

Yankees Surging Forward

US Drive Aims To Crush Whole German Defense

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, (Saturday), July 8—(AP)—US troops surged forward along a flaming 33-mile battlefield yesterday in a drive to crush the whole German line based along the marshes at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula, and the out-flanked enemy anchors of La Haye Du Puits and St. Jean De Daye seemed doomed.

The most spectacular American drive was a new one southeast of Carantan, where doughboys struck under one of the heaviest artillery barrages of the campaign, forced the Vire river so swiftly the dazed Germans did not even slow up the main bridge, and thrust spearheads north and south of St. Jean in a three-mile advance which all but isolated that enemy road junction.

Drive Makes Progress

Supreme headquarters in a brief communique, No. 64, reported the drive southwest along the Carantan-Periers road, which threatens to by-pass the marshes in the center of the American front, had made some progress.

It said that troops striking toward St. Jean westward from captured Airel had thrown a small bridgehead across the Vire river, but late front line dispatches gave more details of what the charging (Continued on Page 2)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

Our national income in 1939 was \$70.8 billions; in 1943, \$146.1 billions. The increase was \$75.3 billions. Who got it, and in what shares?

Already the statisticians are digging up the facts. For material they rely chiefly on the reports of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The Cleveland Trust Co. discussed the distribution of this war income in its June bulletin, and Frederick Allen, editor of Harpers magazine, had an article on the same subject in the June issue of his magazine.

The evidence all adds up to this: every class, except some of the white collar workers and those depending on interest and dividends, have had substantial increases in income out of the war-induced prosperity. The group getting the greatest financial increment out of the war is described by Allen thus:

"The typical beneficiary of our present wartime prosperity is a middle class or skilled worker family, probably in war work, in the income range of \$3000 to \$5000 per year."

What has happened, as is a matter of general knowledge, is that persons in the low or medium income brackets, whether business men, farmers, laborers, or skilled workers, have had very substantial increases in their incomes. A few who have been favorably situated have received before taxes very large incomes; but the tax load is so heavily graduated that they can't retain a very large share of their incomes. Even the (Continued on editorial page)

Sweet Mess—No Sugar Right in Middle of Fruit Canning Season

One can can raspberries, strawberries, cherries and peaches without sugar, homemakers of the Salem area are discovering. Many of them can't can with sugar until more sugar coupons arrive in the office of the Salem war price and rationing board.

Eric Johnston Leaves Russia for America

LONDON, July 7—(AP)—Eric Johnston, president of the United States chamber of commerce who has been in Russia since early in June, left the USSR today, the Moscow radio announced tonight. While in Russia to study market and economic conditions, Johnston was received by Joseph Stalin.

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Superforts Assail Jap Mainland Naval Base; Chinese Smash Japanese Siege of Hengyang

Attacks End Nip Threat

CHUNGKING, July 7—(AP)—Chinese troops in a dramatic move smashed through the encirclement ring around vital Hengyang, surrounded Japanese troops east, south and west of the city, and seized the initiative on all sectors of the Hunan province fighting, the Chinese high command said tonight.

A Chinese army spokesman announced on this seventh anniversary of the start of the war that these counterthrusts would remove for some time the threat of complete Japanese occupation of the 1000 miles of Peiping-Hankow-Canton railway through China, major Japanese goal.

Drive Starts July 4

The high command reported from the front that reinforced Chinese began their counteroffensive the morning of July 4, penetrated Japanese lines in several places, occupied strong points and even behind the Japanese lines won the upper hand in offensive actions.

Attacking key points on the various enemy advance routes, the Chinese also broke into Yungten, 45 miles northwest of Hengyang, and battered at the gates of Yuh-sien, 38 miles northeast, and at Liling, 80 miles northeast of Hengyang.

Steps Broken

The siege of Hengyang was broken, the Chinese said, on its 12th bitter day by Chinese who stabbed suddenly from the southwest of the battered rail junction, after slashing attacks by US 14th air force fliers all along the front had disorganized Japanese supply and communication lines. So bad (Continued on Page 2)

Lt. Col. Maison Wins Award

DUTCH NEW GUINEA—Lt. Col. Harold G. (Fod) Maison, Salem, Ore., a battalion commander in the fighting 41st infantry division, was decorated with the coveted silver star by Maj. Gen. Horace H. Fuller, division commanding general, as the result of his exceptional leadership and tactical judgment in making the most effective use of personnel, weapons, equipment and the limited transportation available to successfully complete his mission in the Hollandia operation.

