

Allies Open Full Offensive Against Naples

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and while refusing to make any specific predictions, he wagered a correspondent five shillings (\$1) he would not be home for Christmas, adding "just where we will spend it I don't know."

Morin said slow but steady gains were being made in the battle for the mountain passes leading into the plain of Naples, with the allies digging in and routing the Germans from one defile after another, thus tightening the pressure on Naples.

(The United Nations radio at Algiers, meanwhile, said "the Germans have been compelled to regroup their forces in Italy.")

(In another broadcast, recorded in London by the Associated Press, the radio said that Italian officers answered the appeal of Premier Badoglio by reappearing in parts of Italy to lead patriot forces in open fighting against the German army and sabotage Nazi defenses. The broadcast said these efforts to liberate Italy were now going on at a far greater scale than at any time since the Italian armistice was signed, and were hampering seriously German attempts at reinforcement.)

An air force statement said American Mitchell bombers "blocked roads and hit targets just behind the enemy lines near San Severino and Sarno." Sarno is 19 miles east and slightly south of Naples on the east side of Vesuvius. San Severino is seven miles north of Salerno.

Indicating that the Germans had been forced to move their artillery back from their original lines, the air force bulletin announced that fighter-bombers had pummeled gun positions west of Avellino, a road junction 16 miles north of Salerno and 25 miles east of Naples.

(This suggested that Clark was hurling his main weight toward Avellino in a wide flanking movement to the east of Naples and Vesuvius. The volcano compresses the main highway from Salerno to Naples into a narrow coastal defile.)

The heavy pressure of the Fifth army threatened the roads leading into Naples, second largest Italian port of 925,000. German demolitions have wrecked the waterfront and blocked the docks with the hulks of at least 30 Italian ships. Industrial and rail centers also have been put to the torch.

Clark's men encountered heavy artillery and mortar fire and extensive minefields in their forward drive. They struck at dawn to open a new phase in the battle for Italy after firmly consolidating their hard-won hold on the Salerno sector, 20 to 40 miles below their current objective.

A military spokesman said: "The enemy obviously intends to hold on as long as possible. Progress is slow north of Salerno, but the fighting is bitter and severe. The enemy has reconstructed his whole line and put strength where it is needed. The Eighth army has been able to advance 30 miles northward because of Gen. Clark's operations."

Reinforcements and supplies were being landed constantly on the Salerno beaches to increase the power of Clark's smash. Gen. Eisenhower's communique gave few details of the offensive, stating merely that "the Fifth army is exerting increased pressure."

The Germans were ensconced in strong mountain positions, but beyond this final range lay the flat plains of Naples on which tanks and self-propelled artillery could maneuver easily.

The conquest of Corsica, the French island just 100 miles south of France itself, was near its end. Besides Bonifacio and Porto Vecchio, the hardy Corsican patriots, French and US troops seized Murato and Santo Stefano. The escape port of Bastia, to which the survivors of the estimated 12,000-man German force were in flight, was rendered virtually useless by air attacks.

Two ships loaded with weapons, ammunition dumps and numerous tanks along the quayside awaiting embarkation were destroyed. The French communique said its air force was participating in the Corsican operation, but did not say whether the planes were using island airports.

RAF Beaufighters shot down seven, and possibly more, big Nazi transport planes crammed with evacuating troops flying toward Leghorn. Allied naval forces were on the watch for shipping attempting to escape from Bastia. Fliers reported sighting many small boats attempting to run the blockade. The French disclosed that two cruisers, six destroyers and three submarines of the

French fleet had aided operations. One cruiser was from Martinique. The Germans already were beset with the problem of trying to keep well-armed bands of Albanian and Yugoslav patriots under some degree of control, and they were jolted by the Mosquito fleet raid into the Bay of Valona.

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Cannery Vote Chooses AFL

Voting more than two to one Friday in favor of the local 23104 of the Cannery and Process Workers union, AFL, as their bargaining agent, employees of the Star Fruit Products company of Salem this weekend probably will become the first cannery workers of the Salem area to labor under contract.

The contract in use in the company's plant in Portland will be submitted by representatives of the union at Star offices in Portland this morning.

Of the 103 persons eligible to vote, eligibility based on the payroll of the week ending September 4, 68 cast ballots in yesterday's plant election. Forty six voted in favor of union representation, 21 against and one vote was blank.

