

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

A few weeks ago Eugene Allen, vigorous young editor of the Oregon Labor Press, official organ for AF of L unions, switched his party registration from democrat to republican, which occasioned quite a buzz-buzz in political circles. It was reported at the republican club convention here that Dell Nickerson, executive secretary for the state federation of labor (AF of L) had also made a similar switch. Dell was here during the convention, just out of the hospital, but took no part in the convention.

Does this mean any general parade of organized labor from the democratic party to the republican? Probably not. It more probably indicates a recognition on the part of AF of L leaders that it is a political mistake to carry all their eggs in one basket. Especially so in Oregon, where the voting weight is predominantly republican, and the legislature and executive officials likewise. The CIO, which has a considerable following in the state, in logging and lumbering principally, remains overwhelmingly democratic, though it would not be surprising to see some switching even there, either to punish foes or reward friends.

It was the idea of old Sam Gompers that organized labor should form no political party of its own, that it shouldn't rely too much on politics and legislation so it would never become just a tool of government. He kept labor independent of political affiliation, but he used labor's voting power actively on the punish and reward basis. Later labor leaders were attracted by legislative short cuts, and they made the most of their opportunity under the Roosevelt new deal. But when the Wagner act did with the union control of Kaiser's shipbuilders, then the AF of L squawked, supported an amendment whose effect was to protect its labor contract with Kaiser, and realized that there was some wisdom in the Sam Gompers policy after all.

Both branches of labor have outlined their policy for the next elections, to defeat all who supported the Smith - Connally bill, and to support those who voted against it. That means in Oregon, working to defeat every member of the congressional delegation but Homer Angell. Even so, it (Continued on Editorial page.)

Pope to Stay In Vatican

LONDON, Friday, Sept. 24.-(AP) A Reuters dispatch from Zurich said today it was reliably reported from Rome that Pope Pius XII intends to become a voluntary prisoner in the Vatican by re-establishing the conditions prevailing before the Lateran treaty. The Germans have established a guard at the entrance to the Vatican. From 1870, when church states were incorporated in the kingdom of Italy, until 1929 the pope remained in self-constituted imprisonment in the Vatican. Then Pope Pius XI signed the Lateran treaty with the government of Italy, headed by Benito Mussolini, which recognized the pope as sovereign of the city of the Vatican.

Britain to Call Up Americans in England

LONDON, Sept. 23.-(AP)—Americans in Britain, who have not joined United States armed forces or who have not been exempted by their own government, are to be called up by the British, Labor Minister Ernest Bevin said today.

Tomato Crisis Scanned; Due to Early Ripening

Hope of avoiding the waste of a substantial proportion of the Willamette valley's tomato crop appeared Thursday to be limited by the amount which individual families might purchase and put into cans, though growers and others interested were searching for other solutions. As for family canning, it seemed probable that this outlet would be negligible for the reason that most families, including city dwellers with their victory gardens, raised as many tomatoes as they could handle. Present over-supply of tomatoes has come about through the combination of unseasonably warm September weather which ripened much of the crop ahead of the usual time, and the general shortage of canners. Canneries which had contracted for tomatoes, it was reported Thursday, are not able to accept them for the reason that they are still busy with the prune crop. Inability to convert machinery to handle the tomatoes also is a factor. Glenn Lengren, manager of the Starr Fruit Products company which handled a substantial volume of tomatoes last year, said

Nazis Demolish Naples Harbor; Yugoslavs Fighting in Trieste

Storm Adriatic Seaport

Slovenes Press Also On Trieste

LONDON, Sept. 23.-(AP) Slovene troops of the Yugoslav army were reported tonight to have penetrated the Italian Adriatic port of Trieste, fighting the German garrison there with the aid of inhabitants. Yugoslavs having communistic with partisan armies fighting bloody battles in northwestern Yugoslavia said other Slovene formations occupied Istria, 30 miles northeast of Trieste and 50 miles north of Fiume, exerting pressure on both Italian ports. Elsewhere troops were said to be fighting heavy engagements on a 6-mile front from Disticra to Ljubljana. (The Algiers radio said the Yugoslavs were shelling Fiume from Susak, just across the frontier, and reported street fighting in Trieste. The broadcast was repeated by BBC, which was recorded by CBS.) The Budapest radio, quoting a Zagreb dispatch, declared the Germans had captured Susak. This broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press. An area 55 miles north of Durazzo was reported under siege by Montenegrans after they captured the coast town of Ucin and the summer resort of Fetovac. The Italian "Taurinence" division, with its commanding general was said to have come over to Yugoslav partisan units now fighting the Germans. In a wide area around Banja Luka, Croatian divisions were said to have destroyed German railway facilities at Nova Gradiska and Novakapel. The German air force and artillery practically destroyed Novomesto on the Krk river, 20 miles northeast of Banja Luka, a Yugoslav authority here said. There were some estimates that the war equipment of about four out of 26 Italian divisions in the northern part of the country had now fallen into the hands of the Yugoslavs.

