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The new deal brigade which succeeded better than it anticipated in eliminating both Nelson and Wilson from WPB and getting in one of their own kind, J. A. Krug, as chairman, is now gunning for Will Clayton, now in charge of surplus property disposal.

Meantime the house and senate have passed different bills on surplus disposal. The house bill, which follows Clayton's ideas closely, calls for a single administrator. The senate bill creates a board of eight to be named by the president, who shall give due consideration to the various geographical areas and economic interests of the nation.

The senate bill contains the odd provision that two senators and two representatives shall be named to sit with the board and "from time to time report to the congress" on proceedings.

If there is danger from the house bill of too great concentration of power in the hands of one man, the senate bill goes to the other.

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FDR, Churchill To Plan Final Blows on Japs

LONDON, Sept. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill will meet soon to plan the shift of American and British might from Europe, where they now fight victory in the near future, to the Pacific for a joint effort to crush Japan.

The meeting probably will be held this month at Quebec. It was disclosed today, and may be followed after Germany's final capitulation by another session with Premier Marshal Joseph sitting in to discuss Russia's role in the Pacific war as well as the future of Europe.

Roosevelt and Churchill met in Quebec in August of last year to approve the master plan for the invasion of the continent. Not until these plans had been partly carried out in the organizing of men and materials did the two leaders spread them out before Stalin.

This time it is different. In the far eastern war it will be the American and British forces backed by combined air and naval forces of unquestioned superiority, which will have the initial task of softening up the enemy. In the European war the red army had this job.

Monument peak huckleberry patch in Linn county will be open to the public Sunday, September 3, and will remain open through Sunday, September 10.

Entry permits will be required and can be obtained at the Gates guard station. A fire warden will be on duty at the huckleberry patch. Because of the hazardous fire condition no camping will be permitted within the area.

This Sounds Like Paul Bunyan Story
SILETZ, Sept. 1 (AP)—Tree fellers—not farmhands—are sought for harvest on the Clifton Brassfield place.

Brassfield can scarcely reach the ears on his 10-foot corn, and he is dwarfed beneath 12-foot lima bean plants.



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Weather
Maximum temperature Friday 73 degrees; minimum 55; no rain; river -4.1 ft. Partly cloudy west of Cascade, otherwise clear Saturday and Sunday; rising temperatures in interior; Monday partly cloudy.

Junction With Tito Red Goal

Russians Reach Bulgars' Border, Seize Giurgiu

LONDON, Saturday, Sept. 2 (AP)—Russian motorized troops speeding westward through Romania toward a junction with Marshal Tito's partisan army yesterday drove to within 150 miles of the Yugoslav frontier and also reached Bulgaria's Danube border with the seizure of the big river port of Giurgiu, 35 miles southwest of occupied Bucharest.

Gen. Ridion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army swept through more than 160 towns and villages, fanning out west and south of Ploesti and south and east of the capitulated Rumanian capital.

68 Villages Fall
Darmanesti, 12 miles west of Ploesti, was among 60 villages taken in that area, and one report put the Russians only 130 miles from the Yugoslav border.

Other Soviet units striking toward the Precedal and Buzau passes above Ploesti were reported within 20 miles of Brasov, Transylvanian city on the other side of the Carpathian mountains, in their swift pursuit of the broken German forces.

Field dispatches said the bulk of the routed Germans were in disorderly flight westward through the Danube valley toward the "Iron gate" pass leading to Hungary and southern Germany.

Striking southwest of Bucharest, the Russians seized Ghimpati, 19 miles beyond the capital, and rolled on into Giurgiu, headquarters of commerce between Romania and Bulgaria.

Naval Planes Slug Shipping Near Celebes

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Saturday, Sept. 2 (AP)—Continuing attacks against shipping in southwestern waters, Catalina flying boats sank one merchantman and damaged another at Celebes, headquarters announced today.

The naval planes also hit many barges during the assault, the night of August 29-30. More than 35 vessels have been bombarded in the Celebes area during August as allied airmen hit persistently at newly-bent Japanese communication lines.

Japanese planes lightly and ineffectively bombed new allied air strips at Sansapor, northwestern tip of New Guinea, during the night of August 30-31.

This announcement disclosed the completion of airstrips on that jungle-tipped beachhead which the Americans occupied early in August.

Mexico Congress Opens
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 1 (AP)—President Manuel Avila Camacho told the opening session of congress today that his government is "observing the unrest" in advance of the 1946 national elections, and called on the nation for calmness, unity and hard work.

Nazis Fly White Flags
LONDON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Pilots of two reconnaissance planes reported late today that they had seen white flags over the little island of Casmere at the entrance to the St. Malo harbor, but supreme allied headquarters had no report tonight of surrender.

House Demobilization Plans 'Inadequate' Reports Baruch
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch's comment that house-approved demobilization legislation is "inadequate" brought from Rep. Doughton (D-NC) the reply today that "it is not the time to hastily enact legislation costing unknown billions—when the atmosphere is polluted with political considerations."