The indefatigable lieutenant colonel is a veteran of the first world war and a member of the national guard since 1926. Mrs. Maison is in Salem.

McEldowney, Nelson Prisoners of War

Sgt. Donald E. McEldowney, 820 North Monmouth avenue, Monmouth, and Sgt. Robert C. Nelson, route 1, box 80, Aumsville, were two mid-Williamette valley soldiers whose names were included with those of 868 US army personnel held as prisoners of war in Germany, as announced Friday by the war department.

Wallace Stops in Canada En Route From China

EDMONTON, Alta., July 7 (CP)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace, en route home to the United States after nearly a six weeks visit to Siberia, China and Russia, on a fact-finding mission for President Roosevelt, stopped off in Edmonton 2½ hours tonight.

Mr. Wallace, looking quite fresh and wearing a grey suit and soft felt hat, arrived in the Alberta capital after a day's stop-over at Grande Prairie, 310 miles northwest of Edmonton, where he visited the dominion experimental farm.

He lunched with Dr. Robert Newton, president of the University of Alberta and former president of the research council of Canada, and arranged with Dr. Newton to meet the press. The vice president told Dr. Newton he would "like to chat" with newspapermen but was pressed for

Red Army Moves Through Minsk



Russian troops on tanks and trucks pass the government building at Minsk, capital of White Russia, which red troops have captured. The Germans retreated so hastily they did not have time to destroy the building, the caption accompanying this Russian photo explained. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Moscow.)

Circus Blaze Toll At 152 as Officials Start Investigation

HARTFORD, Conn., July 7—(AP)—The toll of lives claimed by the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey circus fire soared to 152 with the deaths late tonight of four more persons, among them Edwin G. Woodward, dean of agriculture at the University of Connecticut.

Dean Woodward died in Municipal hospital, where most of the critically injured were taken.

More Arrests Due

Earlier, with five persons already charged with manslaughter, State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn, Jr., said more arrests were "probable" on the basis of preliminary inquiries into the disaster, which exacted the heaviest toll in American circus history.

The state's attorney, in a formal statement issued while State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey still questioned a long list

of witnesses, said that there appeared to have been "inadequate fire fighting equipment" on the grounds of the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey circus where within a few minutes a crowd of 6000 festive spectators became a (Continued on page 2)

Last Noemfoor Airfield Falls To Americans

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Saturday, July 8—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces captured Noemfoor's Number airfield without opposition July 6 to conclude the occupation of that island's three air strips—all within a bombing range of the Philippines—in a whirlwind five-day campaign.

The success, scored in Dutch New Guinea's Geelvink bay area, was announced today.

Instead of driving across the invaded island's western coast from the sector where the other two airfields were won, the troops were put ashore near the Number field the morning of July 6, covered by destroyers and rocket-firing infantry landing craft. By noon, the occupation was completed.

Kamiri airfield, captured a few hours after the first landing on Noemfoor July 2, already is being used by allied planes. Kor-naoren field was seized two days after the island was invaded.

By 1 p. m. Thursday, the troops had advanced well beyond the strip toward the northeast. Since the airfields were the prime objectives, the Noemfoor campaign is concluded for all practical purposes.

In support of the invasion of Saipan in the Marianas, Liberators of the Far Eastern airforce attacked Yap in the western Carolines July 5 and 6 and caused heavy damage to that air base despite the interception of 60 Jap planes. A total of 55 tons of bombs was dropped on the airfield, township and waterfront, causing large fires and explosions.

Crash Rescue Service Being Organized Here

The state civilian defense council, state and federal forest services and the state police are organizing a crash rescue service to rescue grounded military fliers, Jack Hayes, state defense administrator, said today.

Hayes said the request for the new organization was made by the Fourth army air force, which said it no longer has sufficient military personnel in the state to perform its own rescue work. The new organization would use the services of forest look-

Yanks, Nazis Battle Bitterly In Rosignano

ROME, July 7—(AP)—A bitter struggle reminiscent of the fight for Cassino several months ago raged today in the ruined village of Rosignano, 13 miles below the big Italian port of Livorno (Leghorn), as the Germans struck back furiously at American forces along a 30-mile front extending inland from the west coast.

