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After persistent blasting the military services appear to have relaxed some of their censorship on military events.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the news coverage of the pending invasion.

But what may be called censorship of political news persists; Cairo, the news ganglion of the middle east, is notorious for its concealment of news.

A current instance of news suppression comes from the Italian theatre where the military has suppressed an important interview obtained by Associated Press with General Tito.

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Chinese Toss Out Invader

China Reports Toss Out Invader On Railway Line

CHUNGKING, May 16 (AP)—Chinese forces have thrown the Japanese out of a second town on the vital Peiping-Hankow north-south railway in central China, the Chinese high command announced today, and in southwestern China are sweeping forward west of the Salween river in their big drive to open a road to India.

A communiqué said the Chinese had recaptured Chumiatien, where Japanese forces driving along the Peiping-Hankow railway from north and south had joined on May 9. The town, 120 miles south of Chenghsien, was the second retaken by the Chinese since the enemy held complete control of the railway.

The Chinese reported that the battle for the ancient city of Loyang in Honan province was growing in intensity, with the Japanese hurling tanks in repeated attacks at the outskirts of the city in an effort to smash the Chinese lines and take it by storm.

In a battle on the plains southwest of Sinan, 20 miles west of Loyang, the Japanese were reported using more than 200 tanks.

West of Loyang, occupation of Kuanyintang by enemy forces striking southward from Shansi province aroused fresh speculation as to whether the invaders intended to push on to Tungkuang, gateway city to China's northwest. The enemy (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Allied Writers Well Prepared For Invasion

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Forces, England, May 16 (AP)—They're putting up the big-scale battlemaps on the newly-painted walls of the long conference room of invasion press headquarters—and if the German command could look them over, they'd be just as worried as they are now and not one bit better informed.

They show all of Europe in equal scale—from the north cape to the Peloponnesus. That's the scope of the concentric attack which the invasion will round out in pattern with the Italian drive and the great Russian front. The maps show every German potential target, every mile of Nazi-held territory and potential objective.

But wherever the allied press officer's pointer touches in the first announcement of the greatest military undertaking in history, the most carefully prepared news reporting staff ever assembled stands ready to flash out the news (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

FDR Will Win State's 14 Votes Because He's Only Candidate

(This is the second of three articles describing the candidates and issues in next Friday's primary election.)

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr. SALEM, May 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt will win Oregon's 14 votes to the democratic national convention because his name is alone on the ballot, but no republican presidential candidate is entered.

So the republicans in Friday's primary will write in their favorite candidates to guide the 15 republican convention delegates. Gov. Dewey of New York is expected to win, although Gov. Bricker of Ohio and former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota have many supporters.

Some republicans tried to start a campaign to have Gov. Snell's name written in, the object being to have Oregon's delegation go unstructured. But Snell didn't go for this. Wendell Wilkie's name had been entered, but after his withdrawal from the race, he got his name off the ballot just in time.

Neither party has a vice presidential candidate entered, so this will have to be settled by the write-in method.

Leader



Gen. Wei Li-Huang (above), a seasoned veteran of many Chinese-Japanese battles, is commanding Chinese forces in a big offensive launched from southwestern China to regain an important portion of the old Burma road and to join allied troops driving across northern Burma. (AP Wirephoto).

Guinea Pounded

Bombers Loose 200 Ton Load On Jap Holdings

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Wednesday, May 17 (AP)—Wakde island and the adjacent Dutch New Guinea mainland, for days virtually defenseless against air attack, were scarred and seared again Monday by a 200-ton bombload dropped on Japanese hangings on to an area 110 miles northwest of Hollandia.

The latest raid by Liberators and Mitchells brought to more than 750 tons the weight of explosives unloaded in three straight days on limited targets in the Wakde-Sarmi-Maffin Bay triangle. The sector has been under almost daily assault since late April when Hollandia was invaded.

A headquarters spokesman said Monday's raiders knocked out gun positions near an airfield on Wakde, demolished several large buildings and set off fires and explosions among considerable stores of supplies.

Ranging on beyond there to the Schouten islands, 260 miles from Hollandia, other raiders ran in to sharp enemy opposition. Fighters shot down five out of 20 Japanese interceptors.

Japan island, south of the Schoutens, also was hit.

The bypassed sector of Wewak and Hansa Bay, New Guinea, was still another target.

Rabaul, New Britain, took its daily pounding and other south Pacific raiders ranged far northwest to hit Woleai in the Carolines.

