

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

Paul V. Maris, one-time director of the state college extension service, now head of the farm ownership division of FSA...

I do not question Mr. Maris in his opinion, and think it probable that the Bankhead-Jones act may help discharged service men to get established on farms...

Oregon's legislature in 1919 created a Land Settlement commission which was composed of Whitney Boise and Emery Olmstead of Portland...

In the state of Washington an ambitious land reclamation-soldier (Continued on Editorial Page)

Aussies Near Madang; Japs Retreat at Vila

By VERN HAUGLAND

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Wednesday, Oct. 6—(AP)—Australians moving northwest of Lae against Madang, New Guinea, have reached the headquarters of the Ramu valley, General MacArthur announced today in a communique.

The troops occupied Kaigulin village 60 miles south of Madang. In the Solomons theater, the Japanese sent 50 planes against American-held Vella Lavella.

In the central Solomons, where the Japanese are evacuating their garrison at Vila, Kolombangara, American fighters have destroyed four more barges and naval units.

The Vitebsk advance overran 46 populated places in the Vitebsk sector and pushed to within 30 miles of that Nazi stronghold which is itself 110 miles from the Latvian frontier...

Headquarters, in a special release, reported receipt of congratulations by the American government of Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Jap Retreat in Solomons Real Defeat, Says FDR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(AP)—President Roosevelt described the Japanese retreat from the central Solomons today as a real defeat for the enemy...

When he turned to the fighting in the south Pacific, he made it clear that he thought too little significance has been attached here at home to the blows which have been struck by the Japanese.

American aviators have been destroying enemy barges day after day, he said, until great numbers have been sunk.

Before discussing the Japanese, the president reviewed briefly the war in Italy. He said the Fifth and Eighth armies were consolidating their positions and were making fairly good progress.

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Russians Keep Initiative Alive Despite Weather

Berlin Indicates Red Troop Movements North and South; Main Offensives Halted

LONDON, Wednesday, Oct. 6—(AP)—Keeping its initiative in white Russia alive despite mud and the Germans, the red army yesterday overran 46 populated places in the Vitebsk sector...

In the midnight communique the Russians mentioned only guerrilla activities south of Gomel. Berlin nervously indicated that the Russians were moving troops at both ends of the front—around Lake Ilmen, far to the north...

In the Vitebsk advance, Kollshki, 30 miles east of the city, was among the points captured. The communique added: "The Germans launched several counterattacks, but were thrown back."

There was a fresh hint in the communique's announcement that four enemy troop-laden landing barges had been sunk by aircraft of the Soviet Black Sea fleet that the Germans were pulling out of their slim foothold on the Taman peninsula...

The communique said that fliers of one unit silenced 16 artillery batteries, destroyed 70 trucks with war supplies and dispersed about a battalion of German infantry.

Declaring that red army troops in the Gomel area of the front had captured an important line, the communique detailed that the Germans were frustrated in five local attacks designed to restore the position.

On Monday, the communique said, Russian troops on all fronts destroyed or disabled 53 German tanks, while 48 enemy planes were brought down in air combat or by anti-aircraft fire.

Moscow dispatches said that strong German counterattacks were increasing over wide sectors, but it was not clear whether this Nazi action and current rains had caused the Soviet drive to stop...

The red army may be using the lull in preparation for a smashing resumption of its assault to carry it across the great Dnieper river along which the front is now stabilized.

For the second day in succession the Moscow communique reported relative inactivity. The advance on Vitebsk was made in "local engagements," said the bulletin, and elsewhere there were only "active reconnaissance operations and artillery duels."

The Vitebsk advance overran 46 populated places, among them Kollshki, 30 miles east of the city. Both Berlin and Moscow discussed the halt of the Soviet offensive.

The leading editorial in the Moscow army newspaper Red Star today said that a repulse of German counterattacks "is one of the most necessary undertakings for furthering our successful..." (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Yugoslav Navy Unit Takes Isle

Rivalry Between Balkan Factions Flares Again

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Yugoslav naval units—joining in the campaign of the people's liberation army to wrest the Dalmatian coast from the nazis—have captured the island of Lussino...

