

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles H. Sprague

This is a footnote to my report of a visit to Tacoma last week. I return to it to report a unique institution in that city, which operates successfully without benefit of government, simply on the initiative and broadmindedness of Tacoma citizens. It is called the ROUND TABLE, and is composed of a group representing employers and a group representing employees. Its objective is to solve, if at all possible, the problems of industrial relations in the Tacoma area.

The group meets periodically, and proceeds to "let its hair down" when it comes to frank discussion. Each side presents its point of view, but (and this is important) it gives the other side a chance to present its point of view. More than that, each side gives the other a respectful hearing. Thus the group is able to get somewhere.

Tacoma members pointed with pride to Tacoma's score with regard to loss of production by strikes. From 1940 to 1943 Tacoma reduced the number of man-hours lost by strikes by a very heavy percentage, while the national score doubled. They thought this was proof of the value of what they call the "Tacoma way."

In another case, a serious labor shortage in a particular line was reported. Instead of expecting the employment service to drain other localities which already were about run dry of labor power, the Round Table went to work to muster enough workers in the home area to meet

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Lull Continues On Normandy's Sudden Front

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Tuesday, July 25 (AP)—Breaking a four-day lull on the Normandy front, British and Canadian troops opened a new drive south and slightly east of Caen early today along the Falaise road.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's headquarters announcement said the attack was made on a wide front against German positions astride the road and added that heavy fighting is going on.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Tuesday, July 25 (AP)—The deadlocked allied and German armies traded inconclusive blows on the sudden Normandy battlefield yesterday while summoning strength for the greater battles to come.

Only two actions were reported along the 100-mile front as the allies regrouped to mount the next phase of the breakout attacks, mired down on the British front in torrential rain four days ago.

Eight miles east of Caen, the British pushed into the western part of Troarn, Dives river strongpoint blocking the highway to the big port of Le Havre, struck stiff resistance and withdrew to the railway station just west of the town.

The Germans erased an American wedge which had been driven to within two miles of Periers, guarding the road south to Coutances and Avranches, side road to the Brittany peninsula and its naval base at Brest.

Americans yielded the village of Seves and withdrew to the north bank of the river of the same name, where they hold strong positions 2 1/2 miles north of Periers.

Stimson Will Speak On Radio Tonight

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—Secretary of war Stimson, who returned last week from a trip to the combat fronts in Italy and Normandy, will report his observations in a radio address Tuesday night. Stimson will be heard beginning at 10:15 p. m. eastern war time, over the Mutual and Blue networks.

Pearl Harbor Board Begins Investigation

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—The naval board of inquiry into circumstances surrounding the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor formally began its work today. The board held an organizational meeting to plan procedure a week ago, deciding then that its proceedings would not be public.

593 Tanks Destroyed

ON THE ORNE RIVER FRONT, Normandy, July 24 (AP)—Field Marshal Rommel has had 593 tanks knocked out of action on the Normandy front since D-day and 250 of these are known definitely to have been destroyed, a British staff officer said tonight.

Weather
Maximum temperature Monday 88 degrees; minimum 61; no rain; river -3.5 feet.
Tuesday - Wednesday, clear except for on coast and scattered afternoon thunder storms southeast portion Tuesday; little temperature change.

Hitler Still Rules Germany

Purge Wipes Out Only Few Heads Of Conspiracy

LONDON, July 24 (AP)—The nazis still ruled Germany tonight under the iron hand of the Gestapo, but advices from the reich's frontier declared the purge had wiped out only a few of the leaders among the army conspirators determined to liquidate Adolf Hitler and all his regime. A reliable report to The Associated Press said the only member of a "high committee of opposition" who had been caught was the executed Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck, who had been warned of arrest and was taken by accident.

Himmler Ignorant

Heinrich Himmler, the Gestapo's head executioner, "doesn't even know who the members of the committee are," this account said, although the committee, embracing Catholic and Evangelical representatives as well as the military, was said to have existed for more than half a year.

