

Soviets Advance 27 Miles

Reds Draw Near Krakow on Road To Germany

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Russian troops in spectacular 27-mile breakthrough behind the enemy's shattered defenses yesterday...

New Guinea Japan Army Starts Retreat

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Saturday, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Battered and humiliated, Japan's second army is in "full retreat" from Geelvink bay...

Strikers Resist US Army

Only Handfull Workers Report To Move Cars

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The army's attempt to restore service on Philadelphia transportation lines faced collapse tonight...

Nazi Rocket Might Start Planet War

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A rumor that the Germans had managed to launch a new stratosphere rocket a fortnight ago but hadn't yet heard from it, moved the Weekly Tribune today to speculate facetiously it might have "dropped on another planet and might result in an inter-planetary war."

Yankee Forces Drive Closer To St. Nazaire

Other US Armored Forces Within 75 Miles of Brest; Nazis Admit Great Setbacks

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, Aug. 5.—(AP)—US tank columns dashing across Brittany to sever the peninsula raced to within 38 miles of St. Nazaire today...

Yanks Prepare For Cleanup Drive on Guam

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Preparing for a cleanup drive against the Japanese on Guam, American troops won control of Mount Barrigada dominating the flat northern plateau of the island...

Last Japanese resistance was wiped out on the 674-foot peak near the center of the line. The eastern flank advanced to a point about a mile south of Point Sawayan...

Carrier task force planes poured bombs, rockets and machine gun fire into the Japanese defenders as ground forces steadily pushed them back into the northern plateau.

Scattered Japanese soldiers were being hunted down on Saipan island, northward in the Marianas, where the enemy's organized resistance ended a month ago.

A average of 50 Japanese soldiers are being "eliminated or taken prisoner" each day in probing Saipan's caves and ravines.

Finns to Get Peace Chance

NEW YORK, Saturday, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The London radio, without giving any source for its information, said today that "it has become known that the Russians have proposed to Finland that before resumption of the offensive on the Karelian isthmus 12 days would be given to consider peace negotiations."

August Meteors Will Stage Annual Show

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The Perseid or August meteors will stage their annual big show on the night of August 11-12, the naval observatory predicted today.

Holman Rites Held

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4.—(AP)—Funeral services were being arranged today for William C. Holman, 74, president of an ice and fuel company here and brother of US Sen. Rufus C. Holman. He died yesterday at his home.

Allied Troops Send Patrols Into Florence

ROME, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Allied troops hammered through the last German defenses before the great Tuscan art center of Florence today and sent patrols stabbing into the heart of the historic city as far as the Arno river, beyond which the nazis had withdrawn after destroying five or six bridges spanning the wide stream.

The only bridge spared by the nazis was the historic Ponte Vecchio—"Old Bridge"—which they blocked effectively by demolishing houses at both ends. The bridge, regarded as a priceless example of Tuscan building, is lined on either side with craftsmen's shops and is familiar to thousands of tourists from all over the world.

Incensed at the destruction of the bridges of the city after the nazis had declared it open, allied headquarters issued an official statement saying: "The enemy has taken advantage of the situation, knowing full well that our undisputed air power could not be used to destroy the bridges in Florence behind him (while the Germans still were on the south bank of the Arno) without damage to architectural buildings of the city."

Pfc. Smelser Killed in War

AUMSVILLE, Aug. 4.—Pfc. Elmer E. Smelser, US marine corps, was killed in action, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smelser, from the war department.

He had been over seas for 21 months and was with the marine corps at Guadalcanal and Tarawa. He was home in September, 1942. He was 25 years old.

Fire Burns Equipment

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Military equipment and vehicles were destroyed today in a fire which swept workshops and garages of the Canadian army service corps at Lansdowne depot. The Canadian press said damage was estimated unofficially at \$700,000.

Thumbnail Of War!

Invasion front—Yanks open new drive toward Paris as armored columns push across Brittany to within 38 miles of St. Nazaire and 75 miles of great port of Brest.

Italian—Allies penetrate into Florence as far as Arno river. Russian—Reds sweep far beyond Nazi's Vistula river defenses to within 37 miles of Krakow, Poland's fifth city; tank spearheads 77 miles from German Silesia; Polish patriots seize heart of Warsaw.

German home front—Hitler orders ruthless army purge. Aerial—More than 1200 American heavy bombers attack Germany's secret weapon experimental laboratories 100 miles north of Berlin, oil refineries, flying bomb installations and coastal batteries. Pacific—Japanese flee northwestern New Guinea strongholds; Stilwell's troops crush final resistance in Myitkina.



Wrecked German vehicles clutter a street in Avranches, France, through which American troops picked their way in their advance in the invasion fighting. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Squire

A great deal of the discussion with reference to postwar planning has dealt with war plants and with commodity surpluses which the government will own when the war ends. But there are vital human problems which cannot be ignored. You can lock up a powder factory or Willow Run, and let it stand for months without great sacrifice.

