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Weather  
Maximum temperature Wednesday 64 degrees, minimum 49 degrees, 14 rain, river -3 ft. 6 in.  
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## U.S. Tanks Pour Through Gap

### Belgrade Capture Due Soon

#### Tito, Red Forces Only 9 Miles Capital City

LONDON, Thursday, Oct. 5-(AP) The fast-striding red army now is approaching the rail junction city of Pancevo, less than nine miles northeast of Belgrade, and fall of the Yugoslav capital appears only a matter of hours, a Moscow dispatch said today.

The Russians, driving in from the northeast and east, already had joined with Marshal Tito's partisans in a campaign to wrest all of Yugoslavia from the Germans.

#### Reds Move Swiftly

Knifing overland so swiftly as to suggest the nazis were able to put up but little fight after long harassing by the partisans, the Russians captured the railway towns of Banatska and Kraljevo, 15 miles northeast of Belgrade, Crepaja, 16 miles north of the capital, Debilyacha, 18 miles north, and Banaska Novo Selo, 18 miles northeast, Moscow announced in its midnight communique.

The plunge to Debilyacha represented a gain of 27 miles eastward from Ulma, capture of which was announced 24 hours earlier, and overran the rail stations of Allubunar and Vladimirovac en route.

#### Junction Outflanked

One hundred miles southeast of Belgrade other red army forces racing to smash the rail network over which the Germans must escape from the Balkans, outflanked the three-way rail junction of Zajecar, capturing the town of Vratarnica nine miles to the south, and penetrated to within 40 miles of the important junction of Nis astride the main railway from Bulgaria and Greece.

### Credit Group Sets Meeting For Saturday

Salem will be host Saturday to one of the largest groups of credit grantors and credit bureau executives ever to assemble in the Pacific northwest, capital city credit association officers said Wednesday night.

Coming here to work out ways and means of setting up practical plans for control of credit in the immediate postwar period, men and women who comprise the Oregon Columbia Basin group will be in constant conference from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Saturday.

Following the banquet at the Marion hotel, a floor show will be directed by Bill Talbot, which, in turn will be followed by dancing until midnight. Every credit grantor in Salem has been urged by the Salem association to attend, bribed by the promise that "there will be no long speeches."

### Rioting Breaks Out In Vienna, Austria

NEW YORK, Oct. 4—Rioting has broken out in Vienna and other parts of Austria in response to General Eisenhower's call to the Austrians to disassociate themselves from the Germans, a BBC broadcast recorded by NBC said tonight.

"There have been casualties in Vienna and arrests are reported," the broadcast stated.

