

Allies Smash Volturno River Line

Infantry, Tanks Storm in Force Across Stream

Germans Battle Desperately To Prevent Yanks, British From Enlarging Bridgeheads

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 14.—(AP) The Germans' first natural defense line before Rome—the steep-banked Volturno river—has been smashed by the Fifth army at several points near Capua in a furious night assault in which allied engineers bridged the stream under withering German fire, allied headquarters announced today.

American and British infantry and armored forces, including tanks, stormed across the river in darkness early yesterday after having repelled a futile Nazi assault on Capua, and today were fighting fiercely to expand their bridgeheads against desperate enemy resistance.

So murderous was the aerial cover given Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's attacking troops that German infantry was pinned down to its defensive positions north of the Volturno and not a single Nazi tank was able to join the battle.

There was no exact information how far allied vanguards had penetrated beyond the river, but an official announcement that bridgeheads had been firmly established indicated Clark's troops had pushed northward far enough to ensure their against German counterattacks.

Throughout today a stream of allied tanks, artillery, supplies and men rumbled over the

House Favors Dollar a Day Dependent Pay

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP) In a liberal mood, the house began debate on service men's dependency benefits today amid indications it will insist on a minimum of a dollar a day for the upkeep of minor children of enlisted fighting men.

With a vote tentatively scheduled for Monday, the opening discussion was devoted to pleas for increases over the scale of benefits recommended by the house military committee—\$50 monthly for a wife, \$75 for a wife and one child, \$95 for a wife and two children and \$15 for each additional child.

Most members appear to like the senate-approved schedule—\$50 for the wife, \$90 for a wife and one child, and \$95 for each additional child—but there is increasing support for a CIO proposal to boost the payments further.

Representative Sadowski (D-Mich.) is ready to offer an amendment embodying the CIO demands for \$55 for a wife, \$90 for a wife and one child, and \$30 for each additional child. He predicts it will be accepted.

Present law gives \$50 to the wife, \$62 to a wife and one child. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Vatican Radio Asks Reports On Broadcast

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 15.—(AP) In what was interpreted here as an effort to find out if it still had contact with the outside world, the Vatican radio last night made an unusual appeal to its listeners to report on the efficiency of a "test broadcast."

The announcer explained that the results of the tests would be "a matter of extreme urgency." An Osservatore Romano article entirely unrelated to the war then was read.

London sources said they believed it was for the purpose of checking whether the voice of the Vatican, which is under German guard, could be heard around the globe. The test came over well and was reported easily by monitors of both the ministry of information and the Daily Herald.

Senate, House Divided on Postwar Foreign Policy

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP) This government is headed toward two separate congressional declarations of foreign policy—neither of which can be officially concurred in by President Roosevelt—that may confuse our allies about America's postwar plans.

The senate received officially today a resolution offered by Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) and publicly supported by a majority of the senate foreign relations committee.

This measure, which an Associated Press poll shows is favored by 13 of the 23 members, advocates that the United States "join with free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority with power to prevent aggression and preserve the peace of the world."

There is every indication that the senate eventually will pass this simple resolution substantial

ly as it stands despite efforts to make it more specific. Thus the house-approved Fulbright measure, which favors "the creation of appropriate international machinery with power adequate to establish and maintain a just and lasting peace among the nations of the world" would be left high and dry.

Once adopted, a resolution such as Connally's stands as an expression of the senate's views. It does not require President Roosevelt's signature nor any action by the house. Unless the senate waives the rules, it will not be sent officially either to the president or the house.

While Mr. Roosevelt might publicly endorse it, he probably would express unofficial approval at the same time of the Fulbright proposal, which the house adopted by an overwhelming vote of 380 to 29.

The Fulbright proposal was cast (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

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Red Landslide in Crimea Looms

Key City, Dnieper Bend Falls

3 Nazi Divisions Smashed in New Drive Near Kiev

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Moscow quoted the communist organ Pravda today as saying that victorious Russian troops had smashed their way across the Dnieper river after capturing the east bank city of Zaporozhe.