Finns Ready To Break Off With Germans

HELSINKI, Sept. 1 (AP)—Finland is considering breaking relations with Germany as a preliminary to negotiations for an armistice, sources said tonight, and was believed the action might come over the week end.

In London, Reuters recorded a broadcast by the Finnish radio which said, "The foreign affairs committee of the diet met today and a statement on the foreign political situation was made on behalf of the government."

It was learned that the German legation in Stockholm has been preparing to receive nazi diplomats stationed in Helsinki, the Finnish capital.

Shipping quarters in Stockholm said Finnish ships in the Baltic were ordered by the Finnish government yesterday to return to Finnish or Swedish harbors immediately.

Force Required To Keep Peace Declares Pope

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 1 (AP)—Pope Pius appealed in a world broadcast today for a peace founded on Christian principles, acknowledged that the use of force might be necessary to prevent future wars, and although defending the right of private property, condemned a "capitalism" which "arrogates to itself an unlimited right over property."

The address, made on the fifth anniversary of the war's outbreak and broadcast by Vatican radio, stressed the necessity of collaboration by all nations in the maintenance of security.

The vanquished should share with the victors "not only rights and duties but also in the benefits of a true civilization" in the new era, the pontiff said.

He made a special appeal in behalf of Italy—fighting against "misery, famine, unemployment and economic unrest"—and said "prompt and effective remedies" were needed with the approach of winter.

The entire address underlined the imminence of the end of the war in Europe. "The hands on the clock of history are now pointing to an hour both grave and decisive for all mankind," he said.

Bulgaria Axis Cabinet Falls

LONDON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Another axis government—that of Premier Ivan Bagrianov of Bulgaria—tottered and fell today, adding to the wreckage of Adolf Hitler's crumbling military and political setup in the Balkans but temporarily suspending Bulgarian armistice talks in Cairo.

An initial conversation between American and British diplomats and the two-man Bulgarian peace mission took place before news of the resignation was received.

Talks apparently will not be resumed until a new government is formed in Sofia. One report in Cairo said Bagrianov might form a leftist government to continue the armistice overtures.

Norris' Condition Still Termed 'Not Very Good'
McCOOK, Neb., Sept. 1 (AP)—Former Sen. George W. Norris' general condition was termed "not very good" this evening by his physician, Dr. E. F. Leininger, who reported the veteran legislator's temperature has begun to rise again.

Yanks Race Germans to Reach Siegfried Line Ahead of Enemy

Paris Collaborators Marked



A pair of Paris women collaborators, partially stripped and their hair cropped, are marked on the forehead with the Nazi sign and marched by armed patriots through the streets of the French capital. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps)

Modesty Means More Than Money To This Fellow

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 1 (AP)—Modest Anthony Cefalu has revealed himself a man beyond price, simply by refusing to reveal himself.

Started from unclad slumber by a man rummaging through a pair of trousers which held \$688, Cefalu leaped from bed and pursued the thief into the corridor where "I almost had my hands on him" when he remembered his nudity.

Obedient the stern dictum of propriety, Cefalu left off the pursuit and retired to his hotel room. The trousers, stripped of \$688, were found later on a stairway.

British, Nazi Coastal Guns Trade Salvos

FOLKESTONE, England, Saturday, Sept. 2 (AP)—British and German coastal guns early today exchanged screaming salvos in one of the fiercest duels of the war, rocking the land and churning the sea with fierce explosions.

The duel began shortly before midnight, when British guns opened up against a target which might have been a German convoy attempting to slip between Calais and Boulogne.

After a quarter of an hour of British fire, the Germans replied from batteries at Cap Gris Nez—batteries which may soon be taken from them by the allied armies in France.

Then for an hour and a half, salvos whistled both ways across the straits and thunderous explosions sent coastal residents scurrying to shelters.

New Springbrook Plant Destroyed by Flames
NEWBERG, Sept. 1 (AP)—The Springbrook Picking company's new cold storage plant here was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin early today.

Germans Fleeing To North

Yanks 15 Miles Beyond Grenoble In Rhone Drive

ROME, Sept. 1 (AP)—American troops who drove to Grenoble in a lightning dash from the Riviera last week have speared on more than 15 miles beyond that city and are advancing within less than 55 miles of the Swiss border, it was officially disclosed today as the secrecy which had shrouded the operation of the Yank task force was partly lifted.

An announcement said the column was operating north of Voiron, 15 miles northwest of Grenoble and but 44 miles from Lyon, through which battered remnants of the 19th German army were fleeing from southern France.

The German radio reported earlier in the week that vanguards of the Grenoble force had reached the Swiss border near Geneva, but this was not confirmed by Allied sources.

Presence of the column southeast of Lyon offered a flanking threat to Nazi troops fighting fierce rearguard actions against pursuing Americans between Valence and Lyon while the main body of enemy troops peled northward in a desperate attempt to escape to Germany.

Allied headquarters reported that American troops chasing the Nazis up the Rhone valley had made contact with enemy rearguards between Tournon, 10 miles above captured Valence, and Le Bourg du Peage, 11 miles northeast of Valence.

