

## Allies Closing Vise Around French Town

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within a few score yards of the front lines, and broadcasts told Germans wanting to surrender to lie in the grass and wait until the infantry came up.

St. Lo itself was another battered town in the line of battle, with streets piled high with debris, its buildings wrecked by days of artillery pounding, said French civilians who slipped into the American lines.

The Americans swung around to the east in the encircling move after driving to within a mile and a half of the city on the north yesterday.

Threatened on the southeast, facing a frontal attack from the north, and an encircling column coming down from the northwest, the Germans were reported digging into the ruins of St. Lo for a last-ditch defense.

The Americans drove around to the east of the city today after having reached a point a mile and a half away to the north on Wednesday.

Now the Americans can fire into the town at point-blank range and sweep the roads radiating out to the south, and the only reason for the enemy remaining in St. Lo is for delaying action, front dispatches said.

The artillery barrage pounding the German defenses to bits far overshadowed the robot bombs, which are being lobbed into the American positions in Normandy, censorship disclosed. The robot bombs' inaccuracy and the lack of massed targets made this pot-luck counter barrage seem insignificant.

To get to the dominant ridge east of St. Lo, the doughboys overran La Boulaye, 2½ miles east and pressed on to the outskirts of La Barre de Semilly, two miles east and slightly south of St. Lo on the road to Caumont.

## Thumbnail War Sketch

By the Associated Press

Invasion front — Americans advanced behind stunning artillery fire, closing trap around St. Lo and dominating escape roads.

In the air — More than 1000 American heavy bombers, escorted by 500 fighters, pound Munich, Saarbrücken, against fighter defense. British planes pound communications during the night.

Russian front — Soviet army completes occupation of Wilno, Lithuania.

Italian front — Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's troops capture Lajatico in their drive upon important Livorno. The capture was preceded by some of the most bitter fighting of the recent Italian campaign.

Pacific — American carrier planes and warships carried the air and sea bombardment off Guam into the eighth day, pre-empting possible invasion; Admiral Chester Nimitz announces two Japanese admirals died July 7 on Saipan.

## World Finance Plans Drafted

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 13 (AP) — The United Nations monetary conference made definite progress today in reaching a final draft for a world currency stabilization fund, but the troublesome problem of quotas still remained unsolved.

The issue of quotas, complicated by Russia's demand for a lower gold contribution to the fund, was reported by a conference spokesman as being one of a half dozen remaining issues on which the conference was not in complete agreement.

Of these issues, only one other in addition to quotas represented a serious impasse — that relating to the makeup of the fund's executive committee.

This fight has been led by the Latin American nations who desire at least two representatives on the executive committee, regardless of their quota standing.

## Jury Not to Press Shooting Charge

TOLEDO, July 13 (AP) — W. I. Richards, 76, was at liberty today after a grand jury decided not to press charges he fired a shotgun at a neighbor, wounding him slightly.

The shooting climaxed a long series of disputes between Richards and Lester Johnson, 27, who assertedly was tearing down Richards' new fence when he was shot.

## PUD Customers Get \$20,000 Rate Cut

NEWPORT, Ore., July 13 (AP) — Rate reductions amounting to \$20,000 annually for PUD customers in central Lincoln district were announced today by President E. F. Altier.

The seven per cent reduction affects all clients in western Lincoln, Lane, Douglas and Coos counties.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 13 (AP) — Judge William D. Bain of Marion county criminal court today took under advisement the case of John E. Lee, a 17-year-old boy charged with bigamy, who told the court he "thought" marrying his second wife "automatically" divorced him from his first.

## Remains of a Flying Bomb in London



Home guard and RAF workers remove the casing of a flying bomb from the Regent Palace hotel in London where it crashed and exploded. The hotel suffered blast damage but none of the guests were killed. (AP Wirephoto.)

## American Troops Land on Noemfoor



American troops come ashore at Noemfoor island, off the coast of Dutch New Guinea, where they quickly smashed the Japanese garrison and seized three air fields. Ducks and tanks are in the foreground, while columns of soldiers wade through shallow water from landing craft in the distance. (AP photo from signal corps.)

