

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

German boys and girls of the eighth grade in school will be kept out of school and placed in war work this winter, according to orders of Dr. Goebbels, reich plenipotentiary. These orders reveal how desperate the German situation is.

In the United States, on the other hand, a real propaganda campaign has been launched by several federal agencies to get boys and girls to continue in school. This go-to-school drive is not directed at the eighth graders so much as to the high school youth who are tempted to stay out of school on account of high wages. Quite a contrast between the two countries, isn't it?

Joining in this government appeal are the Children's Bureau, the Office of Education, the Department of Labor and the Federal Security Agency. Our military situation is such that we do not have to put high school youth in war work during the school terms. Instead the emphasis is on having all youth from 14 to 17 continue in high school, and boys above 17 unless they enter the armed service.

While we do not much like government propaganda and dislike being herded by government bureaus, all thoughtful people will approve of the purpose of this effort. We must educate our boys and girls now to.

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### FDR-Churchill Meeting Set For Quebec

By Canadian Press

QUEBEC, Sept. 8.—Quebec City will be the scene of the next meeting between Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt at a date yet to be decided.

The two leaders, who have not met since they were at Tehran last November, will plan the conquest of Japan as well as the final phases of the European war.

Quebec was thrilled to have the two leaders here a year ago and great preparations are going forward in expectation of the forthcoming meeting.

### State Stepping Into Property Act Test Case

The state of Oregon, through attorney general George Neuner, will intervene in the United States supreme court appeal involving the constitutionality of the Oklahoma community property law, a member of the state tax commission said Friday.

The Oregon community property law was taken largely from the Oklahoma act, the constitutionality of which was upheld by the circuit court of appeals in Denver. The government appealed.

### Death Takes James Reed

ALPENA, Mich., Sept. 8.—(AP) Death following an attack of bronchitis stilled today the barbed sarcasm which former Sen. James A. Reed of Missouri had used in court and political battle for more than 40 years.

The 82-year-old democrat whose fights against the League of Nations, against national prohibition, against lobbyists and election frauds paid no heed to party lines, died at his summer home on the 8500-acre ranch he purchased in the Michigan woods in 1933.

Mrs. Reed, the former Nell Donnelly of Kansas City, was at his bedside and left tonight to follow his body to Kansas City where funeral services will be held.

### Lumber Wage Raise Denied

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP) Demands of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) for a general wage increase were denied today in a decision on two cases involving Willamette valley and Oregon coast lumber operations.

The West Coast Lumber Commission of the national war labor board, in announcing the decision here today, said the following requests were granted: a voluntary check-off of dues, a contract clause stating that certain subcontractors must comply with the union working agreement, a provision concerning hours of labor and a new rate of \$1.75 an hour for power saw operators.

### USS Dickens Launched

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP) Oregon Shipbuilding corporation today launched the USS Dickens, 11th in its new series of AP-5 attack transports.

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## Belgian Fortress of Liege Falls to Yanks; Largest B-29 Fleet Bombarbs Jap Industry

### Over 100 Big Forts Take Part in Allies Press Offensives

#### Bombing Results Reported Good; No Planes Lost

A US SUPERFORTRESS BASE in Western China, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The largest force of Superfortresses yet employed bombed Anshan in Manchuria and the surrounding Japanese industrial empire today, concentrating on chemical and explosives factories. No planes were lost.

(In Washington the war department announced that returning pilots reported that "bombing results were good.")

The bomb-load was the largest per plane and the largest total since the Superfortresses started their series of attacks on Japan and its satellite war industry centers.

Improvements Made  
Improvements in the big B-29 planes and the improvement of techniques due to combat experience permitted the increased bomb tonnage.

The giant planes flew in perfect formation in perfect weather and smeared the key targets in daylight. Full assessment of results awaited further interrogation of crews.

(The Japanese radio said more than 100 of the big planes participated in the raids.)

Le May Directs  
Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May, new commander of the 20th bomber command, directed the massed squadrons in their dawn takeoff. At the briefing, the strong-jawed general told the crews, "let's complete the scratching of Anshan this time and move on and mop up all the rest of our targets in the Japanese empire."

The first returning fliers said the Japanese had failed to increase their fighter defenses and anti-aircraft since the July raid, describing fighter interception as "weak" and flak as "weak to moderate."

### Lady Admires Dewey 'Brush'

EN ROUTE WITH DEWEY, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's moustache excited the admiration of the first woman to shake his hand when his train paused at Richmond, Ind., today.

"My, he's better looking than his picture," exclaimed Mrs. Carl Wadman, as she stepped back. "He's our next president."