But you can't put the thousands of workers who were engaged in producing powder and airplanes and put them in cold storage for a few years. They must eat the day after the plants close, and they must continue to eat. The demobilization of war workers will occur simultaneously with that of members of the armed forces. So the country faces the sudden augmentation of manpower when government contracting is drawing to an end. Right now although new government contracts are being placed at the rate of two billion dollars worth a month, work is being completed on contracts at the rate of five billions. It is plain to see that before many months jobs will run out for lack of new contracts.

Robert McLeod Killed in War

First Lt. Robert W. McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McLeod of Salem, was killed in action at Saipan island in the South Pacific, members of his family have been notified by the war department.

Lt. McLeod joined the national guard at Bend in 1940, was commissioned in federal service with the 41st division in 1941. In Mt. Vernon, Wash., where he was stationed with an infantry unit following Pearl Harbor, he met Carolyn Ann Higgins, and on Feb. 24, 1942, married her at Fort Ord, Calif., sailing for Hawaii the following March. He participated without injury in the Makin island assault.

In addition to his widow and parents, he is survived by a sister, Bonnie, Portland.

Guy Haymond Dies in Action

Pfc. Guy A. Haymond, whose wife (Evelyn Kearns) makes her home at 615 Bieber street in Salem with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kearns, was killed in action in France, July 13. It is believed here that his death probably occurred during the campaign in the St. Lo area.

Son of Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Haymond of Clarksburg, W. Va., he received his training at Fort Lewis and was later stationed at the state fairgrounds here.

On July, 1943, at Riverside, Calif., he married Miss Kearns, who received notification from the war department this week of his death.

Weather

Maximum temperature Friday 84 degrees; minimum 58; no rain; river 3 ft. 5 in. Clear Saturday and Sunday but foggy on the coast; warmer in the interior.

Dewey Predicts Republican Win In November

ENROUTE EAST WITH DEWEY, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Leaving behind a prediction that the republican presidential ticket would win in November, "regardless of the war news," Gov. Thomas E. Dewey headed home tonight for a week-end rest after a "precedent-making" meeting of the nation's GOP governors.

The presidential candidate's campaign train left St. Louis at 6:03 p. m. (CWT). He will go to Albany and then to his Pawling, N.Y. farm.

Winding up a series of political conferences after a two-day meeting with the other republican governors, the GOP nominee told a news conference a complete unity of thinking had been achieved as between 26 points of views represented by the heads of the state governments who were present.

The governors issued a policy statement on 14 points, took a final swing at the new deal and called for "personal contact" between state executives and the president in the future to avoid "costly misunderstanding."

Robot Barrage Sputters to Lowest Point

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The Germans sent flying bombs over southern England in a brief spurt during the early morning hours today, but a clear night sky enabled defenders to spot them before they got far inland.

Some damage and casualties were reported, although far short of Wednesday night's record barrage.

The Germans' robot bomb attack in daylight yesterday sputtered to its lowest point since it broke nearly eight weeks ago. Allied bombers pounded the rocket lairs for the third straight day, and home defenses knocked off the projectiles.

Sheridan Officer Wins Coveted Silver Star

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—First Lt. William D. McIntyre of Sheridan, Ore., has been awarded the silver star for heroism, the war department announced today.

At New Georgia on July 16, 1943, he crawled under exposure to enemy machine gun fire to give first aid to a wounded soldier, the citation said.

Six of Salem's Own 41st Division Home From War in Pacific

Six of "Salem's own"—the boys of the famed 41st division—were home or nearing home today for a brief respite from 2 1/2 years of the bitter warfare of the Southwest Pacific. A seventh, from the 32nd, one of the few Oregon men in that guard division which is serving with the 41st, completes the roster of those on rotational furlough.

Heroes all, the boys had but one regret, as voiced by slender, dark-haired Pfc. Donald Waller, star halfback of the Salem high grid team of 1939:

"If only we could have brought the rest of the boys with us." Month after month in the jungles and mountains of New Guinea had left their mark—the mark of age and wisdom.

But the eagerness, animation and hope of youth still was there—the answer to the hopes and prayers of other parents who see in the veteran homecomers their own sons and husbands and brothers and sweethearts still far away.

Byrnes Sets Rigid Ceilings On Employing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—To gain the last ounces of production needed to finish an enemy whose "knees are buckling," War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes today ordered rigid employment ceilings on civilian plants in 181 labor scarcity areas.

His aim was two-fold: To free excess workers for war jobs, and to dry up civilian job openings for workers now tending to drift away from the war industry.

Local groups, the manpower priority committees which exist in all shortage areas, will fix the ceilings for individual plants.

To insure compliance, Byrnes directed that the war agencies use war powers never before employed for manpower purposes—the chocking-off of materials, equipment, fuel, power or transportation from an employer who exceeds his labor quota.

Seriously Injured

AURORA, Aug. 4.—Nathan Cole was seriously injured in a threshing machine accident just before noon today at the Neiff place adjoining Aurora. The injured man was taken to the Oregon City hospital.