Meanwhile, a broadcast by Abbie, American transmitter in London, monitored by NBC to-night said Swiss dispatches reported that Hitler has called a conference at Berchtesgaden tomorrow "to select new generals for the Russian and Baltic fronts."

Hitler set out to nazify his army completely as the Berlin radio announced that Thursday's bomb which reportedly singed him had taken the lives of two high-ranking officers.

The victims were Col. Gen. Guenther, chief of the German air force general staff, and Major Gen. Heinze Brandt, first officer in the army general staff's operative section.

Allies Clear Imphal Plain

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, July 24 (AP)—Allied troops have cleared the Imphal plain near the Indian-Burma border of all Japanese, and have struck into the beginning of the Kuki hills east of the plain, Southeast Asia command headquarters announced today.

The latest advances southward down the Tiddim road met only minor opposition, the bulletin added.

In northern Burma, allied forces fighting for the great Japanese base of Myitkyina gained 100 yards in the northwest sector and scored minor advances in the southern sector.

'Hunting' Good On Tinian Isle

By the Associated Press
The "hunting" on Tinian island, invaded by US marines, should be good in more ways than one.

The leathernecks, now busy hunting Japs, probably will turn to animal hunting later on. Tinian, with an area of about 20 square miles, is known for its natural beauty and as the home of great herds of wild cattle. For 50 years Tinian supplied cured beef to other islands in the Marianas chain which extends about 500 miles north and south.

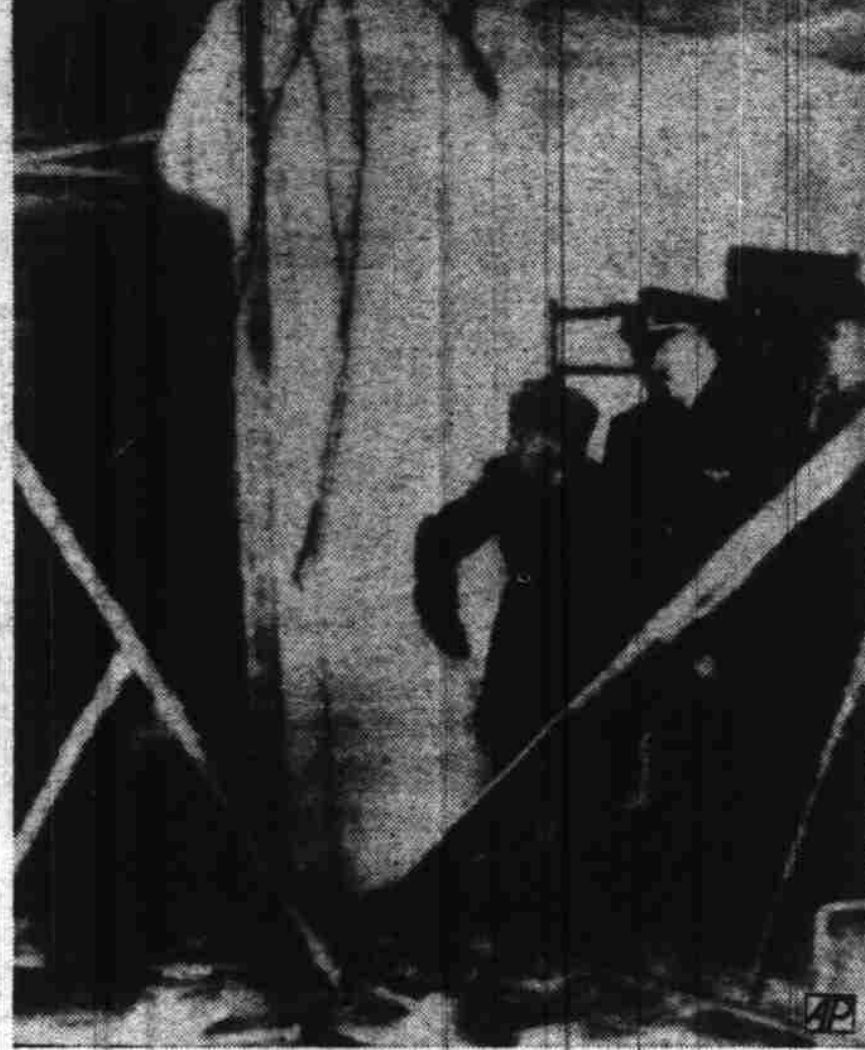
Tinian also is noted for its prehistoric ruins—a double row of truncated masonry pyramids.