Mrs. Wadman, a gray-haired matron who said she had been a republican precinct committeewoman in Richmond for 25 years, said her husband had worn a moustache just like Dewey's for 38 years.

Asked if he still wore it, she said: "Oh, no. I cut it off."

### B-29 Workers Strike

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Production of B-29 Superfortress engines was stopped here tonight when 667 assembly line employees at the huge Dodge Chicago plant refused to work; a company spokesman said. The plant is the major source of engines for the bombers.

### Alumina Plant Will Open in February; New Material Here

The struggle to assure enough aluminum for the war, the resultant experiments and the present development as particularly effects the Salem area were detailed to the Salem Realty board Friday by H. A. Brinkerhoff, project manager of the Chemical Construction company's alumina plant here.

Considerable additional equipment for the \$4,500,000 program in the Salem area has arrived within the past few days. W. R. Seyfried, chief operations officer, also is on hand.

Brinkerhoff said the Salem plant probably would not get into production before February 1 next, because of some delays in equipment. It originally was scheduled to start operations about the first of the year.

The plant will send about 50 tons of alumina daily to Trout-



Three American soldiers guard a captured German captain (third from right), as he calls his men from their hiding places in a house in Mons, France, to surrender to the Yanks. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radio)

### Deadly Battle Of Attrition Rages in Italy

ROME, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A deadly battle of attrition raged tonight along a 12-mile sector near the Adriatic coast, with the Germans squandering reserves in a final desperate effort to hold the allies out of the great Po valley and northern Italy.

Some British Eighth army units had bored their way to the banks of the Marano river, only four miles from Rimini, coastal anchor of the enemy's rugged Gothic line, but massing Nazi forces behind the stream promised only more hard, bloody slugging for the attacking troops.

German losses were reported to have been extremely severe in recent days, yet Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring appeared willing to pay any price to prevent a breakthrough. Once the Gothic line is pierced a vast force of allied armor is ready to deploy swiftly across the plains beyond and cut the escape routes of enemy troops manning the remainder of the line all the way westward to the Ligurian sea.

### Chinese Delegates Seek Racial Equality Plank

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—With the Russian phase of the world security talks at Dumbarton Oaks due to wind up in a few days, it was learned today that the Chinese delegation has proposed a plank on racial equality for inclusion in the world peace agency's charter.

President Roosevelt told his news conference that the discussions among Russia, the United States and Britain were about over.

### Japs Capture U.S. Airbase

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### Bulgarian Resigns

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### Eisenhower Gives People of France Liberation Plaque

PARIS, Sept. 8.—(AP)—General Dwight W. Eisenhower stood today beneath the Arc de Triomphe, symbol of French military prowess since Napoleon, and presented a commemorative liberation plaque to the French people.

The ceremony, unannounced in detail beforehand, brought together one of the greatest aggregations of high allied officials yet assembled.

With Eisenhower were Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur William Tedder, Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur T. Harris, Air Chief Marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, and an array of others.

### U.S. Dominates S. Philippines

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Saturday, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Allied air forces "now dominate the southern Philippines," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today while reporting unchallenged new daylight raids against Japanese air centers near Davao, Mindanao.

Strong units of heavy and medium bombers, escorted by fighters, Wednesday wrecked the Japanese Santa Anna seaplane base in Davao bay and bomber Buayan, one of the key airbases in southern Mindanao. One hundred thirteen tons of explosives were dropped, the second largest total on Mindanao.

Other raiders and patrol planes roamed uncontested over island bases between New Guinea and Mindanao and to the westward, destroying or heavily damaging 7 freighters, totalling 6,500 tons, and hitting installations.

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### Balkan Germans Trapped

#### Bombing Wrecks All Main Railway Escape Routes

ROME, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Allied armies appeared to have sprung one of the biggest traps of the war tonight on 250,000 Germans unable to quit Yugoslavia and Greece because of coordinated aerial bombing and sabotage which has wrecked all main rail escape routes.

"German troops in the Balkans are in a serious plight," said an official allied Mediterranean air headquarters announcement.

"A barrier in effect has been laid across the Balkans from the Adriatic coast to Romania to prevent the possibility of any planned retreat back into Germany."

Crashing into Yugoslavia from Romania in the east, the red army in conjunction with Marshal Tito's national army of liberation has captured the first German-held Yugoslav town, said the United Nations Algiers radio. The name of the town was not given.

Allied "land forces of the Adriatic" were striking into Yugoslavia from the Adriatic coast toward a junction with the red army, said the air force announcement. "The air force has organized enemy resistance to the allied thrusts would be impossible."