## Male Nursing Aides



Dr. H. E. Kingman, an employee of Wilson & Co., gives water to Howard Strauss, patient at Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, where office workers are giving their time as volunteer nursing aides. Kingman and 21 others from the meat packing firm volunteered after the idea was proposed to help hospitals solve the help shortage. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Munich Hit By US Planes

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to put a single interceptor in the air, Nazi fighters made attacks on the bomber fleet, adding to anti-aircraft fire described officially as moderate to intense. Ten American bombers and five fighters from an escort force of 500 failed to return.

Today's American losses compared with Tuesday's 20 bombers and two fighters and Wednesday's 26 bombers and no fighters.

The daylight blow against southern Germany followed night assaults by more than 1,300 RAF bombers which blasted railroad yards at Tours and Culm-Chelindry, 100 miles south of Paris, flying bomb bases in France, and industries in the Ruhr.

The Munich assault brought the total of bombs rained on the Munich area in three days to approximately 9000 tons. A heavy overcast of clouds again covered the target area almost completely and most of the bombing was by instrument, although some visual attacking was done. The American airman plowed through a 25- to 30-foot cold and a barrage of rocket shells mixed in with the flak.

## Steer Decorating Record Equalled

CALGARY, Alta., July 13 (CP) — Homer Pettigrew, Springer, N.M., equalled the world's record for steer decorating at the Calgary exhibition and stampede here today as he tagged his steer in 31/5 seconds to take top day money in the event.

In the North American saddle bronk riding competition, Louis Brooks, Pittsfield, Okla., world's champion all-around cowboy, captured the top day money followed closely by Jerry Ambler, Klamath Falls, Ore., and Bill Hancock, Roswell, N.M.

Brooks was second to Pettigrew in the steer decorating with a time of five seconds.

## O'Connor Stays With Paralysis Foundation

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 13 (AP) — D. Basil O'Connor, appointed chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross today by President Roosevelt, said at a banquet here tonight the appointment "Does not mean I will relinquish my position as president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

O'Connor, former law partner of the president, added, "I am, of course, very honored."

## Hung Up



An American paratrooper (arrow) hangs suspended in mid-air when his chute became fouled in a towering tropical tree as the Yank participated in parachute landings at Noemfoor island, off Dutch New Guinea, where Gen. MacArthur's forces seized three air fields from the Japanese. (AP photo from RAAP.)

## \$60 Per Ton Is Likely for Raw Fruit

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP) — The office of Price administration and the war food administration announced today that ceiling prices to be established on the 1944 pack of canned and frozen clingstone peaches will permit the processors to pay growers an average of \$60 a ton for raw fruit.

The ceiling prices will allow, however, payment to growers of normal differentials for the different grades of raw fruit, usually purchased by processors.

The WFA said that details of its price support program for peaches and pears for canning will be announced soon. That program is designed to assure California growers not less than \$63.50 for number one canning cling peaches and \$60 for number two canning cling peaches. In other states, the support price is \$60 a ton.

## New Step Is Added in Gas Ration Plan

Requests for rationed gasoline for all state-owned automobiles and privately-owned cars on official business, for which mileage is paid the owners, must receive the approval of the state department mileage administrators before receiving consideration by the state government mileage administrator.

State officials, in session here with office of price administration representatives, had decided today to add this step in the process of obtaining gasoline for state use.

The meeting was called by Floyd Cook, state government mileage administrator, in cooperation with federal officials.

State employees operating their own cars in home - to - work travel must have their applications approved by the department mileage administrator and then go to the rationing boards.

Private car owners having a secondary occupation shall not present applications for rationing for the secondary occupation to their respective mileage administrators but, instead, to the plant transportation committee or an official of the industry employing them in such secondary occupation.

State employees wishing agricultural mileage or mileage to be used as a secondary occupation in connection with the operation of their farms shall have their applications approved by the emergency farm labor office representative located in the community where the applicants reside.

