

Allies Mopping Up Sardinia, Corsica

US Fifth Army Drives Forward To Take Eboli

Germans Reported Sacking, Burning Naples as Epidemics Of Disease Rage in City

By NOLAN NORGAARD

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 21—(AP)—Corsica and Sardinia, Mediterranean islands flanking the Italian west coast, were being mopped up tonight by allied and Italian troops while the American Fifth Army widened its hold below Naples to 16 miles by capturing Eboli.

A great pall of smoke could be seen over Naples tonight from Fifth Army positions, filed dispatches said, and reports of refugees indicated it was being systematically sacked and burned by the Germans, perhaps as a preliminary to further retreat.

Belman Morin, Associated Press correspondent, said persons who filtered through the battle lines into allied-held territory said the Germans had turned Naples into a city of horror. Nazi curfew patrols were declared to have killed "thousands" of Italians in the past two weeks. Typhoid and typhus epidemics were reported raging.

American Liberators flew 500 miles up the Adriatic coast of Italy to bomb Venice for the first time, setting fires which sent smoke curling a mile high. They also bombed cities on Pescara, half way up the Adriatic. The middle east command announced also the occupation of two of Italy's Dodecanese islands—Coo (Coo) and Lero—and the Greek island of Samos. RAF fighters already are operating from Coo.

(Prime Minister Churchill told commons that American forces had landed on Sardinia and were helping four Italian divisions drive out the Germans. At Salerno, he said, "we have recovered the initiative and are now able to advance northward on a broad front.")

(The German radio at Oslo said allied artillery was shelling Naples.)

French commandos and guerrillas captured Ajaccio, capital and main port of Corsica and birthplace of Napoleon. They clashed several times with German troops estimated at 12,000 men, last reported concentrated on the eastern side of the island, Corsica, containing 3367 (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Allies Confirm Taking Over Of Dodecanese

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN
CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 21—(AP)—The allies announced tonight that British forces had taken over the islands of Coo, Lero and Lamos, thereby breaking open the iron ring of defenses which Hitler had erected to seal off the Aegean and the Greek mainland from attack.

The announcement of occupation of Coo and Lero in the Italian Dodecanese and the Greek island of Samos gave no details, but it was stated that royal air force fighter planes already were operating from Coo.

All these islands were manned by Italians, who were said to be cooperating with the British. There were no Germans on any of the three.

By WILLIAM S. WHITE
LONDON, Sept. 21—(AP)—RAF fighter planes were striking out today from newly conquered Coo in the Dodecanese, one of three islands off Greece upon which allied forces were officially declared to have landed.

This was begun the development of the extreme right wing (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Marion Moves Out Ahead Of Lane in Bond Race

Competition is a sharp spur. The third war loan seemed to have bogged down late last week in Lane county; publicity given to the mutual challenges of Lane and Marion county war finance committee chairmen appears now to have revived purposeful activity there and after falling a few thousands of dollars behind, Lane county is out ahead again—or was Tuesday noon when the two chairmen conferred by telephone.

The "thermometer" which appears on this page today, approximate duplicate of one appearing in the Eugene Register-Guard, shows Marion a bit ahead, but that is because The Statesman carries a Tuesday night figure for Marion county. The latest Lane figure is at least eight hours older.

While bond purchasers here experienced one reward—attendance at the "war bond premiere" of the motion picture "Salute to the Marines" at the Elsinore—Stayton citizens planned for that city's biggest war bond rally of the campaign tonight, with arrangements for participation of an army band, other entertainers and county leaders in the campaign.

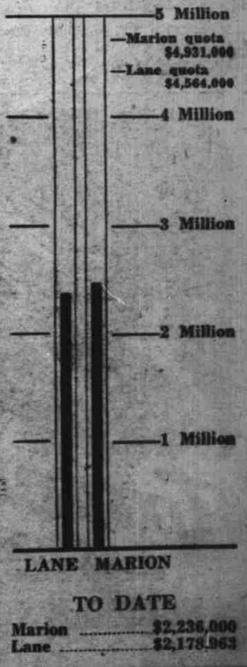
An attractive feature meanwhile was lined up for the Victory Center in Salem for 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon when the renowned Anson Weeks dance band, coming to Salem for a dance engagement, will play as a contribution to the war loan campaign.

Some large bond sales reported Tuesday included \$10,000 purchased by the Salem lodge of Elks through Secretary Harry Weidner, a figure to which individual members are expected to add substantially since all Elks lodges are in competition; a \$1000 bond purchased by Capital Post of the American Legion through John Olson, commander, and Ralph Campbell, adjutant; \$5000 by the \$100,000 credited to Marion county by Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company through Charles S. McElhinny, agent in Salem; and a substantial purchase by the General Grocery company, credited here through Harlan B. Pearson.

