

FDR Reviews Seventh Army Of Gen. Patton

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 13—(AP)—President Roosevelt, flying within some 250 miles of the battlefields in Italy, visited Sicily on his homeward journey from Cairo, reviewing Seventh Army troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., and decorating Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark and several other officers for bravery.

The president came from Malta to Castelvetrano airfield, it was disclosed officially today, with his C-54 transport guarded by 12 Lightning fighters.

Accompanied by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mr. Roosevelt drove in a jeep along the runways lined by hundreds of Seventh Army troops who helped win Sicily in a blazing campaign. Castelvetrano is at the southwestern tip of the island.

(This dispatch gave the first disclosure of Patton's whereabouts since the announcement that Eisenhower had made him apologize to his troops for striking a soldier in a hospital.)

(It did not indicate whether the president said anything to Patton concerning the incident. In Washington, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early, asked if the president at this meeting had "put his OK on Patton," replied: "What's the White House got to do with OK-ing Patton? He was assigned to a job by Gen. Eisenhower, and Gen. Eisenhower is keeping him in command of the Seventh Army, isn't he?")

It was said Mr. Roosevelt wanted to go to the Italian battlefield but that those charged with his security objected.

The president decorated Gen. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army fighting in Italy, and five other officers with distinguished service crosses. The others were Col. Reuben H. Tucker, Ansonia, Conn.; Lt.-Col. Joseph B. Crawford, Humboldt, Kan.; Lt. William W. Kellogg, Highlands, Tex.; Lt. Thomas F. Berleau, Chicago, and Lt. Edwin F. Gould, Orange, Calif.

Clark was decorated for "extraordinary heroism in action" at Salerno when the allied bridgehead was threatened by German counter-attack on September 14.

West Eleven Adds 3 More

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13—(AP)—The Shrine's West 22-member football squad reached the halfway mark in its formation for the charity game with the East Jan. 1 as three player acceptances were announced today.

Co-Coaches Orin Hollingbery and Lawrence Shaw announced the newest additions included Bill Mayther, University of Oregon center; Abe Croft, an end from Southern Methodist university, and Lt. Felix Bucek, former Texas A. & M. college guard who played army football at Camp Hood.

MacArthur Clubs Plan Convention

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—(AP)—Plans for a national convention of "MacArthur for President" clubs in Chicago early next year were announced today, following a statement of Secretary of War Stimson that no war department regulation or policy would prevent an army officer from accepting a nomination for president or vice president.

The convention plans were announced by Attorney Joseph P. Savage, president of the Illinois club, who said he was corresponding with MacArthur clubs in other states to fix an exact date.

He said the Illinois club has been serving unofficially as a sort of clearing house for other MacArthur clubs.

Independence College Conference Slated

Plans for an independent college day conference in Portland early in January are under way, according to Dean Walter E. Erickson, Willamette delegate to the conference. Conference members will visit metropolitan schools in Portland and meet with seniors interested in independent colleges.

The conference is held once each semester. It is endorsed by high school principals, seniors and college officials as a favorable method of introducing independent schools to students interested in attending college, Erickson said.

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ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"You must be a captain or something!" Speaker is a member of Boy Scout troop 1 (Rotary troop) of Salem. Spoken to, Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, who merely grins at the boy and at the two stars on his shoulder.

This and much more occurred Saturday when boys of troop 1 were guests of Gen. Dahlquist and Capt. George Godfrey at Camp Adair, because Scout Committeeman Leslie Scott (who, it seems does not spend all his time asking for attorney general's opinions and signing vouchers) had arranged the jaunt.

First hand, the lads learned how the big guns are fired, what PX means, how the army's laundry is done, what "judo" is; they visited a tank and saw a "bazooka" — is that the way you spell it? They rode in jeeps. With Gen. Dahlquist, who is training a division in which many of the privates are only six years older than most of these boys, they had their group picture taken.

