Page)

Stay on Food Front, SHS Youth Advised

Public schools open in Salem next Monday, September 27, but high school pupils now working or available for work in canneries of the area were Monday urged by Supt. Frank B. Bennett and Principal Fred D. Wolf to "help in the war effort" by filling the jobs which mean saving the crops even though they may miss the entire first week of classes.

"A quick survey is now being conducted in the 11 plants involved to disclose just how many students from 16 years and up are employed," according to a statement issued jointly by the department (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

Silverton Council Votes To Delay Building Dam

SILVERTON, Sept. 20.—(Special)—No dam at all will be built at Silverton for the present, according to a motion carried at a special meeting called Monday night by Mayor Reber Allen to hear the past week's progress on priorities and other information obtained by City Manager E. K. Burton toward the building of a log crib dam.

Burton reported that priorities obtained for the concrete dam which the council had at first hoped to build, would not hold for the log crib dam which the council voted for at its earlier meeting this month. New forms had to be filed out and sent to Washington, DC, for approval. Mr. Burton said he had learned last week when he interviewed war production board officials at Portland. The forms were airtight at once. The Portland office had told him that there was little doubt that the priorities would be granted. To date, however, he said, no reports had been received from Washington.

Manager Burton's report also contained the information that Hugh Range, local contractor, had promised to act as foreman on the building of the log crib dam and that he had lined up equipment and some men to work. However,

State Republican Clubs Open Convention

Willkie Wins Oregon GOP Straw Vote For President Nominee

Washington Governor Addresses Banquet and Overflow Audience

By RALPH C. CURTIS
Wendell Willkie is the present choice of Oregon republicans for the 1944 presidential nomination, if those members of the party who attended the Oregon Republican club's convention banquet here Monday night are typical. In a straw ballot Willkie received 94 votes, Thomas E. Dewey 53, Harold E. Stassen 18.

Oregon's own Charles L. McNary was fourth with 14 votes, just ahead of Gen. Douglas MacArthur who received 12. Herbert Hoover polled 10 and there was a scattering of other votes including one for "Eleanor" and five—possibly cast by democrats in disguise—for President Roosevelt.

"Liberty is the important thing," declared Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington, banquet speaker; the thing for which Americans on the fighting front are making untold sacrifice, the thing for preservation of which Americans on the home front need to be vigilant.

The speaker identified liberty as one of the spiritual values, in contrast to material ease for which some are persuaded to surrender.

Ray Carr of Portland is the choice of the Oregon Republican club's nominating committee for president of the organization. It was announced Monday night. The election will be held today. Carr is a past president of the Multnomah county chapter.

Others nominated include, for treasurer, Alan Brown, who is president of the Multnomah county chapter this year; for secretary, Alice Paine of Clackamas county; for sergeant-at-arms, Victor White of Tillamook.

It was considered Multnomah county a turn for the presidency, and a contest between Carr and Jack Lynch was settled by caucus of the Multnomah county delegates.

Some of their liberties. The men now fighting for national liberty will not be content, he warned, if they return to find freedom of opportunity for useful employment restricted.

The republican declaration dealing with America's post-war participation in world affairs was merely a set of recommendations for the people to be thinking about, Gov. Langlie said, and not a "blueprint" for a world organization. But, he added, its recommendations were based upon sound principles.

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Legionnaires Burn Building Mortgage

Ability to offer to the veterans of World War II upon their return an attractive, well-furnished and debt-free "home" was hailed as one of the most gratifying aspects of the achievement of Capital Post No. 3, American Legion, in the past year as "mortgage burning" ceremonies were conducted Monday night in the Elks' temple.

Actual destruction of the mortgage was the privilege of Ira O. Pilcher, retiring commander during whose administration the last \$9000 of debt was liquidated. Recognition of the Salem chapter of American War Mothers' contribution of \$1250 toward acquisition of the building was accorded. The original debt of \$18,000 has been wiped out since 1941.

Credit for outstanding work in removing the debt was given to Pilcher, B. E. "Killy" Owens, Tom Hill, Bessie Small, O. E. "Moose" Palmateer and Arthur Johnson.

About 300 post members attended the meeting at which the new officers headed by Commander John Olson were installed. Other officers include B. E. Owens, first vice-commander; I. N. Bacon, second vice-commander; Ralph Campbell, adjutant; Harry Caldwell, finance officer; C. V. Rich-

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Yanks Gather on Italian Beachhead



Extensively trained soldiers of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army gather swiftly on a beach on the Italian mainland for their thrust inland. Tanks from LST (landing ship, tanks) boats off the beach come ashore. Right foreground is metal netting to provide traction for motorized vehicles on the sands. (Associated Press photo from US signal corps radiophoto, from Algiers.)