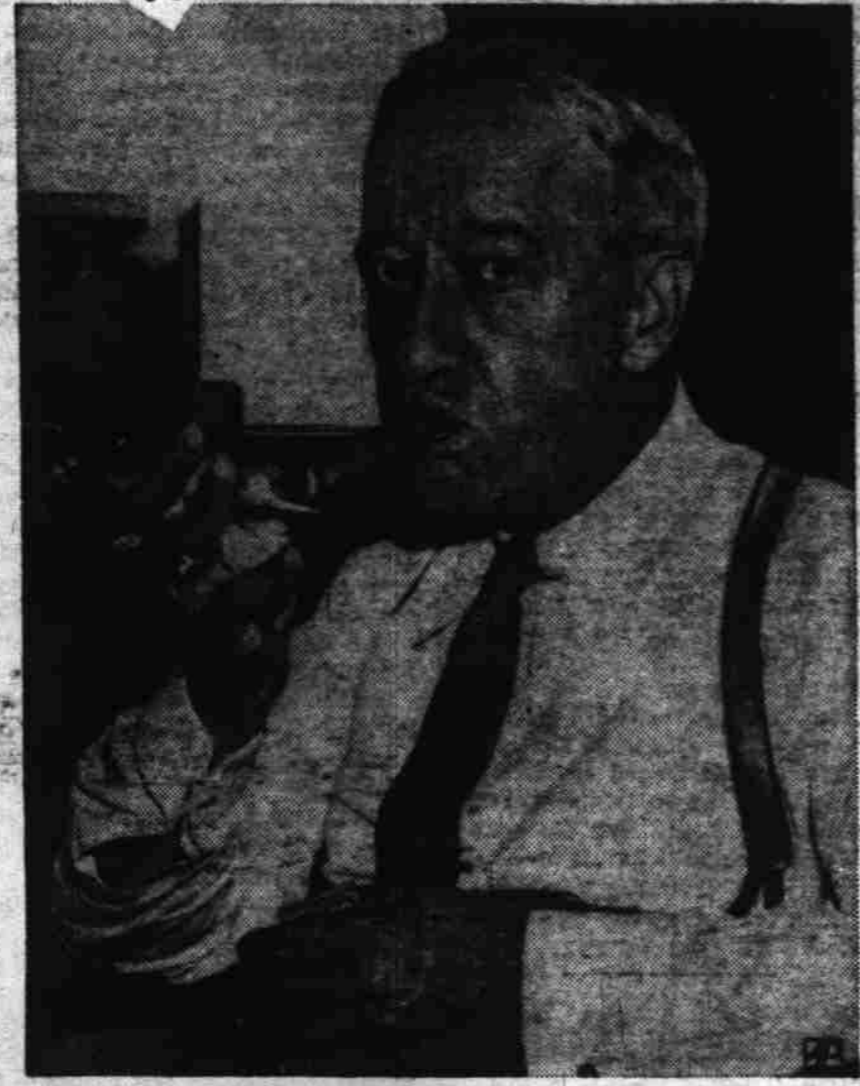
### U. S. Diplomats to Prepare For Return of Foreign Trade

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4-(AP) Preparing the ground for quick resumption of American trade with liberated countries, the state and commerce departments have instructed diplomats to gather economic information for business and government use.

A joint announcement tonight said American diplomatic and consular representatives in all areas freed from the axis have received "detailed and specific" instructions on reports they are to prepare as quickly as possible.

The main points the government wants to know are:  
1. Immediate supply requirements and estimates of economic conditions in liberated areas.

### 'Happy Warrior' Dies



Alfred E. Smith, four times governor of New York and democratic presidential nominee in 1928, died in New York City Wednesday after a long illness.

### Berlin, Ore. Will Become Distomo To Honor Greeks

NEW YORK, Oct. 4-(AP)-On Oct. 28, Berlin, Linn county, Ore., will change its name to Distomo.

The town has approved a plan to adopt the name of the Greek village which was razed by the nazis in retaliation for guerrilla activities. About 1100 men, women and children were killed.

In announcing the action, Maxwell Anderson, playwright and chairman of the committee for the rebirth of Distomo, which sponsored the change in name, said that dedication ceremonies on the 28th would coincide with the fourth anniversary of the Italian invasion of Greece.

### Liberators Hit Bonin Islands

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 4-(AP)-Striking within 615 miles of Tokyo, American Liberators bombed and hit a Japanese cargo ship at Chichi Jima in the Bonin islands while two enemy planes watched but declined to give battle, the navy announced tonight.

The big bombers attacked shipping in Chichi Jima harbor Monday. Navy Venturas hit Paramushiro in the Kuriles. Other air raids were reported against Marcus island, Pagan in the northern Marianas and Jaluit and Maloelap in the Marshalls.

In the invaded Palaus, where marines and soldiers are mopping up on Peleliu and Angaur, the total enemy dead through Tuesday was given as 10,987-9878 on Peleliu, 1109 on Angaur.

### Sportsman's Park Packed For Opening Series Game



This was the scene in Sportsman's park, St. Louis, in the first inning of the opening world series game as Ray Sanders, Cardinal first baseman, struck out in the last half of the initial inning. Denny Galehouse is hurrying for the Browns. The Browns won, 2 to 1, before a crowd of more than 35,000. (AP wirephoto.) (See picture on page 3)

### Japanese Push Near Foochow

#### Invasion Forces Only Six Miles From China Port

CHUNGKING, Oct. 4-(AP)-Japanese invasion forces are less than six miles from Foochow, last large east China coast port held by the Chinese, the high command announced tonight, acknowledging for the first time that the enemy had made a successful landing in Fukien province.