Within the next month, the national labor relations board will call for elections in two other Salem canneries, Mrs. Leona Zilkoski, organizer for the union, predicted here Friday night. The Starr election was held with consent of the management.

Realty Board To Confer on Rent Control

Complaints received by other agencies than the city rent control commission or the housing committee of the Salem Realty board will be discussed at a meeting of the board's committee with US Employment Office Manager William H. Baillie and USO Director R. R. Boardman this noon if other appointments do not interfere.

Invited to sit in on the conference, which is expected to lead to investigation by the realty board of the complaints, is Gilbert Madison, chairman of the city's rent control committee.

Principal subject for discussion at Friday's meeting of the realty board, the rent control threat has been brought about either by unfounded complaints or by price-increasing action on the part of a minority of the landlords of the city, is the expressed attitude of realtors.

If the board's representatives can determine by investigation of individual cases which are just complaints, they may be able to persuade the property owners involved to cut back to reasonable rentals, it has been suggested. Rent control would mean that all landlords in the city would be required to put their rents back on a March 1, 1942, standard, and that they would be told to repay to tenants the difference in rentals collected over the past 19 months.

Boardman's declaration that rent control is liked was emphatically denied before the realty board by W. G. Hardy, who declared he had found no one in communities under such control who liked it other than tenants who had had rent decreased. The property owner deserves an income in reward for his thrift and enterprise and there are still those in this area who are not receiving income from the lands and buildings they own, Hardy maintained.

Quoting announced results of senatorial and national realty board investigations at the close of the last war, Mrs. Winifred Pettjohn said that from 14 to 15 per cent gross return is required on residential rentals to guarantee the owner a fair net, and that such returns have not been general here.

"When you get rent control you not only get rent control but you have control of Salem real estate by the same people," C. V. Johnson declared, pointing out that eviction time under federal control is moved from Oregon's statutory 30 days to 90 days.

Doubt if Boardman had investigated the complaints he had received was expressed by R. A. Forkner, while Hardy said there had been considerable "squawking everywhere but to the board established to hear their complaints."

If Salem persons were allowed to build the new houses needed here there would be no rent control problem, J. D. Sears declared, maintaining that "Albany has hundreds of new houses."

On the other hand, he said, the bondholders of one apartment house here are "losing money" because they have hesitated to raise rentals as operations costs rose.

Members of the realty board's committee are Hardy, Johnson and George Alderin.

Berlin Reports Evacuation Of Smolensk

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Korely, seven miles northeast of Hitler's former headquarters and on the northwest they tightened another tentacle that may soon throttle that big rail center prize. The Roslavl-Smolensk high road also was seized.

Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, heard the thunder of approaching Soviet guns at Borispol, 17 miles to the southeast. The Russians had already swept through Lyevski, 18 miles northeast.

The Moscow communique said that in the Kiev battle the Germans launched several counterattacks, "but after losing over 400 officers and men killed, were forced to roll back."

The communique also told of retreating Germans in many sectors, retreating so rapidly they were abandoning artillery, infantry, armaments and munitions. The enemy "is compelled to abandon one position after another. . . . A Soviet formation pursuing the Germans advanced nine miles. . . . Breaking down enemy resistance, our troops successfully forged ahead. . . . As they retreat the Germans abandon artillery. . . ." the communique said.

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The stranger flashed a star in his hand, put the hand back in the pocket and told dubious Arthur that both had been battling off 60 miles an hour and that he, the leader, was en route "to a fire in Medford." This being near Junction City, the city-bred farmer could see reason for speed, but not for stopping, so he declared politely as a sort of reminder "Then you're in a hurry, aren't you?" and he looked longingly at the road.

The conversation finally simmered down to the facts that the car, while very apparently not new was unfamiliar to its driver and that the speedometer "must be off." "Will you pace me at 35 miles for awhile, and just wave your hand when you want to get going to the fire?" asked Arthur. There must have been something infectious about the chamber of commerce attitude for the stranger with the star (which Farmer later declared "might have been for most anything—night watchman or something, you know")—anyhow the stranger said "Sure" and proceeded to drive for some little distance at 35 miles an hour.

