

There were no Jews in the town in Iowa where I grew up. There was a Welsh settlement in the country, beyond the "Tennessee" neighborhood whose families were descendants of those who had moved up from eastern Tennessee "before the war" because they wanted to get away from slavery. In the next county the Bohemians were coming in, and we heard now and then of how the older families were selling their farms to Bohemians and moving to town.

There was an Italian family which ran a fruit stand in a county seat 20 miles away, who were a curiosity with their dark-skinned bimbos and foreign speech. In the old river cities from Dubuque to Burlington there were many German families, but they were old and well established in trade and society. Our own town was of old American stock, and, as I said, no Jews lived there.

However, at intervals of several months a Jew would come through, a small man with a bushy, black beard, who drove a horse hitched to a small wagon. He was Arky, the junk-buyer. To him we sold our accumulation of old rags and old rubbers and scrap iron. We revelled in temporary opulence if we had for sale the copper bottom of a boiler or a tea-kettle.

We did business with Arky. He weighed our stuff on his spring scales and counted out our money for us; but still he remained alien. He was a stranger; he was a foreigner. We got pretty well acquainted with our German milkman, who according to gossip was high-born but because he had married "beneath him" was ostracized by his family and had to (Continued on Editorial Page)

Nelson Leaves WPB But Will Have New Post

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson ended a turbulent career as WPB chairman today to take a new post described by President Roosevelt as a task of "major importance," connected with foreign economic relations.

Thirty six year old J. A. (Cap) Krug, recently released by the navy to become acting chairman, took over as Nelson's successor with the pledge he would "try to keep things running on the rails you laid down."

In his letter accepting the resignation—a message warmly praising Nelson's part in arming the country—Mr. Roosevelt did not reveal the post he had in mind for the retiring production chief.

The president indicated, however, that he plans to use Nelson's ability for economic negotiations like his missions to China and Russia. The results achieved there, said Mr. Roosevelt, "make me feel strongly that your experience, insight and skill will be urgently needed by this country in laying the groundwork for postwar economic cooperation with other nations."

"I am counting on you to remain in the government in a high post of major importance," the White House message said.

Dewey Relaxes From Campaign

ALBANY, N.Y., Sept. 30 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey played golf today and planned to spend the rest of the weekend in complete relaxation.

The republican presidential nominee, resting from his 8,500-mile campaign tour to the West coast and back, was said by aides to be determined to "take it easy" until next week, when he will start drafting speeches for the final phases of the campaign.

His next scheduled appearance is at Charleston, W. Va., on Oct. 7, although there may be a radio broadcast from Albany before then.

Pope Gives Benediction To Alfred E. Smith

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (AP)—The apostolic benediction and expressions of affection from Pope Pius XII were conveyed tonight to former Governor Alfred E. Smith, 70, who is seriously ill in Rockefeller Institute hospital.

They came in a cablegram sent by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman from Vatican city and read to the former governor by his physician, Dr. Raymond P. Sullivan.

Copacabana Club Loses License, Gets Another

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (AP)—The cabaret license of the Copacabana night club was revoked today and a six-month temporary license was granted immediately as the fashionable night spot consented to the revocation and admitted its liability to the city's \$37,371.34 tax claim.

Allies Attack All Along Front

Balkan Decision Imminent

Russians Seize Big Bridgehead On Danube Bank

LONDON, Sunday, Oct. 1 (AP)—The red army, crossing into Yugoslavia in a drive aimed at trapping 200,000 Germans in the lower Balkans, has seized a 60-mile bridgehead on the west bank of the Danube opposite Romania and captured a score of villages, Moscow announced officially last night.

LONDON, Sunday, Oct. 1 (AP)—The German radio said today that Russian troops have fought their way into the streets of Warsaw and are battling German troops there.

The broadcast, recorded by Reuters, said the German forces in Warsaw were eliminating the Russians and added that "German dive bombers, snipers and mortar fire made a bedlam of the scene inside the city."

A late German broadcast, accenting the peril to all the Nazi holdings grabbed there in the maelstrom of 1941, said the unfolding Soviet operations there and on the rich Hungarian plains leading to Budapest had been built into a dangerous dagger "pointed at the heart of Europe."

Hungary Lacked
With defeatism reported rampant in the Hungarian armies and also in the puppet troops built up by the once-mighty Nazi legions, a showdown was imminent in the Balkans.