County Chairman J. J. Gard

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State Republicans Adopt Stand

Resolutions Outline Foreign, Domestic Program for GOP

Convention Closes Two-Day Session In Salem; Ray Carr New President

By RALPH C. CURTIS

A positive but non-Utopian outline for United States foreign policy and an unequivocal demand that industry and agriculture as well as manpower be "demobilized" after the war, clearing the way for restoration of private business under the incentive of the profit motive, were included among resolutions adopted by the Oregon Republican clubs near the close of their tenth annual convention here Tuesday.

Commending but not copying the Mackinac declaration, the foreign policy resolution proposed prosecution of the war to a conclusive victory over all enemies, disarmament of the axis and its disqualification to construct armament plants, permanent provision for the national defense and responsible participation by the United States in cooperative organization among sovereign nations to prevent military aggression and attain permanent peace with justice in a free world.

Reds Crumble Last Barrier To Dnieper

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Wednesday, Sept. 22 (AP)—The last Nazi barrier before the Dnieper crumbled yesterday as the Russian army slashed across the Dnestr river line and surged on toward Smolensk and Kiev in a titanic drive to push the German back to their invasion boundaries.

A Moscow-broadcasted communique recorded by the Soviet monitors yesterday announced that the Red army, surging through powerful defenses, had scored big advances on every sector of the front, indicating that the Germans would become more and more hard-pressed to keep their feet on Soviet soil through the coming winter.

On all fronts, the Soviets liberated Russian communities by the hundreds, killed upwards of 7000 Germans, destroyed 80 tanks and captured 34 more, and took many prisoners and vast quantities of supplies, the communique said.

The Moscow radio said the Soviet air force, which reportedly had accounted for 63 more Nazi planes shot down, bombed concentrations of railway stations at Vitebsk, Gomel and Dzhankoi on the central front Monday night, causing many fires on trains carrying equipment and war materials. Several trains jammed with munitions were destroyed.

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Oregon Bond Sales Lag Behind Nation

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21 (AP)—Oregon war bond sales continued today to lag behind the national average.

The total was \$46,377,866. This was 44 per cent of the state goal of \$104,000,000.

Senate to Consider Draft Deferment Bill Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21—(AP)—The senate today postponed consideration of the Wheeler father draft deferment bill until next Tuesday—only two days before the October 1 deadline set by the war manpower commission for the general induction of men with children.

Should the bill clear formidable administrative opposition in the senate, it would face further legislative delays in the house which might draw out final action long into the month.

Despite the army and navy high command's opposition to the legislation, Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) the author, insisted on a show-down vote. He agreed, however, to Majority Leader Barkley's request to let the debate go over until next week so members can study testimony already taken from high army and navy officials, as well as that to be received from Bernard M. Baruch, presidential advisor, tomorrow afternoon.

Wheeler announced he would question Baruch closely on reported hoarding of labor by plant and ship construction yards.

Other Washington developments, topped by the house's

overwhelming approval of the Fairflight resolution favoring United States post-war collaboration with other nations to maintain peace, included:

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Congratulations in Order All Around



Ray Carr (right), newly-elected president of Oregon Republican clubs, and Alice Paine, new secretary, congratulate one another under the gaze of Alan Brown, who at the same session of the organization here Tuesday was re-elected treasurer.

Aussies Land By US Planes, Take Kaiapit

By BOB EUNSON
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Wednesday, Sept. 22—(AP)—Australians landed by big American transport planes have seized Kaiapit, 60 miles above newly-captured Lae, New Guinea, and only 70 miles south of the enemy base at Madang.

The transports swept down on a grassy field last Saturday night and Sunday, disgorging Australians who repulsed enemy counter-attacks and drove the Japanese out of the immediate area. Such a daring move outflanks the enemy's base at Finschhafen on the Huon peninsula northwest of Finschhafen.

"Our ground forces, transported by air, seized and occupied Kaiapit approximately 60 miles above Lae, repulsing several counter-attacks and forcing the enemy to retire," today's communique said.

This swift ground action, emulating in part the airborne and seaborne pincers which enveloped Lae within 12 days, was coupled with reports of air action on a more extensive scale than it has (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Army-Navy E Pennant Calls Out All Dallas

DALLAS, Sept. 21—(Special)—With flags flying and all Dallas business houses closed, 1000 residents turned out at 11:30 this morning to witness the formal presentation of the army-navy E pennant to the Willamette Valley Lumber company for exceptional achievement in production of war materials, especially airplane wood.

The ceremony took place at the mill grounds with Col. William B. Greely, secretary and manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association at Seattle, reading the letter of notification from Undersecretary of War Robert E. Patterson. George T. Gerlinger, president of the company, acknowledged the award, third in the nation and first in the state of Oregon to be received in the lumber industry. He pledged himself and employees to continue the work they are doing for the duration.

Col. Fred G. Sherrill from the corps of engineers at Washington, DC, presented the pennant which was raised by a color guard from Camp Adair. The military band at Adair played America and the Star Spangled Banner and Maj. L. B. Harmon, chaplain, pronounced the invocation. John Kelly brought congratulations from Gov. Earl Sniel.