'Two Down, Three to Go' Is War Loan Score; Premiere Set Tonight

Marion County Leads but Lane Pressing Hard; Outside Districts Report Sales; Stayton Rally Wednesday Eve

"One down and two to go." That's what they are saying about the war. In Marion county, with reference to the third war loan, it is "two down and three to go." War bond sales passed the two million dollar mark late Monday, but there were three million dollars worth of bonds yet to be sold before the county might acclaim the task well done—and the time was getting short.

Meanwhile, barring a sudden spurt on the part of the friendly enemy, Marion county was ahead, but not comfortably ahead, of Lane county. Lane's total Saturday was \$1,616,639, a little more than \$200,000 short of Marion's. Dr. N. H. Comish, Lane county chairman,

"We ran ahead for a time and they're running ahead now. We'll be back on top in a day or two."

Emphasis in the campaign here today was upon the opportunity, obtainable only by purchasing war bonds, of attending the "war bond premiere" of the motion picture, "Salute to the Marines" tonight at the Elsinore theatre. Wallace Beery, Fay Bainter, Reginald Owen, Keye Luke, Ray Collins, William Lundigan and Marilyn Maxwell are some of the stars in this technicolor wartime epic, based upon the heroic defense of the Philippines.

Several large war bond sales were recorded at the auction held in connection with the Victory Center noon rally Monday, sponsored by The Statesman with Tom Burdett master of ceremonies, Sidney Stevens auctioneer and the Willamette university navy band providing the entertainment.

Returns from communities outside Salem were coming in steadily Monday to swell the county's total and a sizeable contribution is expected from the Stayton district in connection with the big rally scheduled for that city Wednesday night. The army band stationed in the Salem vicinity will provide music and Robert S. Farrell, jr., secretary of state, County Chairman Jesse Gard and others will speak.

The Stayton Lions club committee arranging the event includes Harry Rowe, Lindsay Wright and Lawrence Spraker. Floyd Miller, Harry Scott, Arthur Smith and Joe Land of the Salem Lions have been assisting.

Steadily extending the target area of long range fighters, which until recent months never appeared over New Britain, these units of the fifth airforce moved up the island's north coast to strafe an airdrome, supply dumps, anti-aircraft positions and surface craft in the Kimbe bay area.

Only 60 miles above newly-won Lae on the Huon peninsula of New Guinea, Mitchells not only dropped 22 tons of bombs Sunday on airdromes and other targets but also flew as low as possible so their gunners might strafe enemy occupied villages and surface craft near Finishtar.

In the jungle region above Lae, into which enemy remnants retreated when that air base fell September 16, allied forces blockading the trails the fugitives must take have come into contact with them. Contact also has been established by allied soldiers moving against them from Lae, a spokesman said.

Behind Lae along the Markham river, some enemy stragglers have been taken prisoner. Japanese who fled north from Salamaua after that air base fell on Sept. 12 now have been destroyed.

Six hundred miles above Australia, Liberators raided Japanese-held Ambon island, dropping 28 tons on Ambon.

In the Solomon area, where air activity has been intense, action was on a smaller scale.

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Badoglio Asks Italians Take Arms on Nazis

By NOLAN NORGAARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio called upon the people of Italy to take up arms against their former German allies in active cooperation with the United Nations in a proclamation published here today.

The premier's appeal, in effect a declaration of hostilities, was the first official indication from any source that the Italians might be accepted as full-fledged allies of America and Britain in their campaign to drive the Germans from Italy.

Badoglio declared that "all talk about unconditional surrender (to the allies) is out of date and irrelevant to the changed conditions of today," adding that "we have intervened decisively against Germany following on the aggressive attitude of the Germans."

It was announced that the premier, now officially disclosed to be in allied-held Italian territory, made his call to arms from a new Italian government station, Radio Italiana, on the mainland Sept. 16, two days before the voice attributed to Benito Mussolini was broadcast over the German radio in an appeal to Italians to disregard the armistice with the allies and fight at Germany's side.

The text of the marshal's speech was carried by plane to North Africa and released here through allied military channels.

The new stand apparently committed Badoglio and his followers (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Railway Strike Voted in LA

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Representatives of approximately 2500 Pacific electric railway workers, irked over failure of the economic stabilization director to approve a 13 cents an hour increase already authorized by their company, voted tonight to walk off their jobs at 2 a. m. (Pacific war time) Friday.

The walk-out vote was taken at a mass meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen and employees of the Interurban railway which serves large areas in southern California, extending through the vital harbor district and eastward to San Bernardino and Riverside.

Union officials called the meeting after William F. Nutter, general manager of the union's grievance committee, sent word from Washington he believed there would be no action until the war labor board ruled on the case, which has been pending for weeks.

The employees' present wage scale is 57 cents an hour. They are asking \$1. The company once agreed to grant the 13 cents increase, but it was blocked by Economic Director Fred Vinson.

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