Snell Revokes Beach Rules

War restrictions on Oregon beaches imposed by the state executive department at the request of the military shortly after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor were revoked in an order released by Gov. Earl Snell here Friday.

These restrictions prohibited loitering on beaches at night, use of flashlights or other signaling devices and bonfires at night, restrictions which involved the entire coast and 10 miles inland.

Snell said he was advised by the western defense command that the restrictions were no longer necessary.

Easing Draft Calls Possible

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Chairman Costello (D. Calif.) of a house military draft sub-committee, said today he believed an immediate easing of draft calls is possible in view of selective service's estimate that at least 11,417,000 persons now are in uniform.

The draft report was substituted to the military committee by Col. Francis V. Keessling, jr., legislative liaison representative for selective service, who said nothing of any reduction of draft calls.

Keessling did say, however, that current draft policies should be adequate for at least the rest of this year—barring military upsets.

Bulletin

British Troops Penetrate Nazis Gothic Defense

ROME, Sept. 1 (AP)—British troops, attacking hard behind a rolling aerial barrage laid down by waves of fighter-bombers, have penetrated the Germans' Gothic line defenses at three points near the Adriatic coast, advancing to a depth of 1,000 yards through a maze of strongpoints, Allied headquarters announced today.

Nazi troops sitting behind their presumably attack-proof defenses have taken a "severe jolt," declared Lynn Heinzelring, Associated Press war correspondent accompanying the new Allied push.

"Eighth army troops are digging about inside the line," Heinzelring said. "At three different places where Eighth army troops bit into the line they found the Germans confused and unprepared. They apparently had expected an Eighth army brand of artillery barrage to warn them of any hostile action."

Monte Della Croce, described as a key point of Gothic line defenses in the Adriatic area, was captured in the first rush of the British, and forward elements were reported fighting hand-to-hand on the slopes of Mount Calvo. Other British units were slashing forward within 1,000 yards of Monte Gridolf, another heavily fortified height.

WU in Dark On Law Union

Informed that the Oregon State Bar has named a committee of its members to study possible consolidation of the state's three law schools, President G. Herbert Smith declared "No question has been broached to Willamette regarding consolidation, and furthermore, we will continue to operate as Willamette university law school."

Two Willamette alumni, Judge Arlie G. Walker, McMinnville, and Ray F. Shields, Portland, have been named to the bar's committee of seven.

Oregon's three law schools are Willamette, University of Oregon and Northwestern College of Law in Portland.

August Rainfall Below Average

Rainfall for August totaled .05 of an inch, 39 of an inch less than the mean average for the month and 2.09 inches less than that for August, 1943.

Five days of the month the mercury in official weather thermometers topped 90 degrees. Highest temperature, 100 degrees, was reached August 30. Mean temperature for the month was 66.6 degrees, compared with 66.1 degrees for the year as a whole to date.

Full-Dress Meeting of United Nations Possible in November

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—The possibility of a full-dress meeting of the United Nations in November to draw up a world peace agency was raised today on the basis of speedy development of the exploratory big-power conferences at Dumbarton Oaks.

Verdun Captured Easily

Americans Past Belgian Border In Rapid Drive

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, Sept. 2 (AP)—American armies pounded at or near the Belgian frontier today and raced the Germans in an attempt to reach the Siegfried line before the routed enemy—beaten in the battle of France—can man it for a last-ditch defense of the reich.

Behind these lightning columns, now operating at double the speed of the Nazi blitz of France, lay the fallen fortresses of Sedan, Verdun and St. Mihiel, and the breached Maginot line.

Verdun Falls Easily
The fortress of Verdun, where 300,000 Frenchmen bled to save France in the first world war, fell with hardly a shot after armored infantry swept through the Argonne forest—still scarred and seared by the agonies of battles generations old—without a single casualty.

It was no longer a battle. It was simply a race for the G. I. men trying to get into positions in the rusty Siegfried line before the American lightning strikes. Strafed, Bombed
Where the Germans elected to stand, they were overwhelmed by flying columns, bombed and strafed and peeted from the skies by pamphlets calling on them to "surrender now."

Battle columns streaming into Lorraine may now have brought the city of Metz, less than 25 miles from Germany, within their artillery sights.

Already hard-riding patrols may have lanced across the Belgian border five miles north of Sedan and plunged into the Ardennes forest, out of which the German hordes poured four years ago to subjugate France.

From 60 to 75 miles to the northeast lies Prussia, with her great Rhineland industrial center.

On the left the onrushing British seized Arras, 27 miles from the Belgian border, while the American 1st army was no more than 19 miles away after taking Montcornet in an 18-mile drive from Laon.

(The Stockholm newspaper Tidningen declared the Germans and their Belgian fascist friends were in flight from Brussels amid "scenes similar to Paris a few weeks ago," the office of war information reported.)

Triumphant Canadians captured Dieppe to wipe out the memory of their bloody landing of 1942 and dashed 15 miles on up the coast to Le Treport.

Asks for Quiet V-Day

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—A plea for "dignified ceremonies" instead of "drunken orgies" when peace comes was voiced in the house today by Rep. Bryson (D. SC).

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