Special rations, hardship rations, or any other rations necessary, should be obtained by making proper application to the applicant's respective rationing board.

## US Control of Jap Mandated Islands Urged

SEATTLE, July 13 (AP) — In a nationally broadcast "Town Meeting of the Air" debate here tonight, Stephen F. Chadwick, former national American Legion commander, argued that the United States should take over Japanese-mandated islands of the Pacific as annexed possessions, while three other speakers recommended more moderate procedure.

Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian, recommended United States control, to assure security, but said "the United States should do it under an openly acknowledged trust, not as a permanent sovereignty."

Guy Talbot, director of the commission to study organization of peace, contended the islands should be placed under an international agency, asserting that "if they become our sole possession we might easily become an imperialistic threat to nations that are now friendly allies."

Prof. Linden A. Mander of the University of Washington argued that if the United States takes the islands "we shall arouse fears of China; we shall provide an excuse for the Soviet Union to spread its power; we shall endanger, if not destroy, the Pan-American system now being built up."

Chadwick, a Seattle attorney, declared: "The peace of the world, the security of our homeland and the good of all mankind will best be served by our holding Micronesia as conquered territory, annexing it and writing terms of our own trusteeship."

## Pieces of \$50 War Bond Found on Salem Street

While walking to work early Thursday County Treasurer Sam Butler picked up some scraps of paper which pieced together turned out to be a \$50 war bond, the property of a Salem couple. Officials said the bond apparently was stolen from its owners.

MAY-DECEMBER HAVE SON RICHMOND, Ind., July 13 (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Riley A. Laymon of Dublin, who became the parents of twins three years ago, announced the birth of a son today. Laymon is 75 and his wife is 33.

## ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Each time I talk with my friend, Yee Sing, Chinese restaurateur, I am reminded anew of the difference in our speech mechanisms. He cannot pronounce "r" as I do, nor can I twist my tongue into the confusions necessary to copy his musical chant.

So, it is no wonder that I am not sure just which Chinese city it is whose fate he follows so closely in the news.

With the big Atlas, the nearest I can come to locating the community he calls "home" is Peking, on the Tzu Kiang, west of Henchow in Hunan province.

But I may be far off, for the spelling I carried away with me when I talked to him was "Poy-ping."

Suffice it to say that his "home" is in southern China although he has lived most of his life in the United States. And that home is in the hands of the Japs again.

With difficulty Mr. Yee reminds me when I speak; he must repeat much of his conversation so that I may understand him. But his simple statement, "No letters, long time," was to me very good English, and I am sure that when I expressed my sorrow for him and his home in faraway south China he thought I was speaking fair Chinese.

## Allocations for News Print Is Given by WPB

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP) — Newspaper publishers in the United States may consume an estimated 781,166 tons of newsprint during the fourth quarter of 1944, the war production board printing and publishing division said today.

Announcing possible fourth quarter allocations, WPB told a meeting of the newspaper publishers industry advisory committee that total available newsprint supplies for the last half of 1944 should amount to approximately 273,000 tons per month. Allowing 15,000 tons for appeals and 176,000 tons for other uses, total consumption during the last half of the year is estimated at 1,627,702 tons, WPB said.

However, Harold Boeschstein, acting director of the forest products bureau, told the industry representatives that fourth quarter newsprint supplies may drop below these estimates because exceptionally low water levels in Canada are hampering the floating of logs to pulp mills.

## Retail Beer License Suspended 30 Days

PORTLAND, July 13 (AP) — The retail beer license of Mable's place, Silverton, was under a 30-day suspension today after the state liquor control commission reported sales to minors.

Licenses issued by the commission included Crabtree confectionery, Crabtree, retail beer class and package store "C"; Maple service station, route one, Willamina, package store "A"; Gideon Stolz company, Salem, wholesale beer; State Street grocery and market, Salem, package store "A"; Tourist cafe, Sweet Home, retail beer "C."