Members of the happy caravan were Kenny Wright, Steven Benson, Bill Paxson, Jack and Richard Geer, Donald Young, Dwight Quisenberry, Bill Johnston, Bladen Owens, Richard Esau, Dick Boyd, Elmer L. Kleinke, Ronald Bartlett, Ronald Blume, Richard Wyatt, Arthur Hagen, Harold Mansfield, Bill Hart, Donald Jones, Bob Johnston, Robert E. Canfield and Alden Suntille.

Rotarymen Carrol Hayes, R. C. Sellers, Martin Mockford and A. E. Wilkinson drove the cars which went to Adair. And I'll wager they, too, rode in jeeps.

Whether, like the boys they were greatly impressed by the fact that candy bars are not only stocked but actually exhibited in the post exchanges, I couldn't say.

Mark Taylor Put On Safety Council

Mark M. Taylor, in charge of the accident records division of the state motor vehicle department, received notice Monday that he has been appointed a member of the committee on traffic and accident records of the national safety council.

A number of important projects are now before the committee. One of these involves development of a memo on a method of directing selective enforcement in cities by the use of accident records. Another involves development of a package program for use by local safety councils in the promotion of accident system records.

Labor Shortage At State Hospital To Be Discussed

Problems of the state tuberculosis hospital in connection with the labor shortage will be brought to the attention of the state board of control today by Dr. Grover C. Bellinger, superintendent.

90,000 Applications For Car Registration Arrive, Farrell Says

Applications for 1944 motor vehicle registration numbering slightly over 90,000 had been received by the state department up to last weekend, Secretary of State Bob Farrell reported Monday.

Farrell estimated that 437,000 motor vehicles would be registered during the 1944 license period.

License stickers, now being mailed out, cannot be placed on windshields until December 15. The new license period starts January 1.

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Australians Press Attack On Huon Strip

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air strips and installations on Bougainville a heavy attack. Liberators heaves attacked the enemy in the Buka area, on the north tip of Bougainville, while nearly 100 Dauntless dive bombers, Avenger torpedo planes and fighters, unloaded 54 tons of bombs on Jakovina field in the Buin area, on the south end of the island.

Meanwhile, Mitchell medium bombers, supported by Kittyhawk fighters, blasted the Kieta air installations, eastward across the island from Empress Augusta Bay where Americans have established an air strip.

Japanese planes raided Gaspap, allied base in the Ramu Valley, New Guinea, Sunday for the second successive day, but as on the day before they were beaten off by Kittyhawk and Thunderbolt fighters.

On this latest fight, downed two of the nine bombers and one fighter of the raiding force.

Liberators flew north of Australia for raids on Boela on Ceram island, west of New Guinea, where fires were started, and attacks on Larat and Watamoeri villages on the Tanimbar islands in the Arafura sea. Enemy barges also were strafed in the MacCluer gulf, northeast of Ceram island.

Mild Influenza Nears Epidemic Over Nation

By the Associated Press

A mild form of respiratory ailment, similar to the gripe and influenza, has reached epidemic proportions in some sections of the United States, health officers said last night, but they stressed that deaths were few.

They said the ailment was of a far less serious type than in England and Wales, where 709 deaths were reported in a single week recently, and not to be compared with the influenza epidemic that swept this country in 1918.

An average of one person in 10 was ill in the hardest-hit sections, with a proportionate level of absenteeism in war plants and offices. Absenteeism in schools was as high as 30 per cent in some cases.

The ailment, usually affecting a person for about five days, was reported on the wane in some areas and on the increase in others. Physicians said current cold weather in many sections would tend to stop the spread.

The ailment extended from populous centers of the northeast through the midwest to the coast and to sections of the south.

Philadelphia reported 200,000 persons ill, and Washington, DC, 100,000.

Dr. Frederick W. Stricker, Oregon state health officer, said cases in that state showed no increase. Few cases were reported.