Capture of Zaporozhe, situated on the great bend of the river, was announced in a Soviet communique last night.

By JUDSON O'QUINN LONDON, Friday, Oct. 15.—(AP) The red army captured the Dnieper river bend stronghold of Zaporozhe yesterday, sealed off Melitopol for early conquest and cut its railway link with the Crimea, and in a new breakthrough north of Kiev smashed three German divisions, Moscow announced early today.

The fall of the east bank industrial citadel of Zaporozhe opened the way for a Soviet landslide southward into the Crimea where 100,000 German troops risk encirclement. Front dispatches said Soviet units already were pursuing German remnants from the broken Zaporozhe-Melitopol line.

Nearly 10,000 Germans were slain as the Russians overwhelmed Zaporozhe's desperate Nazi garrison, and fought their way toward early triumphs at Kiev on the middle Dnieper, and Gomel in White Russia.

The Germans, still throwing their previous reserves into the inferno raging on both sides of Kiev, lost 3,000 men in one area there, 3,000 at Zaporozhe, 1,500 at Gomel and 2,000 at Melitopol, on the basis of preliminary data, said Moscow's midnight communique supplement. Sixty-one German tanks and 105 enemy guns were destroyed.

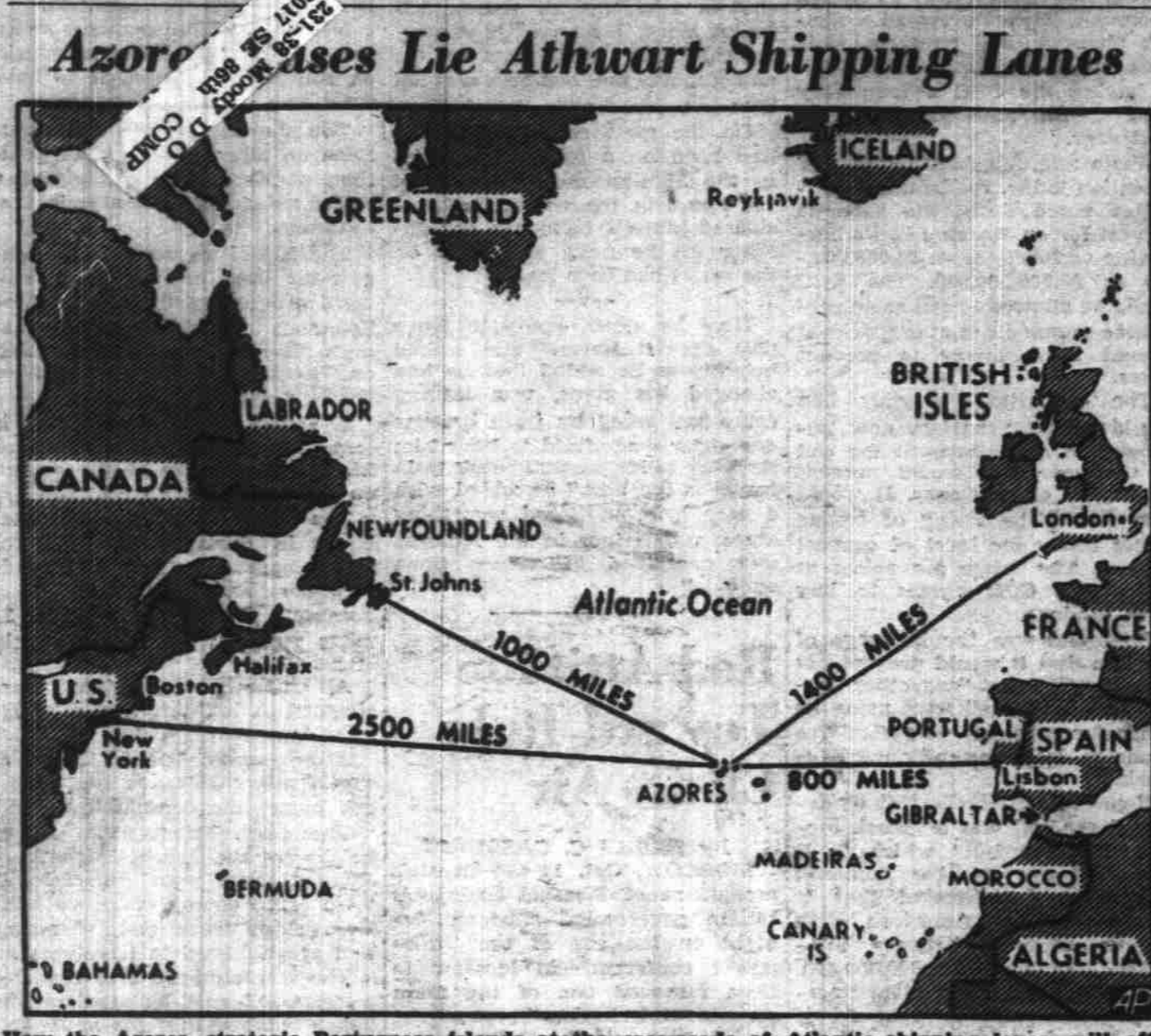
"In the area north of Kiev," it added, "our tanks broke through German positions and smashed three enemy divisions."