The new Japanese offensive in the Hainan and the strong enemy drive in Kwangsi province toward Kweilin indicated here a Japanese plan to seize American air bases to deny any American force heading for the China coast the protection of land-based aerial support, as well as a general strengthening of Japanese defenses against any American move from the Pacific.

#### Hingan Captured

The high command said the invaders had captured Hingan, on the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad, 31 miles northeast of Kweilin, in a threat to outflank the former US air base on the west as well as on the east. Fighting was reported 12 miles west of Hingan.

At the same time the communique said the enemy had broken into Changning, 37 miles south of Hengyang and which for many weeks had kept the left flank of the Japanese drive on Kweilin exposed. The high command said street fighting still was in progress in the city.

#### On the right flank of the enemy's Kweilin offensive, fierce fighting was raging inside Pao-ching, west of Hengyang.

### 'Face' Isn't All Jap Lost to Woodburn Man on Tinian Isle

WOODBURN, Oct. 4-(Special)-Robert Gannon, a navy machinist's mate who has been herding a bulldozer around Tinian for the seabees, has a wristwatch which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gannon of Woodburn, believe some Japanese would give a pretty penny to get back.

Gannon wrote that he had found a watch with a case made from three German coins or medals, which apparently had been won by a Japanese swimmer in the Olympic games at Berlin in 1936.

A checkup at the Woodburn library showed that three medals were awarded Japanese swimmers that year - one to Masanora Yusa for the 100 meter free style, another to Delsuo Hamuro for the 200 meter breast stroke, and a third to Yusa, Sugura, Taguchi and Arai for the 800 meter relay.

The Gannons said Robert had received a number of lucrative offers for the watch but that he fancied it too much as a souvenir to let it go.

### McQuinn's Homer Gives Browns 2-1 Win Over Cards

SPORTSMAN'S PARK, St. Louis, Oct. 4-(AP)-George McQuinn's fourth-inning home run with Gene Moore on base gave the Browns a 2 to 1 victory over the Cardinals in the opening game of the world series before 33,242 fans today.

Denny Galehouse, a veteran curve ball artist who did not join the Browns on a full time basis until July 20 blanked the Red Birds for eight frames but lost his shutout in the ninth when Martin Marion doubled, moved to third on an infield out and scored on Pinch Batter Ken O'Dea's long fly to center.

Billy Southworth's ace, Mort Cooper, allowed only two hits, the Browns grand total for the afternoon, in the seven innings he worked before he was lifted for a pinch batter, but the blows were the two that did the trick. (See full details on sports page.)

### Detroit Strike Effects 50,000; Stops 9 Plants

DETROIT, Oct. 4-(AP)-Maintenance workers whose strike made an estimated 50,000 Detroit area war plant employees idle today adjourned a stormy mass meeting tonight without taking any action to end the stoppage.

A plane bearing six representatives of the union who appeared before the national war labor board in Washington was grounded in Pittsburgh and another plane bringing three high officials of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) from Atlantic City with back-to-work pleas also encountered delay.

When it became apparent that neither plane would arrive before midnight, the maintenance workers voted to adjourn the meeting, at which both parties were to have appeared, until tomorrow morning.

The strike directly involved approximately 6000 maintenance men.

### First Move Underway To Prosecute Petain

LONDON, Oct. 4-(AP)-The first official move to prosecute Marshal Henri Philippe Petain for high treason has been taken, the Paris radio announced in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press.

Omitting Petain's title, the announcement said the Paris police were ordered by a judicial commission to investigate the activities "of a man named Philippe Petain, accused of treason and communication with the enemy."