The red army, swinging westward within 94 miles of Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, in aid of Marshal Tito's partisan forces, crossed the winding Danube above and below the Iron Gate rapids on a stretch between Obsova and Negotin, the broadcast Soviet communique said.

Russians Drive
The Russians drove six miles into Yugoslavia at Negotin, and Tito's spearheads, battling a mixed force of Germans, Serb puppet troops and Gen. Mihailovic's Chetniks, were reported by the free Yugoslav radio, already to have reached a point on the southwestern approaches to Belgrade.

Three Willamette Valley Soldiers on Roster of Wounded

Another 2096 were on a new list of army wounded today, as announced by the war department. The list was in addition to the 2309 on the wounded roster made public yesterday.

Three Willamette valley men were listed as wounded in the European area:

PFC James R. Bowman; mother, Annie L. Bowman, route 3, Albany.

Pvt. Joseph D. Floyd; father, James David Floyd, route 1, box 111-A, Molalla.

Sgt. Lyle L. Ray; father, Benjamin L. Ray, route 1, box 44, Seio.

Steel Release Will Make Possible Completion Of Alumina Plant Some Time in March

Release of steel which has been held up by military demands will make possible the completion of the Salem alumina plant by some time in March, it is anticipated by H. A. Brinkerhoff, engineer in charge of construction for the Chemical Engineering company.

The March date is later than first was anticipated, but it is two months ahead of recent expectations.

Meantime, construction at the plant site north of Salem on Cherry avenue is going forward steadily. The administrative building and the laboratory are completed and occupied. The tall silo for clay storage is being finished and the concrete bases for the roasting and calcining tunnels are completed.

Water Trench Dig
The trench for the water supply line from the Willamette river, 4000 feet in length, is dug and the 24-inch pipe strung along, but the joints are not yet welded. At the river bank, a cylindrical concrete tower is under construction, into which water from the river will flow by gravity. The water will then be lifted by electric pumps into the supply line.

The effluent flows in a pipe line in the same trench, emptying into the river a short distance below the intake. Tests have indicated the effluent does not injure fish life.

Donaeville Power
Electricity is being supplied from the Donaeville transmission lines near the property. Huge transformers are now being installed. Electricity will be used for light and power and for heating, except for the oil-fired boilers which do the roasting. One unique feature is a 50,000 kilowatt electric boiler, first of its kind in the northwest.

Trucks Pass Burned Truck in Holland



US airborne infantry troops pass a burned truck while advancing in an unidentified Dutch town. They keep rifles ready in event they meet snipers. (AP wirephoto from signal corps radio.)

Allied Heavies Blast German Oil Firms, Rails

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Nearly 2000 American and British bombers and fighters closed out one of their busiest months today by spilling explosives through the clouds on five German synthetic oil plants and rail yards in the industrial Ruhr and Rhine valleys beyond the allied land armies.

In three separate waves more than 800 US Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 700 fighters, hammered choked freight yards at Munster, Hamm and Bielefeld, which feed the embattled German frontier troops. A small force of American heavyweights also attacked a Nazi ordnance depot at Bielefeld.

A communique from the US strategic air forces reported that 10 bombers were lost on this mission, but that all fighter craft returned safely.

Munster, the capital of Westphalia, and Bielefeld are important rail and communications centers, while Hamm is the site of Germany's largest freight yards.

Salween Nips Add Strength

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Sept. 30 (AP)—The recent strengthening of the Japanese position on the Salween front along the old Burma road was described by a headquarters spokesman today as a "frantic improvisation" to meet Chinese advances in Yunnan province of southwestern China.

The spokesman conceded that the enemy had proved troublesome in the area southwest of Lunging, recently bombed by US Mitchells, but he said that they were necessarily depleting their forces elsewhere in an effort to stem an overland junction between China and her allies in India and north Burma.

It Must Have Been Some Number He Was Working on

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Sir Thomas Beecham, just back from the United States, conducted the London philharmonic orchestra so vigorously in his first rehearsal that he broke two batons and sent himself to a hospital.

Plunging into Sibelius' sixth symphony, Sir Thomas swung the first baton so vigorously he broke it in two and sent himself to a hospital.

Finding a second, he gripped it hard with his left hand, cracking it and imbedding a splinter in the palm. He took a taxi to a hospital, returned with the splinter as a souvenir, and resumed rehearsal with a third baton.