Huge quantities of equipment were declared to have been abandoned by the Germans around Zaporozhe and inside that city which is near the site of the giant Dnieper dam.

Sixty-five miles to the south Russian troops had isolated German troops clinging to the roofs and entrenched in cellars inside Melitopol after cutting them off from Crimea by snapping the main railway into the peninsula at two points, the Soviet daily communique disclosed.

Fighting their way over heaps of German dead, the Russians also were closing in on Kiev on the west bank of the middle Dnieper from their bridgeheads established north and south of the capital, said the bulletin, recorded by the Soviet Monitor. Front dispatches said the Russians were smashing ahead in a furious effort to take Kiev before German dynamite squads had completed the wrecking of the city, already in flames.

Gomel, in lower White Russia, (Turn to Page 2—Story D)



How the Azores, strategic Portuguese islands at the crossroads of Atlantic shipping lanes, will affect anti-submarine strategy, is indicated by distances from the islands to war centers. The Portuguese granted the allies use of the base. (AP wirephoto.)

Polio Closes Independence Public Schools

INDEPENDENCE, Oct. 14.—Quarantine of the city and closing of public schools were ordered by city health officials here today following the death of a first grader, Bez Emanuel Johnson, at Doernbecher hospital Tuesday night, supposedly from infantile paralysis. Other children in the family are reported also ill with polio.

Schools will remain closed until further notice; parents have been urged not to allow their children to gather in groups or to frequent the streets and police authorities are instructed to take any children found playing on the streets to the parents' homes.

While other cases of infantile paralysis have not been reported, authorities fear that they may follow exposure to the Johnson children. The boy attended school last week, complained of feeling ill and a physician was consulted Monday. He was taken to Doernbecher hospital Wednesday morning and died Wednesday night.

He was born October 30, 1937, son of Mrs. Flossie Johnson. Four brothers also survive. Smith-Burns mortuary is in charge, but funeral arrangements have not yet been set.

Although state health officials reported 33 new cases of polio in Oregon the past week, highest number of the year, Marion county has had none since Saturday, October 2, a period of nearly two weeks, Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county health officer, said Thursday.

Court Favors Surety Firm

Default order in favor of the American Surety Company of New York in its suit to recover \$3835.23 it had paid to Marion county as surety for W. Y. Richardson, former deputy county treasurer, in connection with a shortage in county funds for which Richardson was held partly responsible, was entered in circuit court Thursday by Judge E. M. Page.

The default order was virtually automatic after Judge Page had overruled Richardson's demurrer, inasmuch as a stipulation filed earlier Thursday had provided that the demurrer would be submitted without oral argument and that the defendant served notice he would stand on the demurrer and that in case it was overruled, default might be entered.