Stoll Stops Further Labor Recruiting Outside Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13—(AP)—No further recruiting outside of Oregon will be allowed by the war manpower commission for shipbuilding companies operating in the Portland, Ore., metropolitan area, L. C. Stoll, chairman of the Portland war manpower commission, announced here tonight.

Stoll said that after the six-day week order had been issued last week in Washington, a conference was held among the war manpower commission and operators of the shipbuilding yards and it was decided that recruiting for shipyard workers outside the state would cease until further notice.

MONMOUTH, Ill.—(AP)—From a distance, a closing-out sale on a farm near here looked like a gold rush.

One hundred and seven men offered to pay the OPA ceiling price of \$892.95 for a tractor, complete with tires. The winner was Leo Jones. He won it drawing lots.

Japan Shifts Air Power To Stop Blows

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bomber strafed a medium cargo transport and its escorting patrol vessel near Jaluit atoll last Friday.

That the enemy still has some air strength in the southwest Pacific was brought out in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today. It said that a force of 40 enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted to raid allied positions in the Ramu valley of New Guinea. It was the largest number of planes reported in an enemy attack in southwestern area this month.

Allied planes kept pounding enemy targets throughout the southwest Pacific. These included two long distance raids last Saturday, one on Balikpapan on the southeast coast of Borneo and the other on Makassar, on the southwest peninsula of Celebes island. They involved roundtrip flights of about 2,500 miles each.

Fire Damages West Salem Grade School

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and clean up the building.

The damaged building was erected in 1927 according to the principal and the faculty includes six teachers all of whom were in the building at the time the fire was discovered. The upper grades are housed in the older building erected about 1903, Mrs. Van Santen said.

All classes are to be dismissed for today since it will take the time of all teachers to clean up the mess left after the fire, Mrs. Van Santen reported.

Members of the Salem fire department gave credit to the school janitor, Charles Brown, who with his wife, was on duty when the fire was discovered. Mr. Brown attempted to control the blaze with a fire extinguisher and realizing it was beyond such measures put in a call for the Salem fire department which responded promptly with two of the big pumps.

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Reds Gain More Ground Around Kiev

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indicated that the Russians may have broken the back of the great German counter-offensive, which already had gained 30 miles from Korosten and carried to the region below Malin, about 55 miles west of Kiev, with the Germans throwing in action nearly 2,000 tanks and rushing in reserves as the red army destroyed the machines by the hundreds.

Greatly aiding Gen. Vatutin's forces were several guerrilla detachments which, combining their forces 12 days ago, captured two railway stations in a sudden attack in the region of Zhitomir, 40 miles to the southwest of the main front. At one of these stations the guerrillas destroyed four German trainloads of troops with military supplies which presumably were being rushed to the front.

The guerrillas, declared the soviet communique, ever since have held these two stations, resisting repeated attempts of the Germans to win them back.

Troops under soviet Gen. Ivan S. Konev, striking westward from Kremenichug, captured several strongly-fortified places Monday, among them the town of Grushevka, 20 miles beyond Chigrin, taken Sunday, and only 25 miles south of Cherkasy.

These Russian forces are driving to relieve a soviet bridgehead established in the Cherkasy region several weeks ago and which has been under terrific German assault since. The Russians, al though not retreating under this

attack, nevertheless have failed to expand the bridgehead materially. The troops which established themselves at Grushevka are believed to be within 15 miles of the nearest Cherkasy bridgehead forces, and a joining of the Kremenichug and Cherkasy forces appears near.

The Berlin radio already is beginning to prepare its audience for such an event, declaring Monday that the Russians had managed to establish a foothold in the town of Cherkasy itself, which had been by-passed in the first crossing of the Dnieper. The fighting in this entire area, Berlin said, is growing more intense by the hour.

In a second main drive expanding the Kremenichug salient the Russians continued to advance toward the industrial city of Kirovograd, beating off several tank counterattacks, capturing several populated places and killing 600 Nazi officers and men.