The broadcast, recorded here by Reuters, said the partisan naval units participated in a two-day fight to capture the Italian island and took 258 German officers and men prisoners.

Lussino, one of a string of islands lying along the Yugoslav coast, poses a direct threat to Pola, the Italian northeast Adriatic base 90 miles due south of Trieste.

As these Yugoslav patriot advances were made against the axis, the rivalry between Gen. Draza Mihailovic and the Montenegro leader Josip Broz, popularly known as "Tito," was highlighted with a charge issued here by the latter's supporters that Gen. Mihailovic was collaborating with the Germans.

A group calling itself "the association of Yugoslav journalists in London" issued a statement asserting that all the present fighting against the nazis in Yugoslavia is being waged by the people's liberation army under Tito.

The group charged that "Gen. Mihailovic's detachments still collaborate with the Germans and (Croat) Ustachis." Asserting that there was no connection between the Tito and Mihailovic armies, the journalists asserted that Mihailovic, King Peter's war minister, deserves no (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

US Cigarettes Running Short

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(AP)—Americans are smoking borrowed cigarettes.

They're being borrowed from next year's supply and even from 1945 tobacco reserves, the commerce department said today in reporting there is a "substantial gap" between demand and supply.

This nation is sharing 42 per cent of its cigarette tobacco supply with other countries under an international distribution system. Referring to this, the department declared in its monthly magazine "Domestic Commerce" that next year's leaf demand "cannot be met."

The demand, it asserted, will be at least as great as the 790,000,000 pounds needed this year while American manufacturers will be allotted only 463,400,000 pounds of an anticipated 1943 crop of 800,000,000 pounds.

Such a supply contrasts with 535,200,000 pounds used in 1940 when Americans smoked 180,700,000,000 cigarettes. This year, the department said, anticipated demand from the home front alone will be nearly 300,000,000 cigarettes.

In addition, uncounted billions also are being consumed by American fighting men abroad. They are uncounted, the article said, because being tax-free they are not included in Treasury statistics on which the department bases its estimates.

While describing present cigarette supplies as "adequate, perhaps abundant," the article said manufacturers are dipping into their reserves to turn out 35,000,000 to 50,000,000 more cigarettes this year than they can buy tobacco to make.

State Bond Total Still Soaring

PORTLAND, Oct. 5.—(AP)—The war bond total in Oregon soared today to \$137,486,885, far beyond expectations of third war loan campaign officials, who had predicted a top of \$135,000,000.

Nazi Resistance Stiffens As Allies Drive on Rome

Yank Frisks Nazi Prisoner



Taking no chances, a Yank military policeman searches a bespectacled German prisoner captured with others on the Italian front. (AP wirephoto from signal corps radio-photo).

Top Admirals of Navy Meet in Honolulu on Pacific War Strategy

HONOLULU, Oct. 4—(Delayed)—(AP)—A Pacific war strategy conference has been held at Pacific fleet headquarters here among the three top ranking navy commanders it was announced tonight by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

Attending besides Admiral Nimitz were Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the US fleet, and Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of the south Pacific force of the fleet. It was the first visit Admiral King has made to the Pacific action theatre since outbreak of the war.

The terse announcement disclosed that Admirals King and Halsey had returned to their headquarters "after conferences at Pearl Harbor" with Admiral Nimitz.

The first meeting of the navy's commander in chief, Admiral King, with Admirals Nimitz and Halsey in the Pacific war theatre undoubtedly shaped definite strategy for increasing the weight and tempo of offensive blows against Japan.

Their meeting here recalls that Halsey made a trip to Australia to confer with General MacArthur a short time before Halsey's command started the New Georgia campaign June 30.

On the same date, MacArthur's forces occupied the Tolbrant and Woodlark islands and made a landing at Nassau bay in New Guinea which was climaxed ultimately with the capture of Salamaua, Lae and Finschhafen.