WLB Calls Meeting On Strike

Public Hearing Set for Today With Foremen

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—The war labor board called today for a showdown on the foremen's strikes at war plants in the Detroit area, which Undersecretary of War Patterson described as potentially the most serious walkout of the war in its effect on combat aircraft production.

Shortly after the undersecretary had expressed his fears at a news conference, the WLB summoned the president and the 10-man executive board of the Foremen's Association of America to a public hearing at 10 a. m. tomorrow "to show cause why the board should not immediately take steps necessary to invoke the sanctions and penalties provided by the war labor disputes act and the executive orders of the president."

Civil suits for damages constitute the only penalty of the act so long as the struck plants remain in private hands. If the government seized them, criminal action might be taken against any person encouraging a strike.

Patterson told reporters that parts and sub-assemblies for almost all army planes are manufactured in the 13 plants affected, and the Packard Motor Car company plant which closed Friday is the only source of engines for the P-51 Mustang long-range fighters.

Also threatened, but less immediately, is the Boeing Aircraft company (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Soviet Airmen Heavily Bomb City of Polotsk

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17 (AP)—Soviet airmen heavily bombed the Nazi-held city of Polotsk near the east-west German frontier in the Latvian-Polish border last night, Moscow announced tonight, continuing an aerial campaign against German communications in the east similar to the allied pre-invasion assaults from the west.

There were "no essential changes" on the land front, said the broadcast Russian war bulletin, recorded by the Soviet monitor.

In the attack on Polotsk, which is on the Riga rail line, "military stores and enemy trains on the lines at the junction were bombed" the communiqué said. "Many fires were started. As a result of the bombing seven explosions, one of great force, occurred among the fires. All our planes returned to the base."

During the recent lull in land fighting, the red army airforce has been hammering German sea and land transportation in what both sides have said is a prelude (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

New Italian Offensive



A mechanized French and American column enters Casma-Dumano, on the outskirts of Casleforte, as the new allied offensive gets underway in Italy, south of Cassino. The Germans evacuated the town after a powerful allied attack. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps radio photo).

Pros & Cons Appear For Manager Plan

Opposition Sends Letter To City Voters

Declaring the proposed council-manager form of government "unsound" in that it "could only result in wasting public funds and creating an official dictator of city affairs," 11 prominent Salem taxpayers have affixed their names to a letter which is this week in the mail for Salem voters.

A quotation from Munro's textbook on municipal government to the effect that the manager plan has not in general enabled cities to lower expenditures or tax rates heads the list of arguments in opposition to the charter amendment which goes before capital city voters Friday.

No provision is made in the amendment as to the amount of the manager's salary, it is pointed out by the amount generally quoted is the same as the salary paid the governor of the state, the letter writers declare.

Placing the plan before the voters when many young men and women of the community are away at war is criticized, as is also the system under which service clubs have been asked to endorse the proposal.

The letter is signed by William J. Entress, president of the Salem Trades & Labor Council, which has expressed opposition to the plan; J. F. Ulrich, chairman of the municipal affairs committee of the Salem Board of Realtors, which committee last week asked the board to take no stand either for or against the plan; by Aldermen David O'Hara and Gertrude F. Lobdell; by James A. Garson and Katherine Garson, F. G. Delano, John M. Carson, Custer E. Ross and Ralph E. Moody.

8 Salem Clubs Put Approval On Proposal

When the Soroptimist club of Salem Tuesday night endorsed the council-manager charter amendment proposed for the city of Salem it became the eighth organization to express its approval of the measure.

Action followed presentation of the plan and arguments in its favor by junior chamber of commerce representatives and a letter in opposition by 11 persons representative of business, professional, labor and homemaker votes.

Approval had previously been expressed by the board of directors of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, by Salem Business and Professional Women's club, by Lions, Salem Credit association, Zonta club, Junior Women's club, Salem Retail Trade bureau and the board of directors of the Kiwanis club.

Mayor I. M. Doughton, the three mayors serving immediately preceding him, a majority of the current council, a large number of the council candidates and the superintendent of public instruction who have expressed their interest in and hope for adoption of the measure, junior chamber leaders, active sponsors of the plan, said Tuesday.

Halibut Tie-up Will End Soon

VANCOUVER, May 16 (AP)—The month-old Pacific coast halibut fleet tie-up ended tonight when both Seattle and Vancouver fishermen and vessel owners voted to go to sea shortly. W. T. Burgess, secretary United Fishermen's Federal union, announced tonight. British Columbia fishermen will sail midnight, May 19.