After three days and nights of savage house-to-house fighting inside Rosignano, American infantry was reported in possession of two-thirds of the flattened village. At best it is grim yard-by-yard advance for Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's doughboys as they tackled successive Nazi strong-points and repulsed the inevitable enemy counterattacks.

Inland from Rosignano American and French troops engaged in increasingly furious combat as they probed into the mountainous outposts of the Germans' formidable gothic line, the strongest natural defenses in Italy. Just ahead of allied forces are peaks rising to 6300 feet.

Remnants of 24 German divisions (Continued on page 2)

Flying Bombs Send British To Shelters

LONDON, Saturday, July 8—(AP)—Flying bombs came winging over southern England at an intensified rate early today and more of London's millions moved underground.

It was announced that there are sufficient shelters to accommodate everyone, with bunks for 4,000,000. The first of special deep shelters will be opened tonight.

Britain's capital is fast becoming a city without children. Fifteen thousand more were evacuated yesterday.

The exodus, reminiscent of the London blitz of 1940, was on in full swing and more of the capital's functions moved underground, including the great law courts of the Strand which moved to basement refuges.

Unofficially, casualties were reported somewhat fewer than usual, probably because citizens were ducking to cover more quickly as the sirens sounded.

Tire Production May Be Slowed Up Slightly

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—Possibility of a slight reduction in tire production was seen today in a war production board directive issued to cotton tire cord manufacturers to set aside eight per cent of production for delivery to cotton duck cloth manufacturers to meet army requirements.

War Loan Drive Hits 99 Per Cent of Quota

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—The Fifth War Loan drive has reached 99 per cent of its \$15,000,000,000 quota. Sales through yesterday, the treasury announced today, totalled \$15,320,000,000.

Wilno In State Of Siege

Uprisings Occur Inside Lithuania; Reds Sweep On

LONDON, Saturday, July 8—(AP)—A state of siege in Wilno and uprisings in many parts of Lithuania were reported today as red troops fought their way closer to this ancient gateway to the Baltics and swept steadily westward along the whole 350-mile central battlefield.

The early morning supplement to the Russian communique said that the Germans were throwing fresh reserves into the fighting for Wilno, but asserted that even these reinforcements had failed to stem the mighty Russian tide.

More than 250 planes were taken as the soviet forces hurled massed artillery and infantry northwest from Minsk and incomplete reports showed 3000 Germans had been wiped out in this savage battle, the supplement said.

Capture 2 Centers

During the day red troops captured two important district centers, Ostrevets and Oshmyana, one 25 and the other 30 miles from Wilno, and thus reached the line which Russia considers the border of the Lithuanian soviet socialist republic. The pre-war (Continued on page 2)

Wounds Fatal To A. W. Meade

Capt. Alvin W. Meade, Jr., who was reared at Brunks corners and was a former member of the Knight Memorial Congregational church of Salem, died in an army hospital June 14 of wounds received in an artillery battle just prior to the fall of Rome. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Meade of Corvallis, who received the notification of his death this week.

In the service more than four years, Capt. Meade had trained in army camps over the United States and had been in the Italian war area almost six months. After he was wounded June 1, he underwent an operation and later managed to write a note to his wife, telling her he had been wounded in the throat.

Capt. Meade was a graduate of Ricks high school and of Oregon state college. His widow and four-year-old son reside in San Mateo, Calif. One sister, Mrs. Wilfred F. Robinson lives in Portland.

FDR Signs Oregon State Museum Bill

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—The bill authorizing establishment of a state museum in the pioneer postoffice at Portland, Ore., has been signed by Pres. Roosevelt. Space in the building will be devoted to display of battleship Oregon relics and historical Oregon documents.

Roosevelt Doesn't Like Vice-President Question

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—President Roosevelt laughed with reporters at another inconclusive exchange over the fourth term question today, but he raised his smile when a questioner asked whether he had "found a vice-presidential candidate yet?"

That, the president declared, sounded like an unfriendly question. He added he would not answer it.

The question and answer lent emphasis to a topic of special interest in political circles with the approach of the democratic national convention. That the chief executive will stand for another term against Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, republican candidate, few doubt. Who will be his running mate, however, has developed into a big question mark.