W. B. Sleeman, Portland, representative of the carpenters' and joiners' union, spoke for the workers, who were presented "E" pins.

"I have no personal military ambitions whatsoever, and am perfectly content in such role as may be prescribed for me."

Churchill Pledges 2nd Front Across Channel When Time Seems Right

By JOHN F. CHESTER
LONDON, Sept. 21—(AP)—Winston Churchill pledged parliament and the world today that a second front in France and the low countries—which already exists potentially—will be thrown open with a mass allied attack "at what we and our American allies judge to be the right time."

In his two hours and seven minutes war report to commons the doughty prime minister ranged the whole global scene of the war, warmly defended the allies' Italian campaign, which he called a "third front," and forecast a Stalin-Roosevelt-Churchill conference before the end of the year.

During the long speech, one of his most studied and most comprehensive if not one of his greatest rhetorically, Churchill sketched enormous allied progress in air and sea warfare, disclosed American troops had landed in Sardinia and asserted Mussolini never would have escaped if Italian carabinieri at Gran Sasso had obeyed the orders they had to shoot him if he attempted a getaway.

Cries of "hear, hear" swelled into an approving roar through the chamber as Churchill declared: "The bloodiest portion—make no mistake about that—the bloodiest portion of this war for Great Britain and the United States lies ahead of us. Neither this house nor His Majesty's government will shrink from that ordeal."

Even now, the prime minister declared with feeling, Hitler's "main preoccupation" is with the mere menace of an inevitable and decisive thrust at Germany's heart from Great Britain.

During his speech, which he interrupted for a luncheon period, Churchill declared:

1. The RAF has increased threefold in the last twelve months the weight of bombs discharged on Germany, "havoc wrought is indescribable," if the RAF's growth continues, the allies should "be in a position when actual methodical destruction of every building of the enemy would become possible."

2. Although U-boats at present are attacking one convoy, no allied merchant vessel was sunk in the North Atlantic in the four months ending Sept. 18; in the first two weeks of September no allied ships were sunk by enemy action anywhere in the world.

3. "At an early date" there will be a tripartite conference of the United States, Great Britain and Russia at which no question will be barred. Any differences may be referred to a Stalin-Roosevelt-Churchill conference which he "confidently hoped" would occur before the end of 1943.

4. The allies are ready to throw (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

A senator recently stopped in the northwest after having made a trip out to the Aleutians. His report was that navy officers in that theatre cleaned up off wagers with army men that they wouldn't find any Japs on Kiska. It seems a navy flier had circled the island, seen no signs of life, landed on the airfield, walked around, taken off and flown back to his base and reported no Japs there. Navy intelligence transmitted the report to the army, but the army discounted the report and went ahead with its plans for big-scale invasion.

The invasion that was mounted there was a honey, as all reports indicated. There was a great fleet of war vessels and large numbers of transports and landing vessels. If the Japs had been there the strength would have been needed because the emplacements showed plenty of ability to take a heavy toll of landing parties. They weren't, so it was only a dress rehearsal.

What does seem strange is that no scouting parties or commando or ranger raids were made to feel out the situation on Kiska. If the army really had information or even report that the Japs had vacated Kiska and then went ahead with plans for a major operation without checking for themselves—well, their faces ought to be red; and no sympathy to the officers who lost their wagers.

The come-back of the army to the navy might well be: the Japs got into Attu and Kiska without the navy's knowing of their coming, and got off Kiska without being observed by the navy. Whose face should be red over that?

There is intimation in the initial announcement of Gen. Delos C. Emmons, new commander of western defense, that the coastal demount will soon be modified, as was urged in this column some weeks ago. Gen. Emmons is quoted as saying:

"We are losing more than we are gaining by too extensive restrictions on lighting."

It is predicted that some demount zones will be eliminated, and some modification made in rules for auto headlights.

Such relaxing of demount restrictions is timely and desirable. Its initial application was an extreme and as far as the rural sections are concerned unnecessary. The costs of screening lights was very considerable, and when the ban is lifted there will be more expense taking the hoods off.

Gen. Emmons recognizes an improvement in our defense situation on this coast, and has this to say respecting changes to meet the improved conditions:

"We are not going to jeopardize security, but we are going to take calculated risks and place civilian defense on a more modern, workable and popular basis."

Lifting the demount would be a step in this direction.

Falls City Man Seriously Injured

Harvey T. Hayes of Falls City was reported in "very serious condition" early Wednesday morning at the Deaconess hospital after a severe injury suffered Tuesday while working in the timber. A tree fell on him and a branch pierced his skull for a distance of two or three inches, entering the brain.

Hayes was taken to the hospital after the accident. He is expected to remain in the hospital for some time.

The injury was sustained while Hayes was working on a logging site. The tree was estimated to weigh several hundred tons.

Hayes' condition is still critical, but there is hope for recovery. Medical staff is providing intensive care.

Hayes' family is in Falls City. They are being kept informed of his progress.