Mrs. Roosevelt In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.-(AP) Looking rather tired after her 23-000-mile trip to and about the south Pacific and Australia, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told a press conference today she was glad to be home, adding "I don't think I ever worked as hard in my life." She arrived at 9:20 a.m., Pacific war time today, just five weeks and two days after leaving the country on the longest and hardest of her many journeys, rested briefly at her hotel, tried in vain to find and telephone the father of a marine corps lieutenant who dropped 3000 feet into the sea—and will recover—and then answered questions at a press conference.

Shoes Twice A Year Now

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.-(AP)—It will be six months instead of four between new pairs of shoes for civilians in the future, the office of price administration announced tonight. The cut in civilian shoe rations is necessary, the agency said, because of "heavy drains for military purposes, greatly reduced leather supplies and manpower shortages." The change means that the new shoe stamp, which becomes valid November 1 will have to last until May 1, unless shoe production should exceed present estimates. OPA explained. Simultaneously, OPA announced that shoe stamp 18 in ration book 1 will not expire October 31 as planned originally, but will be extended indefinitely, overlapping the new stamp. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in war ration book 3 was specified for use beginning November 1.

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Russians Capture Poltava

Smolensk Within Artillery Range; Kiev Threatened

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Friday, Sept. 24
The Red army captured the German fortress of Poltava yesterday after a bitter three day hand-to-hand struggle, smashed to within artillery range of Smolensk, and tightened its attack arc around the Ukraine capital of Kiev, Moscow announced early today. A Soviet communique also announced the capture of Unecha, 73 miles southwest of Bryansk on the road to White Russia, and said Russian troops had reached a point only 10 miles from Dnepropetrovsk on the eastern Dnieper bend as 863 more towns and villages were swept up during the day and more than 5900 Germans were killed. The fall of Poltava released a soviet military wave engulfing a 300-mile stretch of territory bordering the middle Dnieper between Dnepropetrovsk and Chernigov. Marshal Stalin saluted the victory with an order of the day, and also issued a second one last night to celebrate the seizure of Unecha. The daily bulletin recorded by the soviet monitor told of the capture of Buzanovo, nine miles northeast of the German central stronghold of Smolensk, and of Pochinok, 19 miles to the southeast. The seizure of Pochinok cut the railway to Roslav, where Berlin said soviet troops already were fighting in the streets. Two thousand Germans fell in the battles around Smolensk. Northwest of Smolensk in a drive aimed at Vitebsk, strategic rail junction, the Russians said their troops had beaten down 20 enemy counter-attacks and forced the Kaspya river. That river empties into the Dvina only 25 miles above Vitebsk. On the approaches to Kiev the Russians killed more than 1000 Germans at a rail station 24 miles to the northeast, the communique said, and also gained in their encirclement tactics southeast of Kiev. In the surge toward white Russia 1500 Germans were killed in the capture of Unecha, rail junction midway between Bryansk and Gomel, the communique said. The Moscow radio earlier had said in a broadcast that soviet troops already had crossed into that territory adjoining Poland. A Berlin broadcast acknowledged the peril to Smolensk, Kiev, Cherkasi and other eastern front sites in the Salem vicinity in relation to the advances of the

Huge Air Blitz Resumes

Alumina Site Here Proposed

Subject to the qualification that the primary effort of all concerned is to obtain establishment of the first proposed alumina plant somewhere — anywhere — in the Pacific northwest, it may now be revealed that the specific available sites for which the Salem interests are plugging are not in Salem proper, but across the river in and adjacent to West Salem. This is made clear in an outline of "factual data in reference to Salem as a site for the proposed alumina plant" prepared and submitted to the proper federal officials by the Salem chamber of commerce. "Several specific sites, any one of which may be obtained at a reasonable figure, have been proposed," the outline says. "All of these are located in and adjacent to West Salem, a city of 1490 population, lying immediately across the Willamette river from the capital, the two cities being connected by a toll-free bridge." The particular site considered most suitable lies north of West Salem, along the bank of the river. Relative to the advantages of a (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Finschhafen Airfield Falls To Aussies

