

My earliest recollection of "international relief" was when, during my boyhood...

In later years we have heard less about India famines, and for many years nothing at all...

The reason why famines have become less frequent in India has been the extension of irrigation.

The British government many years ago started constructing vast irrigation systems...

Accompanying this construction of storage dams and canals has been education in agriculture.

Lloyd George Weds at 80

LONDON, Oct. 23-(AP)—David Lloyd George, 80, prime minister of Britain in the First World War...

The quiet ceremony took place at the Guildford registry office near Lloyd George's farm at Churt, Surrey...

Miss Stevenson, 55, has shared more of his life and his full career than any other woman except his first wife...

His first wife, Dame Margaret Lloyd George, who he married in 1888 when he was an unknown lawyer of 25, died in 1941.

Argentina Quells Student Demonstration MONTEVIDEO, Oct. 23-(AP)—Argentine officials sought to control students striking against the government's foreign policy...

Campaign for Salvaging Cans Starts Next Month

With schools, salvage committees and beverage firms cooperating in arrangements for their handling, a new campaign for salvaging of tin cans is scheduled for November...

Determination of the date was made, Paulus said, following conferences with Frank Bennett, superintendent of Salem city schools...

Only prepared cans—those which have been washed thoroughly, labels removed, tops and bottoms cut off or folded in and flattened firmly—will be accepted.

Nazis Dig In Firmly In Italy

Fierce German Counterattack Fails; Cost High

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 23-(AP)—Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring's forces, although thrown back by the Fifth army after launching a fierce tank-led counter-attack in the Alife region...

The hard counterattack was one of the sharpest the Germans have put in since their attempt to drive the Fifth army back into the sea four days after landing on the beach at Salerno.

It cost them dearly... a number of tank units were knocked out by the deadly fire of American artillery, but the fury with which it was launched was an indication of the Germans' determination to hold their new line stubbornly.

The Eighth army also frustrated a counterattack near Montecellone and then advanced two miles, taking Lupara, which dominates high ground in central Italy.

An allied communique detailing yesterday's land developments hinted further action was in progress on the Fifth army's front by saying that the gain made in taking a commanding height in an unidentified area was being "exploited."

The object of the German counterthrusts to disrupt allied offensive actions and the Germans invariably launch them just before they think the allies are about to deliver a blow.

Allied aviation ranged the battle area, lending its invaluable support to the men on the ground by pressing home numerous attacks against gun positions, troop concentrations and motor transport.

Farmer Held In Alesia Death

CORVALLIS, Oct. 23-(AP)—Addison Meredith, 60-year-old Benton county farmer, was held in Benton county jail tonight in connection with the fatal shooting of a neighboring rancher, Clinton L. Deal, 56.

District Attorney Fred McHenry said that Meredith confessed to firing three rifle shots at Deal, formerly an intimate friend, at the end of a months-long quarrel over livestock.

Meredith's cattle, attached by the sheriff, had been turned over to Deal for safe keeping, McHenry said.

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Missing



DETROIT, Oct. 23—Lt. Keith D. Moore (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore of Detroit, has been reported missing in the European war area...

Allied Attacks Cut Japs From Huon Peninsula

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Oct. 24-(AP)—Japanese hopes of reaching the New Guinea coast on the Huon peninsula in strength were blasted Friday by determined attacks delivered by Australian ground troops and American bombers.

These attacks blunted the enemy spearhead and forced him to fall back from the village of Katika westward to a depth of 1100 yards toward his inland jungle strong positions at Sattelberg.

The Australians, who thus closed the narrow corridor which Japanese earlier in the week had driven to the coast about five miles north of allied-held Emswafafen, counted more than 510 enemy dead.

While these units of the Australian ninth division succeeded in blocking the coastal outlet of escape for considerable enemy forces, American - flown Mitchells swept over the rear areas. They sowed destruction with their bombs and more than 55,000 rounds of 50 calibre machine gun fire.

This new aerial devastation piled up the toll of enemy dead caused Thursday by a record single day's load of 221 tons dropped by Liberators around Sattelberg on troop concentrations.

The initial success of small elements of Japanese in driving a narrow, five-mile-long corridor from Sattelberg to the coast of the peninsula does not seem to foreshadow a regaining of the offensive by the Japanese in the New Guinea theater.

The coastward drive, now halted, instead indicates the enemy is nearing the southern limits of the New Guinea territory he is occupying.

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Homes' Sale Is At Peak

City and Rural Property Moves; Buy for Tenancy

By RALPH C. CURTIS Residents in some parts of the city will call it a gross understatement—and it is a conservative statement—that at least 12 per cent of the single-family dwellings in Salem have changed ownership this year.

Salem and vicinity are experiencing, not a "real estate boom" inspired by ballyhoo such as many communities have witnessed in the past, but a quiet revolution in home ownership which nevertheless is of such magnitude that veteran real estate brokers declare their business is more active than at any other time in a quarter-century.

Several causes contribute to this trend. One is a general war-time turnover of population. Some families have departed; a greater number have moved in. The number of families both in Salem and surrounding territory has increased. There is a critical demand for housing but because of federal restrictions virtually no new residences can be built.

Meanwhile high costs of foods have caused many to look toward the country where they may raise their own; others have gone there for the housing they could not find in the city. Sales of rural property within five or ten miles of Salem possibly have been more active than urban property, and would be still more active if houses could be built. As it is, all residences in those areas are occupied; increase in school attendance in the rural districts so attests.

Demand and scarcity have caused a rise, estimated at 20 to 25 per cent, in prevailing sale values, and this in turn has created to some degree a speculative market, further encouraged by the circumstance that individuals with increased earnings are not able to make profitable investment other than in war bonds or in the field of real estate. And many have bought land—farms as well as city property—as the most obvious method of hedging against the inflation danger.