Hitler Orders Ruthless Purge Of Nazi Army

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler tonight ordered a "ruthless purge" of the German army as an aftermath of the Junker Generals' revolt against his regime and in an opening move ousted 12 officers and marked them for early trial as "traitors" by the feared people's court, the death-dealing Nazi star chamber.

Official announcements broadcast by Berlin named a total of 23 officers as implicated in the revolt, more than half of whom had not been identified previously. They included four lieutenants and a captain—all of aristocratic names—suggesting that the revolt may have gone farther down through the ranks than previously indicated.

Hitler selected a hand-picked, five-man "court of honor" composed of his most trusted men at the top of the army to execute the purge. Hitler, said the Berlin announcements, is to pass on their decisions, and men purged from the army are to be tried "together with other traitors" by the people's court instead of by courts martial.

The people's court generally decrees death for defendants convicted of treason.

10,000 Apply for Service Ballots

More than 10,000 applications for absentee service ballots today had been received at the office of Secretary of State Robert S. Farwell, Jr. Between 30,000 and 40,000 such requests are anticipated.

Applications are sent on to county clerks as fast as they are received and ballots will be mailed out from most Oregon counties 44 days before election. They will be accepted by county clerks until ballot boxes are turned over to sheriffs for distribution among voting precincts.

Chinese Hold Off Japanese In Hengyang

CHUNGKING, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Heroic Chinese defenders of battered Hengyang, still holding off the Japanese after 40 days of bitter fighting, aroused a fresh surge of hope in the Chinese capital tonight that enemy plans to conquer the entire Canton-Hankow railway would be shattered on the battlefields of Hunan province.

With relief columns now stalling at the encircling Japanese ring around the key rail city, the defenders beat off wave after wave of attackers, the Chinese high command announced, and their stand is becoming a new symbol in Chinese resistance.

Japanese must take Hengyang to succeed in their campaign to complete conquest of the Canton-Hankow railway, split China in two and open a line of communications from Manchuria to the south China sea.

Thomas Mahoney May Enter Judge Contest

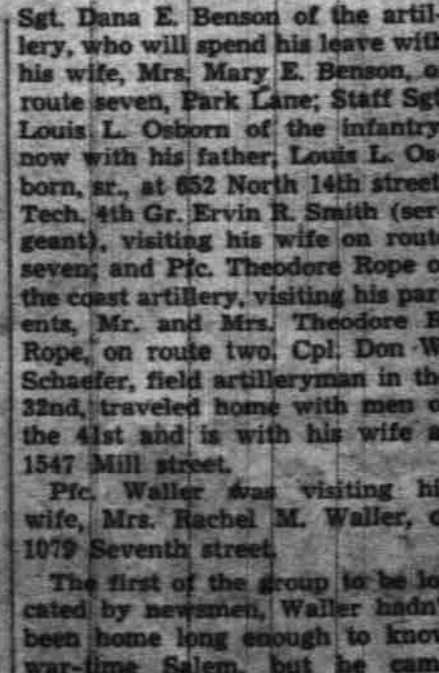
Thomas R. Mahoney, democrat and state senator from Multnomah county, is considering entering the contest for circuit judge in the fourth judicial district to succeed the late Robert Tucker.

Mahoney announced that he might be a candidate for the bench when he arrived in Salem on Friday with Rex Ellis, republican from Pendleton, who is seeking the presidency of the senate at the 1945 legislative session. The two are completing a tour of southern and western Oregon.



Pfc. Donald Waller

There was Tech. Sgt. Richard R. Smith of the infantry, visiting his wife at 1665 A street, Tech.



Tech. Sgt. Richard Smith

resumes the education interrupted by his country's call in September of 1944.



Sgt. Dana E. Benson

of the artillery, who will spend his leave with his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Benson, of route seven, Park Lane; Staff Sgt. Louis L. Osborn of the infantry, now with his father, Louis L. Osborn, sr., at 652 North 14th street; Tech. 4th Gr. Ervin R. Smith (sergeant), visiting his wife on route seven; and Pfc. Theodore Rope of the coast artillery, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Rope, on route two; Cpl. Don W. Schaefer, field artilleryman in the 32nd, traveled home with men of the 41st and is with his wife at 1547 Mill street.

The one-time national guardsmen, jerked from their homes four years ago next month, are on 21-day stays, under the army's furlough rotation plan. They will report to a southern base for re-assignment at the end of that time.

All were under wartime restrictions as to specific comments on the military, the enemy and their specific activities. But from all indications, none was under any illusions as to the hard row yet to be hoed in the Pacific war.

The list of the persons each was visiting in the Salem area was provided by the army service forces of the 9th service command, but their furloughs by no means were being spent in one place.

Most of the men have many relatives in this area.

One, Sgt. Benson, had a new one to visit here—the wife to whom he was married in Australia, and who came to the mainland last April to be with her new mother-in-law, Mrs. G. H. Bickford. They're being kept busy, these



Tech. 4th Gr. Ervin Smith

returning home-boys. "I haven't hardly had a minute to myself, but I like it," one of them commented with a grin.