By OLEN CLEMENTS
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, Sept. 24.-(AP)—Australians who landed from the sea six miles north of Finschhafen, New Guinea, Wednesday have pushed resisting Japanese southward, reached the airfield only two miles north of the base and have placed the coastal town under artillery fire. Headquarters announced these developments today in a communique which also disclosed that a heavy air engagement ensued the day of the landing in which 40 Japanese planes were downed and five others probably were destroyed. Three allied planes were lost. Headquarters also disclosed a preliminary count since July 1 of more than 6300 Japanese dead in the fighting which resulted in allied capture of Lae and Salamaua. This total, coupled with a previous estimate of 6000 killed in that area before July 1, raised the figure above 12,000. "Enemy resistance is being rapidly reduced and we are pressing toward Finschhafen which is now under artillery fire," the communique said. "We have reached the north end of the airfield." Shelling warships and bombing planes provided cover for Wednesday's landings. Capture of Finschhafen would put MacArthur in a strong position, if he so chose, to strike at crescent-shaped New Britain which, in turn, outflanks Bougainville, principal Japanese holding in the Solomon. The Japanese air force began attempts to intercept the ships off Finschhafen in mid-morning Wednesday. The landings began at dawn. Two of the first attacking planes were shot down from high altitude. The big fight occurred at noon. Japanese planes attacked landing craft. Anti-aircraft guns on American warships put up a heavy fire. Allied fighters engaged in a 25-minute battle. Headquarters said not a ship or passenger was damaged or injured. (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Mediterranean Calendar



State Reaches Half of Quota

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.-(AP)—Oregon, trading toward a \$104,000,000 goal, passed the half-way milestone today in the third war loan drive. The war finance committee reported that sales stood at \$54,013,476—nearly 54 per cent of the state quota. House-to-house canvassers intensified solicitations, and the Warm Springs Indian tribe purchased \$2000 worth of bonds from tribal funds. At Portland's invasion exposition, soldiers from Salem air base built a loft for 22 carrier pigeons, which will fly messages from Portland to Salem. One pigeon will be released every hour.

Acklin Added As Council Possibility

The name of Edward W. Acklin was this week added to the roster of possible candidates for the first ward position on the Salem city council left vacant by the resignation of E. B. Perrine. Acklin, one-time candidate for the post who made no campaign but still drew a fair number of votes, has told inquiring aldermen that he would like to do the job. Kenneth Perry, also a merchant, has said he would accept if named by the council. Gene Vandeneys, prominent mentioned for the post, has definitely declared he will not run. A. O. Davison, who resigned from the council when he moved out of his old and into the first ward, and W. E. Hanson, who has been a budget committee member for a number of years, are others known to be under consideration.

LA Electric Rail Strike Starts Today
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23.-(AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen's grievance committee tonight voted a strike of 2600 workers of the Pacific Electric Interurban railway for 3 a. m. (PWT Friday as scheduled, despite a last minute move by President Roosevelt in hope of averting it.

Bombers In Foree Hit Reich

Raids on France Accompany Big Germany Attack

LONDON, Sept. 24.-(AP) A strong force of RAF bombers blasted at targets in Germany last night for the second successive night while Hitler's west wall defenses between Dunkerque and Calais were being subjected almost simultaneously to a pulverizing assault. As usual the preliminary British announcement of the overnight attack upon the reich failed to identify the objectives, but there were indications that the raid was on a major scale. There was plenty of evidence—both audible and visual—of the weight of the attack on the French coast. Great explosions shook the English coast 20 miles away. Scores of enemy searchlights and bursting shells stabbed the skies while the bombers poured tons of explosives on the fortifications guarding the French invasion coast. The roar of heavy bombers as they went out in a long procession over Dover straits continued more than an hour. Within a few minutes after the flights started, the Berlin, Koeningberg, Leipzig, Paris and Luxembourg radios were silenced. These night assaults climaxed a tremendous 24-hour bombing offensive — perhaps the greatest yet — against German continental air and sea bases and industrial targets on a front 500 miles long and more than 200 miles deep from the west coast of France to the north coast of Germany. During that period at least 14 targets were blasted by heavy and medium bomber armadas. German planes made insignificant raids on areas of east Anglia and the northeast coast. Neither (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Nazis to Increase Bohemian Bread Ration

The German radio announced last night that the bread ration in the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia—formerly Czechoslovakia—would be increased by 400 grams (14 ounces) monthly in October. The broadcast, which quoted a Prague dispatch, was recorded by the Associated Press.