The Germans, acknowledging the Russian thrust toward Cherkasy and frontally upon Kirovograd, told of yet another which the Russians did not mention — a drive southeastward from this area toward the long-menaced iron ore city of Krivoy Rog.

Despite the importance of the Russian gains in the Kremenichug area, the battle of the bulge held the chief interest of observers both here and in Moscow, not only because of the attempt to retake the man hopes and prestige which would accompany its collapse.

Townsend to Meet
Townsend club No. 3 meets tonight at 8 o'clock at the Court Street Christian church, corner of 17th and Court streets.

Sec. Stimson Discloses 3rd Incident

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other occasion to have "spoken threateningly and with undue harshness" to a soldier who failed to wear his leggings because his ankles were swollen. The soldier was on combat duty at the time.

Beyond the three now listed incidents, Patton's record contains nothing else of this nature, Stimson said in reporting that one of the incidents involved Pvt. Charles L. Kuhl and occurred when the general visited the 15th evacuation hospital in Sicily August 3. Stimson did not make it clear whether Kuhl was the victim of "battle nerves" whom Patton struck in the belief he was malingering.

It was the equivocal denial of the slapping as issued by the headquarters of the Seventh Army on November 10, 1943, that Patton was reprimanded by the War Department (it developed subsequently that he had been rebuked not formally reprimanded), Patton remained in command of the Seventh Army whose morale was unaffected, and that no enlisted man had refused to obey Patton's commands.

Big Loop for Eugene
EUGENE, Dec. 13—(AP)—A newly organized 10-team independent basketball league, to be managed by Dick Strite, district AAU commissioner, envisioned a 90-game schedule today. The league is affiliated with the Oregon association of the AAU.

Acie Martin Held In California

Acie Martin, sentenced on July 30 of this year by Circuit Judge E. M. Page to serve 18 months in the state penitentiary on a charge of assault and battery, is held at San Luis Obispo, Calif., charged with a morals offense, auto robbery, grand theft and kidnaping, officers here were informed Monday.

Martin was arrested here on a charge of assault and robbery, but his elderly victim was unable to testify that money he had lost had not been dropped in the brush south of Salem rather than taken from him, so the charge was made more mild.

EDINBURGH, Scotland—(AP)—A Canadian soldier paid a pound (\$4) for a bottle at a local pub and discovered later it contained not whisky but cold tea.

A judge sentenced the pub owner to 30 days and observed: "Such an act is calculated to produce dismay and discouragement among his majesty's forces."

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OPA Head Explains Why the Government Is Giving

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Administrator
Office of Price Administration

"WARS are fought with gunpowder. Gunpowder is made from glycerine. Glycerine can only be made from fats.

"Behind those few words lies one of our country's most serious needs. Fats used to be imported in huge quantities from islands of the Far East. Those islands are now in enemy hands. And the government wants the used fats you can save in your kitchen to make mountains of ammunition, medicines, and other battlefield needs.

"Not a Premium on Patriotism"

"These are the facts as they have been pointed out to OPA by the War Food Administration. And they have led to this new plan: 'Two red ration points free when you turn in a pound of used fat to your butcher.'

"This is not a premium on patriotism. It is a way of bringing home to all women the urgent need of kitchen fats to make gunpowder. Moreover, it seems only just to return points for this service, because fats cost ration stamps. Your butcher has been informed of this ruling which went into effect on December 13th."

Clinton Bowles

How the Plan Will Work
It's as simple as it sounds. All you have to do is fill up a tin can with used cooking fat and take it to your butcher. You don't need to use

a special kind of can—any kind will do. And you don't need to have any specified amount of fat; take it to your butcher whenever the can is full. He will estimate the weight of the tin and give you, cash in hand, 4c and two red points for every pound of used fat you deliver.

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They know it is not. They know that all their country has to do is ask—once our women really understand.

Won't you start saving your used fats today?

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