But—despite these last-mentioned factors, the over-all trend is

Airliner Hit; Sweden Hints Nazi Reprisal

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 23-(AP)—Sweden, disturbed by yesterday's attack on a civilian airliner—presumably by a German fighter plane—prepared to work out new plans for its air lines and tonight there were hints that if Germany would not cooperate, the many would not cooperate.

The plane, shot down off Sweden's rocky west coast, 50 miles north of Goetoberg, last night, was smashed to bits, killing 13 persons including a California clergyman. One crew member and one passenger were rescued. Other passengers included two Russian women and two children, two officers of the Swedish merchant marine, a British insurance agent and a Swedish woman. The plane was en route from Britain to Sweden.

The American, Dr. T. C. Hume of Claremont, Calif., was en route to Sweden as a representative of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Hume, pastor of a Congregational church at Claremont, was a family friend of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Downs of Salem, and their son, Hume, was named for Dr. Hume's father.

Schools to Reopen At Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Oct. 23—Public schools here will reopen Monday after an unanticipated vacation of eight days to prevent an infantile paralysis epidemic. Suppl. Paul Robinson said Saturday night. No new cases of the disease which caused the death of one child have been reported, Robinson said.

Melitopol Falls; Russians Race to Cut Off Crimea

Reds Mount Two Main Drives



With the capture of Melitopol yesterday the Russians are sweeping south in a race to cut off the Crimea at Kerson and Kherston. In another great drive the Russians are only 15 miles from Krivoy Rog, as they try to trap large numbers of German troops in the Dnieper bend. Other breakthroughs were reported farther north.

UMW Leaders Urge Coal Miners Back to Work; Railroad Crisis Nearer

Leaders of the United Mine Workers strove last night to get striking Alabama coal miners back to work and avert possible government seizure of mines in the state and punitive action against local unions there.

Called before the war labor board to explain why 20,000 Alabama miners are conducting a wildcat strike in defiance of board orders, the union leadership was warned that the WLB expects production to be resumed by Monday.

Chairman William H. Davis said that otherwise it appeared the board would have to refer the case to the White House—a step which could mean the government would take control of the mines again and invoke sanctions against the union locals for non-compliance with the board's orders.

As the WLB acted in the Alabama strike, the railroad wage dispute moved another step toward a crisis when chiefs of the five operating unions, meeting in Chicago, voted to conduct a strike poll among their 350,000 members. This ballot may take 30 days.

The operating unions formally rejected a 4-cents-an-hour wage increase recommended by a government emergency board. They had asked a 30 per cent increase and some spokesmen termed the 4-cent award an "insult."

In order to hear the UMW leaders on the Alabama situation, the WLB took time out from consideration of a proposed contract covering mining of coal in Illinois. Members had hoped to act on it during the week and announced

Salem United War Chest

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The county chairman's report on Silverton showed \$3500 collected but direct word from J. R. Clough, Silverton district chairman, revealed that following receipts of \$2600 in the first three days without solicitation, a campaign among mill employes through their labor organization had raised almost \$1500 and that the total to date is approximately \$4100.

From the county chest headquarters a letter went out Saturday to district chairmen requesting that active solicitation be continued this week or until all residents of their districts have been interviewed.

The Jefferson district in which J. T. Jones is chairman was nearest to its quota with \$1285 collected and only about \$100 to go.

Motorized Columns Swing Out in Pursuit Of Fleeing Germans

City's Capture Undermines Entire Nazi Defense Strategy in South; Red Armies Gain in Dnieper Bend

LONDON, Sunday, Oct. 24-(AP)—The Russian army captured the key city of Melitopol after 11 days of street fighting and swept on southward today through the flat, muddy plains toward the Crimea.

Moscow reports said Soviet motorized columns swung out in pursuit of the Germans in a race to cut off the Crimea at Kerson and Kherston after smashing the last-ditch German stand at Melitopol.

The Germans lost more than 20,000 men in their vain attempt to establish a winter line in the ravaged city and a triumphant Moscow communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, described Nazi losses as "extraordinarily heavy."

The Germans had rushed infantry divisions, tanks and artillery into the city, hoping to halt the Russians, but bitter hand-to-hand fighting forced back the defenders street by street. More than 4000 Germans were killed in the last day alone while 57 tanks and 18 guns were wrecked. Large quantities of war material were captured and several hundred prisoners taken.

The fall of Melitopol yesterday undermined the entire German defense strategy in the south. Ahead of the Russians were 135 miles of indefensible steppes leading to the mouth of the Dnieper river.

Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin announced the victory in a special order of the day describing Melitopol, on the Molochna river and the main railway into the Crimea, as "the most vital strategic center of German defense" on the southern front.

The city "guards the approaches to the Crimea and the lower reaches of the Dnieper," Stalin pointed out in his triumphant announcement, perhaps indicating he intends to send his armies without pause into the Crimean peninsula, where it is estimated a German force of about 500,000

Snell Urges Flags Fly on Navy Day

Observance of "Navy day," on Wednesday, October 27, was urged by Governor Earl Snell in a statement issued Saturday. He asked that flags of national and state colors be flown from all public buildings.

"The Navy league has been officially designated," Governor Snell said, "to arrange the annual Navy day celebration throughout the nation. This year, with our country deep in war, this annual display of confidence in our navy will be more impressive than ever before."

County War Chest Drive Overtakes Halfway Point

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Friday max. 54, min. 45. Sat. riv. 2.1 ft. Storms warnings posted along Oregon coast. Snow along mountains from Mt. Shasta north.