Enemy Drives British Back, U.S. Holds On

ROME, Sept. 30 (AP)—Enemy tanks have driven the British Eighth army from a small bridgehead across the Fiumicino river northwest of Rimini, headquarters disclosed today, but Americans advancing to the west held firmly to their rain-swept mountain salient, knifing into the German lines despite strong enemy attacks.

The Fiumicino, the lower course of Caesar's famous Rubicon of antiquity, was running deep and swift from the autumn downpours and some of the Americans' mountainous supply roads were so flooded that even mule trains were stalled.

Both the Americans and the British reported moderate gains in routing the Germans from highland strongholds overlooking the roads leading into the Po valley.

The British reverse on the Fiumicino came west of San Mauro Di Romagna, nine miles west and slightly north of the Adriatic city of Rimini.

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Oregon Best Place For Linen Industry
CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 30 (AP)—A Czechoslovakian linen manufacturer says that Oregon is the best place in the nation for developing an American linen industry.

In a booklet published by Oregon State college, Richard Pfefferkorn said that linen would be grown most economically in this area, where flax is grown. He said, however, that extensive weeding could not be developed until grading and processing of Oregon flax is improved.

County Clerk's Office Open Wednesday Night
To aid workers in registering for the November election, his office will remain open until 8 p.m. next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Marion County Clerk Henry Matton announced yesterday. The office usually closes at 5 p.m.

84-Year-Old Woman Cares for Six Acres
THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 30 (AP)—There may be a farmhand shortage—but 84-year-old Mrs. George Krauss doesn't mind.

Unaided, she has cared for six acres of orchard and truck garden, kept a greenhouse, and cut and shocked three acres of alfalfa.

Willamette Gallops To 33-14 Victory Over Marine Club

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 30 (AP)—Willamette university overwhelmed 71-0 by the University of Washington last week, bounded back today to a 33-14 win over the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks.

The Bearcats' Wardrop, catching a Marine fumble in midair, ran 99 yards for Willamette's first touchdown. Only a minute before the Pacific war veterans had taken the ball after Willamette fumbled on its one-yard line.

Some 4000 saw the game. Halftime score was 7-6 for Willamette. (See Al Lightner's account of the game on the sports page.)

V-E Day Plan Frees Industry Of 350 Orders

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—J. A. Krug, new WPB chairman, tonight announced a plan for reconversion without "spoon feeding of economy," and a V-E day project to rid industry of 350 of the existing war production board orders.

"No attempt should be made to curtail individual initiative in the search for and purchase of materials and components that will remain in short supply for only a brief period," Krug said in outlining the bulky blueprint for relaxing war controls upon the collapse of Germany.

Krug did not reveal specifically which orders will be revoked, stating the program will not be complete until the draft has been circulated among other agencies "to assure its work ability and soundness."

The announcement was Krug's first official act as chairman replacing Donald M. Nelson, whose resignation was accepted by President Roosevelt today. The plan was pushed to completion by Krug as acting chairman in Nelson's absence.

Salient features of the plan are the revocation of "the great bulk" of orders and regulations now on the books; creation of a single normal-use priority rating, dubbed "MM," to be used almost exclusively for war orders; virtual elimination of all orders controlling metal products; and simplification of those regulations which must remain in force.

Allies Ready Final Blows For Germany

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sept. 30 (AP)—Allied fighting men, grimmer and sobered by the heroic tragedy of Arnhem, are moving into position on the western front to drive into Germany the hard way: head on.

Unshakably confident that they can do the job, they nevertheless are aware that hard fighting lies ahead in this fifth phase of the invasion. Victory still is possible in 1944, but now it quite likely may require fighting well into the spring of 1945.

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Fisher Motor Company May Operate Here

Filing here late last week of a declaration by the Fisher Motor Car company of Delaware of intent to engage in business in Oregon opened dozens of avenues of discussion over the state as to possible plans for operation.

Included was the suggestion that the new corporation for which articles were filed Friday in Dover, Del., might be considering operations at or near the site of the new alumina plant, scheduled to commence work on a test basis early next February.

The Salem plant, built with federal funds, is to be operated under contract by the Columbia Metals corporation, Seattle, and the suggestion, which grew up in Portland rather than in the capital city, was up to today only speculation, it is believed.

Fisher Motor Car company is one of two new companies incorporated last week by the Fisher brothers ("Body by Fisher"), who early in August severed their 25-year connection with General Motors.