## US to Recruit Thousands For Vast Secret Project

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP) — Several thousand workers are to be recruited in the next two months for "a vast secret project of highest priority demand," Manpower Commissioner Paul C. McNutt revealed tonight.

He did not disclose any details of the project, which he mentioned in a statement urging public cooperation in the drive to recruit workers for the most urgent industries. A total of 79,000 persons will be sought for such industries during the next two months, he said, including 21,878 for shipbuilding and 7195 for aircraft production.

## Accord to Cut Cost of News Exchange Eyed

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP) — The United States is preparing to urge Britain to cooperate in cutting world communications rates to encourage a fuller interchange of news after the war, it was reported authoritatively today.

This is part of a broad plan, which is still in process of development at the state department and other offices, and which is designed to help preserve peace through understanding among peoples the world over.

Some phases of the plan are still in a very tentative state. This includes suggestions, now under official study, to seek a free press guarantee in a peace treaty or some other general world agreement. Yet to be decided is what the guarantee might cover.

The first specified effort to get something done about the whole problem of an international free press probably will be made this fall. The United States proposes to have a meeting here with the British to work out, if possible, some means of equitable use and control of world communications, in which this country and Britain have the field almost entirely to themselves.

## Keynoter Says Not Candidate

CHICAGO, July 13 (AP) — Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, keynoter of next week's democratic national convention, told reporters today he was not a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination.

Asked at a press conference if he would accept the second spot on the ticket if chosen for it, he replied, with a broad grin:

"Why don't you ask me if I expect to become a mother? I expect one to happen as much as I do the other."

To an inquiry as to his opinion on what the delegates would do if President Roosevelt indicated he wanted Vice-President Wallace as his running mate, he responded:

"It wouldn't work against Wallace. They'd give more consideration to his recommendation than to anyone else's."

The genial Oklahoman opined "The boys will have a little fun" in selecting a vice-presidential nominee, but added he did not think it would run the convention beyond the third day.

A newsmen asked if he was "satisfied with the incumbent" (Wallace).

"A good job has been done," Kerr said. "A better job could be done by the same man or another democrat."

## Ex-Boilermaker Head To Return Union Funds

PORTLAND, July 13 (AP) — Tom Ray, ousted head of the wealthy AFL boilermakers Portland local, was ordered by circuit court today to return a \$10,000 gift plus interest to the union.

The gratuity was paid the former union business agent last November. Judge E. M. Page of Salem ruled that the governing board approved the gift after it had been deposited from control, and was not legally empowered to issue union funds.

## SON BORN TO WEDELS

A son, weighing 9 pounds, was born Thursday night at Salem Deaconess hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wedel. Wedel is assistant manager of the hospital. The boy has an older sister.

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**"HENRY ALDRICH HAUNTS A HOUSE"**  
 With Jimmy Lydon

## CAPITOL STARTS SATURDAY

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**"GIRLS UNDER 21"**  
 With Rochelle Hudson, Paul Kelly and Bruce Cabot

Here . . . But for the grace of God . . . Is Your Daughter?  
**"GIRLS OF THE ROAD"**  
 With Ann Dvorak, Helen Mack, Lola Lane

Grass Burns  
 A grass fire at 840 Union street Thursday night burned a garage door before it was put out, city firemen said.

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 INSIDE STORY of the toughest guy who ever bussed a shipbuilding crew or conquered a woman's heart.  
**MICHAEL O'SHEA ANNE SHIRLEY**  
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 GENE LOCKHART  
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 A REPUBLIC PICTURE

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**Follow the LEADER**  
 EARL BENTON MARY HALL LARRY GORDON  
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THE HOUSE THAT WIFE BUILT  
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 - Opens 6:45 P. M. -  
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**A PRAIRIE THRILL-FEST PACKED WITH RISKY RIDING AND SIX-GUN ACTION!**  
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THE STATE  
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**NOW PLAYING!**  
 Spencer Katharine  
**TRACY-HEPBURN**  
**Woman of the Year**  
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 True pictures of a bomber's life over Europe! Filmed in technicolor!  
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