Col. C. Abrams May 30 Head

Col. Carl Abrams was Tuesday named grand marshal for Salem's Memorial day exercises by a committee from organizations of Sons and Daughters of the GAR.

Descendants of Grand Army veterans, assigned the responsibility for the May 30 observance here by the Federated Patriotic societies of the city, said there would be the customary services at cemeteries and the bridge, honoring all of the nation's war dead and the parade and mass meeting in tribute to men now offering their lives for the United States.

More civilian participation, and particularly the aid of school pupils will be required this year than in past observances because of the absence of servicemen, committee representatives declared.

Snell Asks Observance Of Maritime Day

Observance of Maritime day, Monday, May 22, was urged by Gov. Earl Snell in a statement here Tuesday.

British Capture Pignataro Base From Germans

Loss of Cassino Link Would Be Blow to Communication Lines for Nazis in S. Italy

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17 (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from the Italian front said today that troops of the British Eighth army have captured Pignataro, four miles southwest of Cassino.

Pignataro is on the main highway linking Cassino with the southern end of the Gustav line, and its fall would deal a sharp blow to the Germans' lateral communications.

The town is situated about midway between Cassino and San Giorgio, which allied headquarters announced yesterday had fallen to French forces smashing through to the southern gate of the Liri valley in pursuit of remnants of the German 71st division.

Reuters also reported the American Fifth army's capture of Scauri, on the coast of the Gulf of Gaeta, 4 1/2 miles from Formia, and Castellonaro, an inland stronghold less than four miles from Formia.

By NOLAN NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 16 (AP)—Vengeful French troops, after smashing through up to eight miles in the center of the Germans' Gustav line, tonight threatened to outflank the enemy's entire defense system guarding Cassino and the mouth of the Liri valley leading to Rome.

The swift French advance between the Americans on the south and the British on the north already had routed the Nazis from the first line of hills overlooking the Liri valley and had eliminated one great advantage the enemy previously held (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Nazis Expecting Main Assaults On Normandy

LONDON, May 16 (AP)—Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has completed what may be his last personal inspection of the German Atlantic wall, devoting his closest attention to Normandy and its Cherbourg peninsula, the Berlin radio said today.

German dispatches to newspapers of neutral Sweden said the allies were expected to make their main assault against Normandy, directly across the channel from England, but to make many other (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Army Makes Check Of Men in Britain

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17 (AP)—A mass checkup of every man wearing the United States army uniform in Britain was completed at midnight.

All units, except those in transit, were confined to barracks for the previous 24 hours while credentials were scrutinized. Military police in London and elsewhere moved through the streets demanding identification of both officers and enlisted men.

The move was seen both as a security measure and as a double-check against absentees and deserters.

Salem Man Held In Shooting

Charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to murder, Fred Taylor, 1000 Cheyemeta street, is in the city jail following an altercation in which he failed even to see the woman he allegedly planned to kill but shot instead H. O. White as White stood in the doorway of the home he and his wife share with their daughter-in-law.

Taylor, arrested at approximately 9 p. m. not far from 1875 South Church street, where the shooting took place, had blood over his shirt and threatened to "get" officers who drove up beside him, police said. Investigating officers said the man, about 36 years of age, told them he had planned to shoot his wife.

However, Mrs. Moneta White, who answered the door at her home at approximately 8:25 to find Taylor standing there, said he had no wife there and that her sister, whose first name is the same as that repeated by Taylor, was not his wife nor was she at the White residence.

Demanding that he be allowed to see "Junonia," the man attempted to force his way past her, and then H. O. White came to the door. Mrs. White said Taylor pulled a .32 calibre automatic and in rapid succession fired three shots, one of which went through the flesh of White's left arm. One grazed the neck of Charles H. Doam, Los Angeles, who with Mrs. Doam was a guest at the house, but it did not break the flesh, police said.

Allied Casualties Light in Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 16 (AP)—A member of the staff of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, allied commander in Italy, said tonight in a review of the five-day offensive that casualties to date have been "less than we expected," but he said progress would be slower now as the allies slug toward the Adolf Hitler line.

Progress on the Fifth army front, which embraces the lower segment of the Gustav line, may be slower now because the mountainous terrain and make-shift roads present great difficulties of supply, the spokesman said.