

Saturday I attended the launching of the tanker "Oregon Trail" at the Swan Island shipyards...

Since ex-governors have no claims to gasoline, I hitch-hiked my way to the launching...

US Nationals Embark Today On Gripsholm

Gun Accident Hurts 3 Girls

Steinbock Fence Question Exhumered by City Council

Hull, Eden Open Moscow Talks With Molotov

3-Power Conference Seeks Agreement on Objectives Of War and Postwar Policy

MOSCOW, Oct. 18 (AP)—US Secretary of State Cordell Hull and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden opened talks with foreign Commissar Molotov...

The American and British visitors drove to the Kremlin at 6 p. m.—three hours after their arrival—to begin the discussions.

Aussie Troops Beat Back Jap Thrust at Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Tuesday, Oct. 19 (AP)—Jungle-wise Australian troops have beaten back a Japanese thrust designed to recapture the strategic base of Finschhafen...

Sharp fighting has developed north of Finschhafen, however, with the Japanese attempting to bring up reinforcements by barge.

Our forces repulsed two enemy counterattacks in the Ziweaneng area (north of Finschhafen).

Allies Plan Big Africa-Britain Shuttle Raiding

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 18 (AP)—Great fleets of Northwest Africa air force bombers soon will join with the even greater British battle fleets to form one gigantic, shuttle-bombing onslaught against Hitler's Germany.

Boilermaker Head In Court Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 (AP)—Tom Ray, embattled business agent and financial secretary of the Portland AFL Boilermakers, will appear in circuit court tomorrow to show why he should not relinquish union control to Otto W. Murnser.

Donations For Chest Said High

Solicitors Due For Surprise At Noon Today

Solicitors in the Salem United War Chest campaign which opened officially with Monday's "kickoff" breakfast are due for a happy surprise at noon today when they gather at the first report luncheon...

Since the goal is \$85,000, substantially higher than that of a year ago, and is to be raised entirely within the Salem school district...

Given a ceremonial welcome when they alighted in mid afternoon at the Moscow airfield, Hull and Eden in personal chats with Molotov offered to go to work immediately, and an appointment was made for the first session of the conference.

Eden, speaking in a microphone on the airfield said, "I am very glad to be in Moscow again to meet my friend Mr. Molotov and (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Chemawa, M. W. Evans, \$500; Central Howell, Mrs. Frank Way, \$270; Clear Lake, Luther Chapin, \$308; Buena Crest, Mrs. W. R. Massey, \$252; Hazel Green, Kenneth Bain, \$504; Keizer, Mrs. Harvey McLaughlin, \$1960; Hayesville, D. E. Janzen, \$720; Middle Grove, Mrs. E. S. Barker, \$425; Auburn, Mrs. O. E. Palmateer, \$430; Fruitland, Mrs. Stanley Fagg, \$278; Salem Heights, Mrs. W. E. Gardner, \$810; Roberts, F (Continued from Page 1) F

Chinese Rout Jap Column

CHUNGKING, Oct. 18 (AP)—One of three Japanese columns, driving north in western Yunnan province in an attempt to forestall a Chinese move south into Burma to join a possible allied offensive from India, has been broken up and forced into scattered retreat, the Chinese high command said today.

The Chinese communicate, which touched only briefly for the first time in a number of days on the operations in western Yunnan, identified the column as one which has pushed to the Salween river opposite Luku and said it had suffered severe losses.

Activities Planned For Armistice Day

Armistice day activities of the various patriotic bodies in Salem will be coordinated through the Federated Patriotic Orders, O. E. "Mose" Palmateer announced at Monday night's meeting of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion. Groups in addition to the Legion planning observance include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled Veterans and the War Mothers.

Flying Start



Thanks to the efforts of the pre-campaign gifts committee headed by Lowell Kern, above, workers in the Salem United War Chest campaign are due for a pleasant surprise when it is made at today's luncheon.

Court Holds Employer May Express Views

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—The supreme court refused today to interfere with a decision holding that an employer, under the constitutional right of free speech, may legally give his employees his views on whether they should vote for union representation.

The labor board argued, in asking for a review of the decision, that "the privilege of free speech is not available here, because of the economic dependence of the listeners upon the speaker and the compulsion of the listeners to give heed, the adjurations of the speaker pass from the realm of free competition of ideas into that of coercion."

3 Yugoslav Armies Lock With Rommel

LONDON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Three guerrilla armies—Yugoslav "regulars" under Gen. Draja Mahalovic, Gen. Josip "Tito" Broz' re-stated bands, and a resurgent Albanian guerrilla army—were reported locked in bitter battles with Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces over a wide western Balkan front tonight.

City Planners Meet Tonight

The postwar planning commission of Salem will hold its first meeting at 7:30 tonight in chambers of commerce rooms, Alderman Dan Fry, chairman, announced at Monday night's council session.