Weather Wednesday maximum temperature 64, minimum 52. Thursday river -3 feet.

New Super-Bombers Now In Actual Production

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—A new American super bomber hauling more explosives and having vastly greater range than any existing warplane now is in actual production.

An unspecified number of the deadly new air giants has been delivered to army within the last several weeks. An increased rate of output is scheduled for this month. Dwarfing the Consolidated Liberator and Boeing Flying Fortress, the new dreadnaught of the sky is reckoned capable of bringing the innermost production centers of Hitler's European fortress and the Japanese empire within the sights of United States bombardiers.

The plane has been identified as the B-29 by the army weekly, Yank, in a recent article which declared:

"A new super fortress, the B-29, is being built which will have a greater bomb capacity and longer range than any existing bomber."

From previous guarded reports which have cleared military censorship, it appeared that officials do not expect to see the new airplane in combat before 1944. This presumably is because of the time required to attain full-scale production, train crews and eliminate any "bugs" which may show up in the early models.

A prediction that the new heavyweight puncher will be "the determining factor" in crushing Germany" came last summer from Eddie Rickenbacker, World war ace. In June he told the 10th United States army air force in New Delhi, India, that the new bomber would join the Liberators and Fortresses in 1944.

He also told the American pilots and crewmen that the super-bomber would have double the load and fighting power of the planes they were flying and was especially designed for bombing Europe.

"No nation could survive the pounding a fleet of these planes can deliver and they will be out (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

County Bond Sales Totaled

Final total of war bond sales in or credited to Marion county in the third war loan campaign was \$4,336,925, approximately 28.5 percent over the county quota of \$4,931,000, it was announced Thursday by Rex Gibson who served as office manager at the county war finance committee's headquarters during the campaign.

Excess over the quota was \$1,405,925. Previously it was announced that every district in the county exceeded its quota and that the county as a whole went "over the top" in purchases by individuals and in series E bond sales, in which the state and nation lagged. Final figures segregating sales of the various types of bonds are yet to be obtained.

US Forts Hit Deep Into Reich

Record Number Of 60 Bombers Lost in Big Raid

By ROBERT N. STURDEVANT LONDON, Friday, Oct. 15.—(AP) US Flying Fortresses reached deep into Germany yesterday to smash the important ball bearing plant at Schweinfurt and lost a record number of 60 bombers while knocking down 81 fighters in what was probably the fiercest single air battle ever fought.

Escorting Thunderbolts—F-47 fighters—accounted for another 13 aircraft, boosting the total of enemy losses to 104. Two of the American fighters were missing, boosting the raiders' total losses to 62.

The size of the attacking groups was not announced but US army headquarters referred to them as "large formations."

It was the second smash in two months at the industrial city in south-central Germany.

The heaviest previous American loss was 59 bombers on the Regensburg-Schweinfurt shuttle raid to Africa Aug. 17.

The RAF peak loss was 88 bombers in the Aug. 25 attack on Berlin. The German air force's worst day was Sept. 15, 1940, when 185 Nazi planes went down in the battle of Britain.

The American loss represented 600 American fliers killed or missing and perhaps \$20,000,000 worth of precision bombing and fighting machinery.

But preliminary reports indicated that the plant, whose products form key parts of the German war machine, was knocked out of production.

"There ought to be ball bearings rolling all over Germany tonight," said one crewman who watched hundreds of bombs pour into the target despite the desperate efforts of German fighter planes to break up the attack.

Sgt. William R. Mortimer of Ebersburg, Pa., a ball-bearing gunner, who fought his way home, said "There was a better concentration on this raid than at Marienburg in East Prussia and I saw both."

The Berlin radio, broadcasting a DNE report, said 90 American planes were shot down, correcting their earlier claim of 70.

While crewmen were unanimous in reporting that it was a fine job of bombing they were (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Keith Powell Appointed to Draft Board

Appointment of Keith Powell to Salem's local selective service board, in the place left vacant by the death of Ray J. Stumbo, was announced Thursday by Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state director of selective service.