Even the talk of a "southern bolt" is tied to the vice-presidency. Many Dixie delegates have said

B29's Strike Enemy Homeland Targets; No Planes Missing

WASHINGTON, July 8—(Saturday)—(AP)—An aerial task force of B29 superfortresses smashed at the great Japanese naval base of Sasebo and industrial targets at Tobata and the steel center of Yawata Friday night without the loss of a single plane.

The successful attack on the Japanese homeland, carried out July 7—anniversary of the Marco Polo bridge incident which started Japan's war with China seven years ago—was announced in communiqués of the 20th airforce headquarters in Washington.

US Halts Jap Escape Attempt From Saipan

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 7—(AP)—Steady advances on Saipan and the crushing of an enemy attempt to evacuate 200 of its groggily defenders were reported today as American troops, aided by new carrier aircraft strikes, pressed for a knock-out at the northern tip of the island.

Using barges, the enemy force tried to sneak out to sea Tuesday night. The move was detected and American artillery quickly broke it up. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported.

Task Force Hits

Planes from a fast American carrier task force smashed at Guam and Rota islands, south of Saipan in the Marianas, Wednesday night, Nimitz said. One Japanese plane was destroyed and two American fighter aircraft were lost, presumably to ground fire. One American pilot was rescued.

Lack of interception over Guam and Rota again emphasized dwindling Japanese air power in the Marianas. The enemy effort to quit strategic Saipan, which is within bombing range of Japan, continued (Continued on page 2)

Stamp Fines Still Pour In

Paul Lynch, deputy collector of internal revenue in Salem, faced another busy time today enforcing provisions of the \$5 car stamp law, but was hopeful the rush season would be over.

"We certainly hope people buy the stamp before we fine their cars—we don't want to fine them," he declared.

The stamps, by law, should have been purchased by July 1. Persons who have not purchased them by the time their cars are tagged are given a chance to pay a \$5 compromise fine in lieu of the \$25 penalty provided by law for convictions under this section of the revenue code.

Weather

Maximum temperature Friday 81 degrees; minimum 44; no rain; river -3 ft. Fair today and Sunday; slightly warmer east of the Cascades today.

The attack was announced, apparently while it was still in progress, early Friday afternoon, and a second communique was issued in the early hours of Saturday morning after all of the gigantic planes had returned safely to their base in China.

The text of this second communique issued by Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding the army air force and the 20th air force, said: "Not a Plane Lost"

"The 20th bomber command force of B29's which yesterday attacked naval and industrial targets in the Japanese homeland have returned to their bases without the loss of a single plane."

"The targets hit were Japanese naval installations at Sasebo and vital war industries at Tobata and Yawata, all on the island of Kyushu. Yawata was previously bombed on the night of June 15.

"The mission was flown from China bases on the seventh anniversary of China's declaration of war against Japan.

"No further operational details are available at this time."

Tobata Near Yawata

Tobata lies just across a river from Yawata, and forms an integral part of the industrial establishment (Continued on page 2)

Flax Plants Organize New Association

(Special to The Statesman) OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 7—Delegates from nine of Oregon's 13 flax plants today organized the Oregon Flax Association "to give voice to and representation for the flax producing and original processing sectors of the flax and linen industry."

The meeting was called by the Oregon flax and linen board. The representatives voted to incorporate the new organization but actual membership of plants was left to a mail vote to be submitted not later than August 15.

By-laws will be drawn up by member plants after the balloting.

Delegates named three men to file articles of incorporation—James Mahoney of St. Paul, George Bixler of Dayton and Charles Leonard of Silverton. Salem was designated headquarters. (More details on page 2.)

Tito's Forces Capture Trilj, German Base

LONDON, Saturday, July 8—(AP)—A broadcast communique by Marshal Tito said today that partisan forces had captured Trilj, a German base about six miles southeast of Sinj and 15 miles northeast of the port of Spalato (Split). Yesterday Tito had reported his partisans had captured Cazma, about 35 miles east of Zagreb.

Boy Scouts Will Collect Salvage Paper Today

Salem residents who have 200 pounds or more waste paper for salvage may dispose of them today by calling 3349 before noon, Salvage Chairman Gardner Knapp has announced.