MARION vs. LANE THIRD WAR LOAN THERMOMETER

State	Amount
Marion quota	\$4,931,000
Lane quota	\$4,564,000

Amount	Percentage of Quota
5 Million	100%
4 Million	80%
3 Million	60%
2 Million	40%
1 Million	20%

State	Amount	Percentage
Marion	\$2,632,000	53%
Lane	\$2,432,615	50%

(Lane total compiled at noon, Marion total at close of day's sales.)

TO DATE
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Lane \$2,432,615
(Lane total compiled at noon, Marion total at close of day's sales.)

Nazi Retreat Looms

Battle for Corsica in Final Stage

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 23.-(AP)—German torch and dynamite crews demolished the Naples waterfront, scuttled 30 ships to block the harbor and wrecked industrial and rail centers in the great Italian metropolis in apparent preparation for evacuation as allied armies lunged tonight within eight and sound of the wholesale destruction. The battle for Corsica was in its final stage. French troops and American rangers closed in on Bastia, northeast port of the Napoleonic island, and allied navies and air forces clamped on a tight blockade, cutting off German escape. Gen. Henri Giraud, French commander in chief, predicted that all Germans on the island would be ousted or killed in "from 10 to 15 days." Advances of from 10 to 15 miles in central and southern Italy put great chunks of land behind the straightening allied lines. The whole German left flank in the Salerno area, 20 to 40 miles south of Naples, was pried loose and turned inland. The American fifth and British eighth armies were advancing and forcing Marshal Albert Kesselring to draw grudgingly back on the interior approaches to flaming Naples. Giessa, Avigliano and Accorino fell. (The British radio said Auletta and Contursi had been captured, Auletta is 36 miles southeast of Salerno on the road to Potenza, Contursi is 26 miles southeast of Salerno on the road to Potenza, and there the Germans admitted "a dent made by the enemy in our positions.") A French communique said the Germans lost heavily in men and material near the tiny Corsican seaport of Solenzara, 60 miles south of Bastia on the east coast. A small number of rangers are fighting alongside the French and Corsican patriots in the battle, Bastia was bombed again, and (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Fire Destroys Lewis Barn

A wooden building at 13th and Howard streets belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Minor Lewis was totally destroyed by fire late Thursday night. The building was an old barn containing wood and straw and although two trucks, one from the central station and one from south Salem went to the scene, little could be done due to the advanced stage of the blaze and the timbered nature of the material.

County Bond Sales Move Ahead, But Not Very Far

Thanks to extensive payday war bond investments by cannery workers, the "lift" provided by Statyon's auction rally and several substantial purchases by business firms, Marion county moved ahead — though not far enough ahead — for real comfort — of Lane county Thursday in their third war loan drive. Marion county's Thursday night report showed an aggregate of \$2,632,000, which amounted to 53 per cent of the quota. But when the county chairman, James Gard of Marion and Dr. N. H. Comish of Lane, compared scores Thursday noon Marion had \$2,524,000 to Lane's \$2,432,615. Retorting to Dr. Comish's recent wisecrack that Lane county people were more intelligent than the Marion county populace and were proving it by putting more of their money in the safest and most useful place, Gard told the Lane chairman that Marion county was going to win and that when the turkey dinner was served, Marion county would insist upon having a band and other entertainers provided as well as the banquet, promising to do the same in the unlikely event of defeat. He also said something about taking all Camp Adair along to enjoin the feed, though the Lane county leaders had indicated a limit on the number of turkey portions. At the three canneries where a "ghost walked" Thursday, war bond salesmen marshaled by Douglas Yeager and Francis Smith did a brisk business. These were the California Feeding Co., Huff Brothers and Paulus plants. Total figures could not be reported since the solicitors returned to inventory workers on the night shift. Reid-Murdock workers had purchased a large number of bonds Wednesday. Block leaders and the women soliciting downtown offices continued to turn in excellent reports, Gard said Thursday. Some large purchases credited here were allotments out of the J. C. Penney company's \$10,000,000 national purchase, the local share being reported by Loyal Warner, manager, and Safeway Stores, the Salem share being reported by District Manager E. B. Miller. Marion county also was credited with \$22,000 out of the \$5,000,000 investment of the federal land bank of Spokane, it was reported. (Turn to Page 2—Story F)