Powell, president of the Salem Federal Savings and Loan association, is a veteran of the first World War, member of the American Legion and the 40 et S., and is the father of Lt. Robert K. Powell, recently retired from active service with the US army because of an eye disability.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

Pres. Roosevelt lost the battle in 1937 on the packing of the supreme court, but he won the campaign. Changes in the supreme court which followed that memorable contest enabled him to fill vacancies with men who are not merely his disciples in political theory, but in working they "out-Herod Herod." The interstate commerce clause and the general welfare clause of the federal constitution have been stretched so far by judicial interpretation that it is no longer accurate to say that ours is a government of delegated powers. It has become all-powerful.

This trend was reviewed very ably by Col. Alfred E. Clark of Portland in an address before the Oregon State Bar convention last month. He supported his thesis on the concentration of power in the hands of federal executive officials by citing a succession of court cases. They show complete capitulation following court decisions in the original NRA case (the Schechter Poultry corporation case) and the decision in the AAA case and in the coal commission case in which the court held these laws unconstitutional. Then came the decision sustaining the Wagner act which helped avert the calamity of the supreme court bill, but the new court goes far beyond that decision in the later rulings as to the extent of interstate commerce. Col. Clark says that the court has gone "even further than the department of labor in its interpretive bulletin" on the wage-hour act.

One case, the Kirschbaum case, was over whether employees of a building, like elevator operators, janitors, charwomen, were engaged in interstate commerce. The high court said they were because some of the tenants were so engaged.

In another case, that involving the Wrightwood dairy, the court ruled it was engaged in interstate commerce, although it was only a local dairy, selling milk within a local community, no part of which overran state lines. The court said that because this milk might compete with milk which did cross state lines the dairy was subject to federal control.

In still another case, that of Warren-Bradshaw Drilling Company vs. Hall, federal power was given further extension by the court. It was the business of the Warren-Bradshaw company to drill holes in the ground in the oil-field area. It stopped short of the oil sands, when another concern (Continued on Editorial page)

Terry Allen Headed for Camp Adair

Predictions that the new commander of the Timber Wolf division will be Maj. Gen. Terry De La Mesa Allen, who led the first division in a dozen major engagements in North Africa and Sicily, appeared to be borne out with the revelation Thursday that the famous leader of the first was en route to Camp Adair.

Known as America's "Terrible Terry," Gen. Allen was wounded at St. Mihiel during the first World War, holds the silver star for bravery and the purple heart with oak leaf cluster. He was in command of the First division when it spearheaded the counter-attack at Kasserine Pass.

At Adair he is expected to succeed Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook, who has been promoted to command of the 12th army corps.

Salem Postwar Planning Committee Ready to Meet

Initial meeting of Salem's postwar planning committee, created some weeks ago to study the city's needs in the way of public projects which might profitably be initiated to cushion the anticipated employment slump shortly after the war ends, will be held early next week, it was revealed Thursday by Daniel J. Fry, chairman.

Although formal consideration of projects and of the committee's procedure has been held in absence because of the harvest manpower crisis, some of the preliminary speed work has been done, Chairman Fry revealed. Information as to the procedure and accomplishments to date in other cities has been gathered and committee members have discussed informally, among themselves and with other interested citizens, some of the projects which may be considered.

Committee members include Tom Armstrong, David O'Hara and Chairman Fry, named from

the city council, and Carl W. Hogg, Hedda Swart and David Wright, representing the city at large.

Already a number of post-war projects pertaining to Salem and Marion county have proceeded from the idea stage at least to that of formal proposals. One of these is construction of a new Marion-Polk county bridge at Independence, a link in the Salem-Independence-Kings Valley highway project. Linked with that proposal has been the suggestion that the present inter-county bridge between Salem and West Salem, inadequate in view of the heavy traffic it must carry, be moved to the Independence site and a new, larger bridge with more convenient approaches be erected here.

The need for a bridge at Independence was brought formally to the attention of the state highway commission by the two county (Turn to Page 2—Story A)