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For, armed with the traffic adviser's license number, he explained that he was going "to get that guy's name and write him a letter thanking him for the service, though I do feel guilty stopping him when he was on his way to a fire." The chamber of commerce atmosphere was infectious so I took the number to the nearest phone and called the statehouse office of the state police. "That number is the license for—such and such a type and year of car—and it is registered to the state police," said the nice voice at the other end of the line.

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Allies Continue Air Offensive

RAF, dominion and allied fighters escorting the bombers shot down 20 enemy planes and the Messerschmitts destroyed one. Nine Allied planes were missing.

Other German night targets were historic Aachen (also known as Aix-La-Chapelle, near Cologne) and Darmstadt near Mannheim.

The RAF lost 35 bombers, two less than when it hurled 1500 long tons of explosives in 45 minutes on the twin cities less than three weeks ago.

Nazi night fighters, strongly on the defensive, again used the tactic of dropping myriad flares along the ingoing and outgoing bomber lanes, making the night almost as bright as day, one pilot reported.

Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, on the western German border at the junction of the Rhine and Neckar rivers, is an important trans-shipment point for supplies to Italy. Darmstadt is on the key supply line to Hitler's Belgium-French coastal "Atlantic wall" machine.

Air Maneuver Here Today

Maneuvers involving "protection" of the Salem air field from "attack" are scheduled to get underway at the base southeast of Salem today, officers in charge have announced.

Civilians have been asked to avoid the area of the airport insofar as possible during the maneuvers, which bring several hundred anti-aircraft artillerymen to the community to live under simulated war conditions.

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Stepping on the throttle of his "new" secondhand car, the Portland chamber of commerce manager thought how fortunate he was to have driven completely through Salem without securing one of the traffic tickets which he has frequently been tendered as souvenir of neighborly courtesy.

And that successful maneuver had been accomplished, he was sure, because he had bargained off the high-powered vehicle with which he was once wont to advertise his arrival on any city's streets. In the less spectacular buggy, Arthur Farmer was confident he was not only getting more miles from his gasoline ration but he was staying within the wartime speed rules.

So, he heaved a sigh of sheer joy and settled down to follow the motorist just ahead of him. When the motorist ahead slid over onto the shoulder and motioned him to a stop, Farmer was all helpful smiles, ready to fix the sparkplug or whatever was holding up the procession.

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Deer Season Still Oct. 1

State officials have given no indication that the October 1 opening of the deer hunting season will be delayed. In the light of a 1943 law which requires the game commission to give five days' notice of such action, notice would have to be given today if postponement of the opening date is to be ordered.

However, Gov. Earl Snell has the power to close forests to entry without notice. State forestry officials have indicated that the forest fire hazard is not serious, and Gov. Snell said he did not contemplate any closing orders unless the hazard increases.

Four Die in Army Transport Crash

RENO, Nev., Sept. 24—(AP)—An army transport plane enroute to Seattle on a training flight crashed and burst on the south slope of Mt. Shasta in northern California late last night, killing four men. One parachuted safely.

None of the men was from the northwest.

Harry Williams, Woodburn, Dies

WOODBURN — Harry Harnet Williams, 74, died Friday at the home of his son, Roger F. Williams, seven miles west of Woodburn on route two, where he had resided since coming from California eight years ago.

Born in Maine, September 16, 1869, he is survived only by the son, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, September 27, from the Rings chapel, with cremation following at Mt. Crest Abbey crematorium.

MacArthur for All Out Drive

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Pacific command. MacArthur said he favored "massive strokes against only main strategic objectives" instead of "island hopping, with extravagant losses and slow progress."

Thus he brought into the open the question that still is up in the air—What direction will allied strategy follow in order to achieve the maximum damage to the enemy at the lowest cost in men and materiel?

There are four available base areas from which the allies could pivot striking forces against Japan's far-flung empire. These are Alaska-Aleutians; Hawaii-Midway; Australia-New Guinea-Solomons; and India-Ceylon.

Some critics have written off the achievements in the Solomons and New Guinea as "island hopping." Strictly speaking some of these thrusts—all of which have been successful—were island hopping.

But, as Prime Minister Churchill said of a similar island hopping venture—the invasion of Sicily—the Guadalcanal, New Georgia and New Guinea moves were essential preliminaries to the main assault.