Oregon Losing Military Bases; Last Retreat Is Held at Adair

Oregon will be "immediately stripped" of the majority of its military installations, on the basis of the present optimistic outlook regarding the war, the state post-war commission has reported to Gov. Earl Snell.

The report was concluded Monday. As was heralded in The Statesman last Thursday, the commission's final report called on all communities and private industry to make post-war plans immediately. It said military authorities expected Germany to fall within five months and Japan sometime next year.

Hitler Looks at Bomb Damage



Caption on this German photo, supplied by Swedish picture agency Pressens Bild, says it shows Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini inspecting damage to the room in which the bomb aimed at Hitler exploded last week. White spot on Hitler's hand is described as a bandage. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Stockholm.)

RAF Bombers Blast Nazi Cities Again

LONDON, Tuesday, July 25 (AP)—The RAF delivered another heavy blow to Germany during the night, a large force of bombers carrying out a powerful raid on Stuttgart while Mosquitos again attacked battered Berlin.

Other British planes struck simultaneously at German flying bomb sites in northern France.

It was the RAF's second successive heavy night assault on the reich, a large force of heavy bombers having unloaded a great weight of explosives on the naval base of Kiel the preceding night.

Up to 500 Italian-based American heavy bombers pounded German airdromes, harbors and other targets in France, Yugoslavia, and northern Italy during the day after the RAF had delivered the heaviest and most concentrated assault of the war on the nazis' great northern naval base of Kiel.

Kiel was saturated with nearly 3000 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs. It was there that sailors mutinied as Germany collapsed in 1918.

The air war rolled forward by daylight today from two directions. Besides the triple blows by the Mediterranean-based bombers, RAF Lancasters blasted robot bomb installations in France for the third time in 24 hours, and other planes supported troops fighting in France.

Poles Disown London Group

MOSCOW, July 24 (AP)—The newly-established national council of Poland declared in a manifesto announced today that the Polish government in London was an "impetuous authority" incompetent to restore to the motherland of East Prussia and other portions of eastern Germany.

In the manifesto, dated July 22 at Chelm, Poland—liberated Saturday by the red army—the council said it was "the sole lawful source of authority in Poland" and explained it had set up a Polish committee of national liberation as the organ of executive power.

Mills Close Down As Mercury Climbs

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MILL CITY, July 24 — The various logging camps near Mill City have lost considerable time the past week due to low relative humidity.

Some are working the "hoot owl" shift which enables them to get out of the woods before the hottest part of the afternoon.

Vichy Fully Isolated By French Patriots

LONDON, July 24 (AP)—An authoritative French source said today that Vichy had been completely isolated, with all roads, railroads and telephone lines in the collaborationists' capital cut by Marquis forces. This source conceded the isolation was essentially a harassing operation and probably was only temporary.

Marines Advance On Tinian

Yank Invaders Of Guam Cut Off Jap Troops

US PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 24 (AP)—Marines advanced 15000 yards inland on the north end of Tinian island and captured the western third of the 1500-yard-long Tinian airstrip, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight.

The American assault forces which captured Saipan island, three miles to the north, landed on Sunday, on the northwest coast adjacent to the Ushi point airfield.

Earlier today Nimitz announced that American invaders of Guam, at the end of the Marianas chain 125 miles south of Tinian, have completely cut off Japanese troops on Orote peninsula, site of Guam's main airfield.

On Guam, the third marines approached to within less than a mile of Agana Town and extended their beachhead inland 2900 yards, the deepest penetration yet made. This force is operating in the northern battle sector, on the west-central coast of the island.