Would Pay Tax On Waiver of All Interest

Recommending that the city pay the principle on the recently-litigated water properties tax of 1935 if Marion county will waive the interest, which now amounts to more than \$6 per cent of the original \$27,517.05, a special committee of Salem city council and water commission brought in its report to the council Monday night.

Reds Gain 4 Miles At River

Berlin Admits Giving Ground Before Russians

LONDON, Tuesday, Oct. 18 (AP)—Russian troops smashing four miles deeper into the Dnieper river loop to flank hundreds of thousands of German troops "are throwing the enemy back, destroying his forces, and clearing him from one populated place after another," Moscow announced today.

Berlin acknowledged its troops were giving ground under the impact of 300,000 Russians attacking southward toward the Dnepropetrovsk-Kiev railway, main lifeline of axis troops deployed along the Dnieper bend to the east and in the Crimea to the south.

The red army overran 23 more villages, killed nearly 3,000 Germans, destroyed or captured scores of tanks and guns, and smashed every axis attempt to stem it yesterday, said a midnight communique supplement.

In one area the Russians said their troops had forced the Germans to "beat a hasty retreat" from a village, and captured 16 abandoned guns, only a small part of the booty declared swept up during the day.

Developing what may be a disaster for the Germans all along their crumbling Dnieper line, the Russians also announced fresh gains below Gomel, north of Kiev, and at embattled Melitopol, where bitter street fighting had rolled into the seventh day.

The Russians surrounded and smashed blockhouses and strong-points built around one square in Melitopol, cleared several districts of the city, and decisively defeated a German counterattack southwest of the city near the railway leading to the Crimea.

A total of nearly 7,000 Germans fell on all fronts during the day, and 153 tanks were knocked or captured for a two-day bag of 324, the supplement said. In addition 79 guns, including many 88mm., were destroyed or seized, it said.

A Moscow broadcast communique recorded by the soviet monitor, also announced that Russian troops in a new drive southwest of Gomel now had turned northward and were striking toward Rechitsa, 27 miles west of Gomel, in an effort to snap the enemy's rail lifeline to Poland.

North of Kiev, the Russians "considerably improved their positions" beyond the Dnieper's west bank, it said, in the encircling drive on the Ukraine capital.

At Melitopol, gateway to the Crimea, one of the grimmest fights of the war flamed through its sixth day inside the shattered city. Moscow said the red army assault units, fighting with bayonet and grenade in a blinding sandstorm that clogged their guns, had "captured large quantities of war materials."

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New Landings Aid Allies Push Germans Back

Reinforcements Include Men and Equipment; 5th, 8th Armies Take Towns

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 18 (AP)—Important new allied landings of men and material have been made on the Italian mainland in recent days, it was disclosed tonight as the forces of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery slowly pushed the Germans back in heavy fighting.

Reconstruction of port and other facilities has reached a point to permit much bigger debarkations than previously. Upon arrival at various southern Italian ports, troops, tanks, guns, ammunition, food and other supplies are moving swiftly up both the Mediterranean and Adriatic coasts to the fighting fronts and over tortuous mountain roads to the central sector.

Thanks partly to this improved supply, it was announced today that Clark's fifth army veterans of Salerno had driven beyond the Volturno river and "firmly occupied" the towns of Cascello, Ruviano and Nerrone, while Montgomery's eighth was stalling westward through the Appennine mountains toward Rome.

As the fifth and eighth armies pushed the Germans back in yesterday's fighting, some fires were observed behind the enemy's lines, indicating the destruction of supply dumps in anticipation of a quick move backward.

The enemy's next stand on the west coast is likely to be inland from Gaeta and along the Garigliano river, which is some 20 miles north of the Volturno and about 80 airline miles from Rome.

As a result of continued allied air attacks on German airfields, the enemy now is dispersing his feeble remaining strength on innumerable small airstrips. Nazi fighter squadrons based at Capua were found to be using several air fields in the vicinity of the town after allied bombers had destroyed the main air field and wrecked or damaged 50 planes on it.

American troops captured Nerrone and Ruviano on dominating heights overlooking the town. (Turn to Page 2—Story J)

Nazi Bombers Raid London

LONDON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Air raid sirens sounded in London tonight for the third straight night and anti-aircraft gun crews went into action almost immediately.

A few German bombs were dropped during the half-hour alert. The all-clear sounded at 11:30 p. m. (3:30 p. m. Pacific war time).

Two persons were killed in one house. The house was demolished. Deviating from solo tactics, several of the raiders flew together in hitting one district with high explosives.

The planes dropped flares to light their targets. Some of these were extinguished by gunfire before they reached the ground.

The main objective of the allied air war over Europe is to make it easier for ground troops to go in, in the final dash, and save thousands of lives.

The loss of 60 bombers at Schweinfurt is incidental to destruction of the ball-bearing factories there. "Regardless of our losses, I'm ready to send over replacement crews for every one lost and at the same time keep building up our strength."