

In Indiana a few weeks ago a legionnaire attended a memorial service for a youth of his town...

"As I sat in the church with the faithful few who would miss Edward I came to me: Here was a boy whom I never knew, yet he went to his death that I might enjoy this land of ours and all its wonderful opportunities...

"I cannot truthfully say 'Yes' to this question. I can only hope that as the burdens and sorrows of this war bear down on us, I may never fail to hear that challenge, and that I may try to do my part honestly and unselfishly."

That indeed was a rare confession, which deserves the reflection of all stay-at-homes. "Am I worth dying for?" Our individual answers would undoubtedly be "No;" and most older folk would genuinely prefer to do the dying if their sons might be spared...

There is no doubt that the soldier personalizes his labor and his risk. He feels he is fighting for his women-folk, his wife and children, if he has them, his sweet-heart, his mother — for the old home. The instinct of protection of loved ones, innate in the breast of almost every man, inspires him to feats of daring and sustains him when bullets fly thick about him...

Some have doubted if the men in the service were really aware of the war's longer issues. Drew Middleton, New York Times correspondent in North Africa, has reported that to many of the men fighting there the war was a disagreeable chore...

Nazi Inspire Propaganda Peace Rumors

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE LONDON, Sept. 25 (AP)—While the breath of military disaster blew cold upon their necks in Russia today, the Germans went to work on another propaganda campaign featuring peace rumors from many quarters.

Highlighting the nazi-inspired web of rumor was the report from neutral Spain that the satellite Rumanians had sent representatives to Turkey to negotiate an armistice with the allies.

The main purpose of the week-end campaign appeared to be to frighten the allies into the belief that some sort of nazi peace with Soviet Russia was possible.

A report that Germany itself was throwing out peace feelers "in every direction" was brought to London by a traveler from the Mediterranean area.

The London Daily Express, under the heading "Goebbels starts new peace lie," reported that the Germans had begun to whisper in the Balkans that they were withdrawing from Russia by agreement with the soviet government.

Reds Pursue Nazis fleeing From Smolensk

Invaders Follow Napoleonic Retreat Line; Reds Crack Points Along Dnieper River

By JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 26 (AP)—Soviet columns pounded on past captured Smolensk, the red army's greatest 1943 victory, in pursuit of the fleeing Germans, Moscow dispatches said today...

Aussies Close In on Japs at Finschhafen

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Sept. 26 (AP)—Gen Douglas MacArthur announced today that Australian troops have fought their way against Japanese opposition across the Bumi river within three quarters of a mile of the enemy air and supply depot base of Finschhafen, New Guinea.

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Heydrich Heir To Rule Danes

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 25 (AP)—Col. Gen. of Police Kurt Daleuge, iron-fisted nazi trouble-shooter, in succession to the slain Reinhard Heydrich, is expected to take over authority in Denmark as reich's governor soon after the birthday of King Christian X tomorrow...

French Consider Civilian War Head

ALGIERS, Sept. 25 (AP)—The French national committee discussed at length today the appointment of a civilian war minister and a reliable informant said that action on the appointment...

Campaign In Final Stretch

Marion County Has \$1,528,000 To Go in Bonds

It's the last quarter, folks, and the ball is on the 1,528,000-yard line. Each yard represents a dollar's worth of invasion bonds...

Meet Looks To Farmers' Market Here

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Germans Again Occupying Bulgaria

ISTANBUL, Sept. 25 (Delayed) (AP)—The Germans are reoccupying Bulgaria in force and their minister to Sofia has become virtual gauleiter, according to the first authentic account of conditions to reach here since the death of King Boris smoothed the way to a new nazi-dictated government.

Hannover Raid History's Biggest

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP)—The British information service said tonight that the RAF's raid Wednesday night on Hannover, Germany was the greatest bombing attack in the history of air warfare.

Appointed



EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR.

Soviet Envoy To Join Allied Commission

LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 26 (AP)—The soviet foreign affairs information bureau today announced it had appointed Andrii G. Vishinsky, soviet vice commissar of foreign affairs, as its representative to the new inter-allied Mediterranean commission...

Bombers Blast Nazi Targets

By the Associated Press LONDON, Sept. 25 (AP)—American Marauder bombers blasted the Longuesnesse airfield at St. Omer in northern France today and water transport targets in northern France and Belgium...

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Billions-Dollar Subsidy Looms in Food Program

By OVID A. MARTIN WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP)—The administration was disclosed today to be seeking a billion-dollar fund to finance a 1944 "all-out" food program through price-supporting crop loans and subsidies designed to guarantee farmers prices which would encourage maximum output.

Stettinius Succeeds Welles

Crowley to Fill New Foreign Economic Post

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP)—President Roosevelt announced tonight the resignation of Sumner Welles as under secretary of state and the appointment of Edward R. Stettinius, jr., lend-lease administrator to succeed him.

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Realtors Study Rentals Here

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British Eighth Army 30 Miles From Foggia

Clark's Forces Drive Against Nazi Mountain Defenses; More Than 2000 Prisoners Taken

By NOLAND NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 25 (AP)—A field dispatch tonight reported that forces of the British Eighth army had advanced up the east coast of Italy to the Ofanto river, only 30 miles short of the network of nazi airfields centered around Foggia.

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MARION vs. LANE THIRD WAR LOAN THERMOMETER. A bar chart comparing contributions to the Third War Loan between Marion and Lane.

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