MacArthur has not considered any of his advances to date as anything but preparatory. The strategy of MacArthur envisions one or a series of massive strokes which instead of involving the costly capture of island after island would carry a powerful allied force over and around numerous islands as far as the southern Philippines.

Reoccupation of Mindanao might prove costly but probably no more than a seaborne invasion of southern Burma or Malaya and possibly far less costly than a series of Guadalcanal campaigns.

Through allied development of the southern Philippines as a base, not only could the enemy's supply lines between the Indies, Malaya and Japan be effectively dealt with, but also strong pressure could be exerted against Japan's strategically vital bases around the South China sea.

Such a strategy, if matched by formidable exertions from India and Ceylon against the west coast of the south Asian mainland, could result not only in complete isolation of Japan from its sources of raw materials but also enable the allies to gain a foothold along the seaboard of China.

Such an achievement wouldn't cause the collapse of Japan overnight but would be the most decisive stride in that direction yet undertaken.

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SCIO—Albert Davis' condition was reported improved this week at a Salem hospital, where he has been under treatment for months for fractured leg suffered near Scio nearly a year ago in a motorcycle-car wreck. It is reported he may be able to return to his Scio home about October 10.

J. F. Wesely is making good progress under Eugene clinical treatment and is able to be at his place of business each day.

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Jeep Passes Damaged German Tank



Three members of the US Fifth army drive past a damaged German tank, being inspected by curious fellow soldiers, shortly after the landing on Italian beaches in the Salerno area. Foot troops advance along the road and in the field at left.

Anson Weeks Under Doctor's Care in Salem

Anson Weeks, leader of one of the nation's widely-known dance bands, is confined to his room at the Marion hotel, suffering with complications arising from an old arm injury.

Weeks, who is said to have worn a cast on the arm for a year after the automobile accident in which it was crushed, fell early this week and irritated the member. He was unable to appear with his organization when it played at Victory center here and later Thursday night at a downtown dance hall, and when the band left Friday to travel south, Weeks remained here under a physician's care.

Marine Held In Jail Here

Pvt. Ray Nelson, USMC, Bremerton, who allegedly told state police that homesickness had caused all his difficulties, is in the county jail this morning, the car he drove into the Gervais area last night held for its Portland owner.

Nelson, who when arrested near Gervais at 9:30 Friday, was accompanied by two army sergeants, is said to have declared that he became homesick so he "went over the hill," hitchhiked to Portland. In that city Thursday night, he said, he saw a car with keys in it, and so he drove away.

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Aussies Drive On Jap Base

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trying to retreat after the fall of Lae and Salamaua. Many tons of bombs and 41,000 rounds of ammunition started fires in enemy villages, exploded ammunition dumps and silenced anti-aircraft positions. Much of this damage occurred in the vicinity of Ragtama, about 80 miles northwest of Lae.

Encountering no enemy fighter opposition, all the Mitchells returned. Other air activity was on a greatly reduced scale. Patrolling Catalinas attacked a Japanese destroyer in the Bismarck sea in the New Britain vicinity Sept. 23 and cargo vessels south of Cape St. George, New Ireland. Results were not given.

On Kimbe bay, midway along the north shore of New Britain toward the enemy stronghold of Rabaul, Beauforts fired supply dumps and exploded ammunition at the Cape Hoskins airfield.

The tiny island of Gasmata, off New Britain's south coast, was divebombed by P-40s. General MacArthur's forces on the Huon peninsula now are on

Lane Jittery In Bond Race

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tion, John G. Bryant, acting secretary-treasurer, said Friday. All told, the 30 production credit associations in four northwest states have invested \$800,000 in bonds in this campaign.

Convicts in the Oregon penitentiary had invested \$1522 in war bonds up to Friday, but this amount was increased as a result of a show held that night. Prisons throughout the land are attempting to sell enough bonds to prisoners to buy a bombing plane, after which they will engage in a contest to name the plane, the winner to receive a \$100 bond.

GERVAIS, Sept. 24—(Special)—G. T. Wadsworth, chairman for the third war lotn drive, reports that the Gervais district has gone over the top with several pledges yet unpaid.

the verge of capturing their third New Guinea coastal base this month by using the simple rule of checkers that a king can jump a man from any direction.

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