The admiral's conference points to the enemy's extended perimeter on Pacific island outposts as possible objectives of the United States' growing military and naval power.

In choosing where to strike, the men drafting our Pacific strategy could aim at any point in the vast war theater from the Kuriles just northeast of Japan proper to Bougainville island in the northern Solomons, the enemy's last stronghold there.

The conference announcement did not mention when the meeting (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Yugoslavs Pin Rommel Down

BERN, Switzerland, Oct. 5—(AP)—Fierce fighting in north-eastern Italy and Istria apparently continues to be one of the chief reasons Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces—recently estimated at 28 divisions—are unable to assist Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring's hard-pressed army in the south.

A dispatch tonight from the International Information Bureau, a German propaganda agency, said that in three days fighting in the Trieste area alone a mixed force of Yugoslav partisans and Italians lost more than 1100 dead and 1300 captured.

New Landings From Adriatic Aid 8th Army

Two Vital Airfields Seized In Advance North of Naples

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 5.—(AP)—The American Fifth and the British Eighth armies pushed ahead toward the battle of Rome today against a sharply resisting German force officially estimated tonight to contain from four to five divisions.

(Such a force presumably would number from 60,000 to 75,000 men.)

On the Italian west coast the Americans, supported by British armor, were methodically wiping out Nazi pockets of resistance left to impede their progress a short distance north of Naples.

On the Adriatic coast Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army, aided by new landings from the sea at Termoli, was going ahead more rapidly in the direction of Pescara, where the main lateral road from joins with the coastal road.

In the central sector the Americans drove into Mountsarschie in the mountains southwest of Benevento in extension of a flanking movement designed to threaten any stand the Germans may attempt to make on the banks of the Volturno river 20 miles north of Naples.

The advance north of Naples, while not great in distance covered, has nevertheless resulted in the occupation of two of the most important airfields in southern Italy, Pomigliano D'Arco and Capodichino, it was announced today.

The former is eight miles north-east of Naples and adjacent to it is the Alfa Romeo aircraft and engine works, which is a self-contained town where 12,000 persons lived and worked until last May.

Both fields have been used by the Germans, especially for troop-carrying transport planes. In extensive operations yesterday the North African air forces not only backed up the ground forces by hammering at the enemy in the front area and dealing blows at the rear area of communications as far away as Pisa and Bologna near the Brenner pass, but they also aided in the battle of the Dolomites in Greece which the Germans have been using for operations against Coo.

Other bombers from the middle east also attacked air fields in Greece, and RAF Beaufighters of that command sent at enemy formations and vehicles on the island of Coo with cannon fire.

Gen. Henri Girard tonight (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Marion Exceeds Quota In Individual E Bonds

In contrast to Oregon as a whole and the nation, Marion county went "over the top" in sales of war bonds to individuals and in sales of series E bonds as well as in the total of all government securities sold in the third war loan, it was revealed Tuesday when preliminary figures on final results, subject to some checking, were released by Jesse Gard, county war finance committee chairman.

The preliminary grand total of all sales was \$6,291,494. Against a quota of \$2,598,400, the preliminary total of sales to individuals, excluding sales to corporations and governmental units, was \$2,558,720. The county's quota for series E bonds was \$1,604,200, sales amounted to at least \$1,715,716.

This success in phases of the campaign which were regarded as especially vital since purchases in these categories more directly combat inflation, was possible only because of the campaign's thoroughness in reaching virtually every gainfully employed resident of the county, Gard pointed out, insisting that the credit belonged to the various district and division chairmen, the community leaders and the permanent organizations such as service clubs, granges and lodges which assisted them.

The figures for these various district were not augmented by any "credits" for the investments of large corporations with head offices elsewhere, Gard pointed out. He also praised the organization work carried on throughout the county by Roy Rice, agricultural chairman, and in rural territory adjacent to Salem by Charles A. Sprague. Appreciation of the assistance of radio station KLSM and of the newspapers throughout the county was also voiced by the county chairman.

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