To the south, the first marines and units of the 77th division cooperated to hem in an unknown number of Japanese on the Orote peninsula, where Guam's largest airfield is located. The only possibility of escape for the trapped enemy was by barges or other small craft to unconquered parts of the island.

Nips Penetrate Chinese Lines At Hengyang

CHUNGKING, July 24 (AP)—Strong Japanese units in severe counter attacks penetrated the southwestern outskirts of encircled Hengyang in Hunan province yesterday and both sides suffered heavy losses in the bitter battle which ensued, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The Chinese had been attacking the southwestern suburb positions of the Japanese for several days in an attempt to effect a major breakthrough at that point.

On all sides, the wary defenders of the Canton-Hankow railway city were engaged in heavy fighting. The high command claimed "our positions were safe" after repeated Japanese counter attacks. North and northwest of the city, a communique said, Chinese troops took several important villages.

King George Reaches Italy

ROME, July 24 (AP)—King George VI of England, trim in the dark olive green of a field marshal, landed today in Italy on an inspection tour which will carry him to battle fronts approaching Pisa, Florence and Rimini.

The king's big plane with Beau-fighter and Spitfire escort landed on a bomb-shattered airport at 3:15 p. m. after flying from Britain.

The king appeared fresh after the swift trip, broken by one three-hour halt. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Mediterranean theater commander, first greeted him.

The king stood under the wings of his plane for five minutes chatting with the four man reception committee and members of his own small party.

17-Year-Old Girl Shot In Sherwood Home

SHERWOOD, Ore., July 25 (AP)—A 17-year-old girl was shot fatally at her farm home two miles south of here this evening and her father was held for investigation, deputy sheriff E. L. Bacon of Clackamas county said tonight.

The officer said the girl, Donna Lee Henderson, died from a bullet wound in her head, and that her father, Winfield L. Henderson, 48, was taken to the Clackamas county jail.

Ambassador Recalled

LONDON, Tuesday, July 25 (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Buenos Aires said today that Argentina had decided to recall her ambassador to Washington, Adrian Escobar.

Soviets Split Nazi Armies in Poland

Not the Heat? It's Humidity

"Not the heat?—Then the humidity" kept Salem folk mopping their brows.

For the second successive day the mercury in official thermometers at the airport weather bureau mounted to 88 degrees, 14 below the summer's maximum. Monday's minimum was 61, Sunday's, 62.

Although hundreds took to Mill creek and river as well as the regular crowds at municipal swimming pools, only one accident was reported to city first aid men. Eugene Harp, 16, of 2335 Mission street, cut his right knee as he swam in Mill creek. He was sent to a physician.

Guinea Yanks Throw Back 3 Jap Attacks

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Tuesday, July 25 (AP)—American artillery and rifle fire turned back three desperate Japanese attacks along the Driunulov river front in British New Guinea, headquarters announced today.

The Japanese attacked Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday. The few isolated units which managed to infiltrate the American lines are being wiped out, the announcement said.

Enemy casualties are running into the thousands. A spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the counted dead in the Wewak sector even before the last attacks began totaled 1474. An estimated 45,000 Japanese, trapped between Australian forces along the Sepik river on the east and Americans at Aitape on the west, are attempting to drive through the American block into the comparative safety of Dutch New Guinea.

MacArthur's planes, meanwhile, continued their support of American landing operations in the Marianas, far to the north, by hammering Palau, Yap and Woleai in the Carolines. Two of eight intercepting enemy planes were destroyed at Yap.

Lt. D. A. Larson Dies in Action

Second Lt. Donald A. Larson, US marine corps reserve, son of David A. Larson, 639 Center street, Salem, is listed today among Oregon's war dead.

His wife makes her home at 17817 North Clifton drive, Lakewood, Cleveland, O.

Announcement of his death was made Monday night in Washington, DC, by the navy department.

Presidential Citation Goes to Burma Yanks

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—The first unit of American ground troops to engage the enemy on the continent of Asia, the 530th composite unit which made a surprise attack on Myitkyina in Burma and seized the airfield there on May 17, has been given a Presidential unit citation for gallantry in action.