The intensified offensive began a week ago. The Adriatic land forces consist of commando units, some landed and some flown in, whose operations for the most part are covered with official secrecy.

An allied headquarters announcement said that the joint air, land and sea offensive in Yugoslavia has come "at a moment when the enemy is in the very greatest need of freedom of movement for regrouping his forces in the Balkans."

### B-29's Pack Deadly New Gun System

SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The B-29 superfortresses such as raided Manchuria today use a deadly new remote control gunfire system, similar to that employed on warships, the Boeing Aircraft company disclosed today.

Removed from manual contact with the guns, the gunners fire them from five remote, pressurized compartments—a system the company said adds comfort, safety and sighting accuracy.

With exception of the tail guns, all weapons on the B-29s are operated by men who sight at targets through blisters in the fuselage. The tail gunner sights from a windowed compartment just above the tail turret.

Automatic computers correct for range, altitude, temperature and airspeed. In case of combat damage to the computer system, a switch is thrown so the gunners can operate turrets independently.

### Youths to Fill Draft Needs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Draft Director Lewis E. Hersey told local boards today that estimated 1944 needs of the armed forces probably can be filled without bringing anyone else into class 1A except new 18-year-olds.

He did not order an end to classifications into 1A. His message, however, could hardly fail to strengthen the position of men now holding occupational deferments, since he did not mention them as a needed source of supply.

Selective service officers were quick to explain that such men will lose their deferments if they forsake the war effort, and that deferments will continue to expire whenever the reason for them ceases to exist.

### No Relief Sighted As Mercury Soars To 98 Here Friday

With no relief yet in sight, Salem residents began to wonder Friday how long the unprecedented September heat wave would last. The forecast for over the weekend is "continued warm."

The Portland weather bureau explains that the heat is caused by a blanket of warm air extending down from Canada. Salem thermometers reached 98 degrees Friday, three points higher than Thursday's reading. Eugene and Corvallis both reported peaks of 96. In Portland it was only 92, but Medford and Roseburg reached the century mark.

### Soviet Troops Sweep Easily Into Bulgaria

LONDON, Saturday, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Russian troops swept unresisted into Bulgaria yesterday on a 135-mile front and captured the big Danube port of Ruse and the Black Sea port of Varna, while other Soviet forces opened a new drive on imperiled Hungary.

Alpine units under Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky, second Ukraine army commander, climbed through the 8500-ft. Transylvanian Alps via Boita Pass and captured the rail hub city of Sibiu, 128 miles from the prewar frontier of Hungary, last big axis satellite nation.

The Russians covered 48 miles in the first day of the new drive, turning northward from Ramincul-Valcea, taken Thursday.

On the vital northeast of Warsaw other Soviet troops were declared to have dislodged the Germans from several populated places southwest of Lomza on the approaches to German East Prussia in some of the bitterest fighting of the war.

Berlin said the Russians had chosen a 60-mile front for a crossing of the Narew river, last big water obstacle before East Prussia, and had established bridgeheads on the western bank after hurling 30 divisions of more than 300,000 men into the struggle, which also aims at decisively outflanking Warsaw, 75 miles southwest of Lomza.

### War Poster Becomes FDR Campaign Banner

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—James Montgomery Flagg's well-remembered Uncle Sam recruiting poster of the first world war entered the political arena today as the democratic campaign poster with some changes. Under the original likeness of Uncle Sam with pointing forefinger the artist has painted a water color portrait of President Roosevelt, and the memorable command, "I want you!" has been altered to "I want you, FDR. Stay and finish the job."

### 18 Coal Supervisors Will Return to Work

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Heath Clark, president of Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Co., said tonight the 18 supervisors at the government-seized Kent 1-2 mine at McIntyre, Pa., withdrew their resignations and agreed to return to their jobs tomorrow.

### Marion's 4-H Fat Stock Sale 'Most Outstanding This Year'

By Marguerite Gleason  
The fat stock sale of the Marion county 4-H club fall show, held Friday at the fairgrounds, was the most outstanding sale held this year, in the opinion of L. J. "Doc" Allen, assistant state club leader, who has been present at most of the sales this season.

(Pictures on page 3)  
Total receipts of the sale for 18 club owners were \$2446.23; beef stock total \$1611.23; hogs \$509.39, and sheep \$325.61.

Gene Vandensynde, manager of Sears Roebuck, paid \$1.10 a pound for a grand champion Southdown lamb weighing 82 pounds. He also bought the grand champion Berkshire hog for 30 cents a pound. Ed Schroeder of the Four Star market paid 53 cents a pound for the 1041-pound grand champion Hereford baby beef.