Frank C. Taylor is president of the Delaware corporation which has indicated it plans to do business in Oregon, while Walter Hoffman is named as vice president and W. A. Hamlin is treasurer. Alfred A. Hampson, Andrew Koerner and Frank C. McColloch, Portland attorneys who represented the Fishers in the filing with the corporation commissioner here, have been quoted as saying they know nothing of the company's plans.

7th Army Battles Through Snow Nine Miles From Belfort

Hodges' Men Gain on 60-Mile Line; Patton's Third Wipes Out 113 German Tanks in Two Days

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sept. 30 (AP)—The US Seventh army, fighting through snow sweeping out of the Vosges mountains, wheeled up to two foothill passes today and were only nine miles northwest of the gateway city of Belfort to challenge the Germans along the chain of peaks blocking the southern route to the Rhineland.

To the north, the US First army opened up with an attack on a 60-mile front, carved out limited gains, and smashed through eight fortifications of the Siegfried line near its western fortress of Prum.

Between these sectors the US Third army wiped out the equivalent of a German armored division in two days—113 tanks, 31 of which fell to gunners and fighter-bombers in the last 24 hours in a battle eddying around the American salient east of Metz and Nancy.

Nazi Counterattack
The British on the Dutch end of the long front beat back German counter-blows from east and west at their Nijmegen bridge positions. The enemy tossed 300 fighters and fighter-bombers into the struggle and lost 33 without getting within strafing distance.

Canadian artillery and infantry on the French channel coast beat again at Calais after a 24-hour armistice during which 10,000 French civilians were cleared from the beleaguered port.

Fight to Death
During the pause in the hostilities, a Colonel Schroeder, the German commander of a garrison believed to number 7000 to 8000, told his opponents he had been ordered by Hitler to fight to the death and he proposed to do so.

Rain and sleet which blanketed the entire front from Holland to the Swiss border turned to snow in the Vosges foothills, where the Seventh was making gains of up to three miles in the face of concentrations of artillery and rocket fire.

Breaches Made
(The Berlin radio said the center of fighting still was on this front and acknowledged that breaches in the German lines northwest of Belfort had been widened.)

German patrols were aggressive in the face of the Seventh's advance, and the enemy was giving every indication of making a fierce stand in the Vosges.

Senator Asks 200,000 Cars

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.) advocated today the manufacture of 200,000 new automobiles next year for sale to civilians as one means, he said, of "driving bootleggers and black market operators" out of the used automobile business.

Just back from senate small business subcommittee hearings at Omaha and Kansas City, Wherry told reporters that franchised dealers all over the country "are being forced to close down" by illegal competition.

"If the war production board would announce that 200,000 cars would be produced during the next year, it would not only go a long way toward stamping out illegitimate sales," he said, "but it would also help to stabilize the manpower situation by assuring workers of plans for reconversion of the automotive manufacturing industry."

Expenses Studied

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—The senate campaign expenditures committee began today an attempt to find out how much the presidential election is costing, who is footing the bill and the identity of campaign organizations.

Less Than 50% of Oregon's Revenue Comes From Taxes

Although approximately \$146,000,000 passes through the state treasury each year, less than 50 per cent of the revenue comes from taxes, it was disclosed Saturday in a report by the Treasurer, Leslie M. Scott.

During the 1942-44 period the treasury collected \$291,000,000 and \$118,491,761 of this sum was gleaned from taxes, income, insurance, inheritance, gift, gasoline, alcoholic and malt beverages, and taxes in the form of contributions for workmen's accident and unemployment compensation. The remaining \$172,508,239 represented fees, fines, interest and contributions by the federal government, proceeds of sales of products, and revenue from liquor sales.

The federal government contributed \$23,994,135 during the biennium, \$19,964,753 of this sum being for highway construction.

Motorists contributed almost 25 per cent of the total state budget, \$35,681,018 being collected from owners and operators of automobiles and trucks during the two years.

Gross income from the liquor traffic was \$54,498,078, with profits, fees and privilege taxes totaling \$13,487,440. Practically all of this revenue was diverted to relief and public assistance.

Other sources of income included: racing \$372,530; corporations licenses by the state, \$823,295; fees collected by department of agriculture, \$713,432; migrants' fees and divorce fees collected by counties, \$52,770 and \$72,785, respectively, and filing fees collected by the supreme court, \$8,821.