George C. Will Dies Sunday; Funeral Set for Wednesday

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday from Clough-Barrick chapel for George C. Will, whose death here Sunday closed the chapter in what was probably Salem's longest business career.

The career was a joint enterprise. More than 55 years ago he and Mrs. Will established the store which they operated together to the day of his death.

Stocks expanded from the sewing machines and organs he delivered behind teams of horses in a light buckboard in the 90s to include today's albums of recorded and sheet music in addition to the musical instruments and supplies.

Germans Lose 539,890 Men Since Beginning of Huge Soviet Summer Offensive

LONDON, Tuesday, July 25 (AP)—Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's First White Russian armies yesterday split the reeling German forces in Poland by capturing the rail city of Lublin and toppling Lukow, only 60 miles southeast of Warsaw, while the First Ukraine army in the south leaped the San river at several points in a direct drive on German Silesia, less than 150 miles away.

A special Moscow communique also announced that the Germans had lost 539,890 troops killed and captured since the gigantic soviet summer offensive began June 23. These casualties were inflicted by only four Russian armies, and there are at least seven now hurrying the Germans back on an 800-mile front from the Baltic to the Carpathian mountains.

Allies in Italy Prepare Attack On Gothic Line

ROME, July 24 (AP)—The end of the first year of Italy's revolt against fascism found American troops firmly established tonight along the southern bank of the Arno river between Florence and Pisa and preparing to assault the "Gothic line" guarding the one-third of Italy still in enemy hands.

Doughboys already had fought their way through all of the historic city of Pisa which lies south of the Arno and were swiftly annihilating the few enemy pockets of resistance remaining east of the city. Advance American elements crossed the Arno canal and occupied Cascina, nine miles east of Pisa.

Florence, great inland communications center and shrine of the arts, was almost within the grasp of other Fifth army forces slugging northward along highway No. 2 from Poggibonsi. Latest field reports placed this column in the village of Strada, only 12 miles from the outskirts of Florence.

Approximately half the 42 miles of the Arno between Florence and Pisa was held by Lt. Col. Mark W. Clark's forces, with the nazis strongly entrenched on high ground rising from the northern banks of the twisting stream. There was no report of allied troops having crossed the river at any point.

Police Arrest Ervin J. Sisk For Accident

State police Sunday arrested Ervin J. Sisk, 22, of Salem as the driver of a car from which Lois Hunt, 13, either fell or leaped to the pavement on the Portland-Salem highway in the Lake Labish area Friday night.

Sisk's arrest was on a warrant charging him with failure to render aid after an accident. Previous news of the accident was silenced at the request of the law enforcement authorities.

Miss Hunt was riding with two girls and three boys and injuries to her included lacerations and bruises. She was unconscious and was in a semi-conscious state until late Sunday night. However, she was reported as "improving" Monday night by Salem General hospital attendants.

Three Hours Old Baby Undergoes Operation

HARTFORD, Conn., July 24 (AP)—A three hours old baby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards of Hartford, underwent an operation today at St. Francis' hospital.

Physicians said the infant, youngest patient ever to undergo surgery at the hospital, had an abdominal hernia. The hospital reported the operation successful and said the baby was resting comfortably.

Thumbnail Of War!

Russian Front—Soviets split German forces in Poland with capture of Lublin and Lukow, only 60 miles southeast of Warsaw; cross San river in push on German Silesia 150 miles away; announce 587,065 Germans killed or captured in one month.

Pacific—US marines capture part of main airstrip on Tinian island; Yanks advancing in Guam isolate Japanese troops on Orote peninsula; General MacArthur's forces in British New Guinea hurl back desperate attacks by trapped enemy.

Invasion Front—Both sides mass for major battle. Italian Front—Allies take part of Pisa, prepare assault on Gothic line; bombers hit at airports, harbors in north Italy, France and Yugoslavia.



GEORGE C. WILL