Curley's Dairy paid top prices for hogs, 53 cents a pound. Ladd and Bush bank paid 60 cents, second

### Germany's Defenses Begin to Crumble Under Allied Blows

#### Siegfried Battle Well Underway; Canal Is Crossed

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, Saturday, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The US First army seized the Belgian fortress of Liege and pressed on today to within 18 miles of the German frontier as enemy defenses buckled along a 200-mile front before the Siegfried line under crushing blows opening the battle for Germany.

The US Third army planted three more bridgeheads across the Moselle river, last water barrier before Germany's Saar basin, and deepened them with tanks and infantry in violent fighting after smashing 6000 enemy troops that tried to move behind it between Metz and Verdun.

British and Dutch forces burst across the Albert canal—which the Germans consider the bulwark of their northern flank—and pounded on five miles to within 25 miles of the Prussian border before colliding with German forces deployed in strength.

Two Belgian ports on the channel—the famed tourist city of Costende and the small fishing center of Nieupoort 10 miles west—fell to Canadian forces, giving the allies their first landing points close to the front unhampered by enemy fire.

Canadian patrols said the Germans had cleared out of Costende, which has a large inner and outer harbor and vast quays and piers.

One British column, striking toward Germany in a drive coordinated with that of the American First army, sped 20 miles east of Leuven (Louvain) to St. Trond, which is 20 miles northwest of fallen Liege.

It was only 10 miles from a junction with an American column which pounded up 10 miles north of Huy to the town of Falmes.

The American forces pushing past Liege—where the Germans broke the Belgian defenses in 1940—were within 20 miles of the enemy gateway city of Aachen after reaching the village of Romsee, three miles east of Liege.

### British Patrols Drive Down Mandalay Railway

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Sept. 8.—(AP)—British patrols, pressing 38 miles down the Mandalay railway from Mogaung, have reached the town of Hopin without striking Japanese resistance, a communique announced today.

The area was strewn with the bodies of 500 of the enemy. (The dispatch did not make clear whether these Japanese had starved or fallen victim to air attacks, but it showed the sorry state of the enemy's north Burma defenses.)

### Argentina Minister Doesn't Like Charge

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Gen. Orlando Peluffo told a press conference today that US Secretary of State Hull's charge that Argentina is the headquarters for a fascist movement in this hemisphere constituted another "direct attack" against Argentina and was an unusual diplomatic proceeding.

### Oregon Green Guard Checks 179 Blazes

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Young fire fighters belonging to the Oregon green guard have checked 179 small blazes in Oregon this season, the Keep Oregon Green association said today.

The youngsters, organized as part of the association for the last three years, have reported 28 large forest fires this year.

### Seventh Takes Besancon, Finds Stiff Going

ROME, Sept. 8.—(AP)—American forces stormed up the Doubs valley "road to the reich" today after capturing the city of Besancon and met bristling German opposition in what appeared to be the opening round of the battle for Belfort gap, 20 miles from the Rhine.

Besancon, an important communications center 50 miles southwest of Belfort'srowning fortifications, was the scene of stiff street fighting for hours after units of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army encircled the city and then swept on after the main body of retreating Nazis.

The last yards into Besancon were fiercely defended by weary enemy rearguards, who laid down a curtain of mortar and machine-gun fire and even brought tanks into the fight. It is along the Doubs valley and in Belfort gap that the battered German 19th army must fight to try to prevent General Patch's Americans and French from pouring across the border of Germany itself.

Kenneth Dixon, Associated Press war correspondent with the Seventh army, said the battle of Belfort gap might begin within the next few hours. It was not immediately known, he said, whether any American troops had managed to beat the Nazis to the vital pass and plug it against the retreating enemy.

### FDR Smiles Over Dewey's Fear Charges

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A smile was President Roosevelt's reply today to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's assertion that the administration is "afraid to let men out of the army" at the war's end because it doubts its ability to provide them with jobs.

Mr. Roosevelt also took cognizance of the republican presidential nominee's characterization of the new deal as tired, quarrelsome and defeatist by repeating that he would have preferred to retire to his Hyde Park home rather than run for a fourth term, but not because he is tired or defeated.

The president utilized his news conference—a rare occasion under the circumstances—to make his first reply to Dewey's initial campaign speech last night in Philadelphia. He usually reserves his oral shots at the opposition for a formal address.

To a request for comment on Dewey's accusation that the Roosevelt administration is "afraid" to demobilize the army, Mr. Roosevelt grinned and told the reporters they could say that the president smiled broadly and said nothing.