### Yank Armor Drives More Than 2 Miles Inside Nazi Border

#### Patton's Vets Fight to Capture Vital Fort Driant

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Oct. 4-(AP)-Squadrons of hard-hitting American tanks which had been held back for two days while in the Siegfried line north of Aachen were sent charging through the breach today to blast German secondary defenses and help clear the path of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army to the Rhine.

Pouring into a gap two and a half miles wide in the vaunted west wall the Yanks tonight were fighting through minefields, tank traps and hastily-built rifle pits more than two miles inside the border of Germany after having thrown back three weak enemy counterattacks in the early morning hours.

#### Nazi Troops Poor

Front dispatches said the Nazi commanders, for all their desperate need to halt the burgeoning allied drive at the heart of the industrial Rhineland, did not have enough first class troops to throw against Hodges' crack infantry divisions and tremendous reserves of armor.

More than 100 miles to the south in France Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army veterans fought bitter hand-to-hand duels inside Fort Driant, a great rabbit warren of defenses guarding the vital city of Metz from the west bank of the Moselle river.

#### Germans Rally

After Yank troops stormed into the gun-studded fortress and began driving the nazis out of underground tunnels with blazing oil, the enemy rallied from hidden machinegun and rocket nests within the mile-and-a-half-long maze and a deadly close-quarter battle raged into the night.

While headquarters announced officially that the fort - one of several similar strongholds protecting Metz - had been captured, a field dispatch from Edward Ball of the Associated Press said that the Nazi garrison, composed of former students of the German officers school at Metz, still was putting up "fierce resistance."

### 11,000 Lives Lost In Army Air Force Accidents at Home

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4-(AP)-Eleven thousand lives have been lost in 5900 fatal army air force accidents in the United States since Pearl Harbor.

The war department made public these figures today in a statement supplementing its earlier announcement that 17,500 planes had been "lost" in the United States during the same period. Of this total, the department said, only 11,000 were cracked up in wrecks while 3000 were worn out in flight training and 2500 were worn to the extent that they became fit only for ground training.

The total of "lost" planes was slightly more than half the overall losses of 42000 AAF aircraft in all operations at home and abroad.

### Roosevelt Sets Radio Speech For Tonight

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4-(AP)-President Roosevelt will go on the air tomorrow night for his second campaign speech, directed to democratic party workers throughout the nation.

Mr. Roosevelt formally opened his fourth term drive Sept. 23 in an address attacking republicans for spreading "falsehoods" and declaring they should not be permitted to "bother" the peace again as he said they did after the last war.

There has been no indication of the theme of the address tomorrow night, a 20-minute talk scheduled for 10 p. m. (eastern war time) over CBS and Mutual. A party worker in each of the 125,000 voting districts has been requested to invite 10 persons to his home to hear the address. At its conclusion, the guests will be given a list of voters and asked to help get them to the polls.

### Munich R. R. Yards, Brenner Pass Pounded

LONDON, Oct. 4-(AP)-Up to 750 Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the US 15th air force hammered Munich railroad yards and the Brenner Pass area today while RAF heavy bombers dumped thousands of tons of explosives on German U-boat pens at Bergen, Norway.

The air ministry revealed that RAF Lancasters which used a Russian airdrome as an intermediate base recently scored a direct hit with a 12,000 pound bomb on the German battleship Tirpitz anchored near Altenfjord, Norway.

The attack, made without loss, involved a roundtrip flight of more than 5000 miles between bases in England and the airdrome in Russia near Archangel.

While allied heavy bombers were busy, Ninth air force mediums destroyed 10 enemy gun positions that had been holding up the US First army drive into the Siegfried line near Aachen. Other warplanes, supporting the US Third army near Luneville, knocked out one gun position, 35 locomotives and a viaduct.

### Two Generals Get Order of Suvorov

LONDON, Oct. 4-(AP)-The Moscow radio announced tonight that the Soviet government had awarded the Order of Suvorov, first class, to Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the US Fifth army in Italy, and to Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the British 21st army group on the western front.

The order, bestowed by the president of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, is the highest army decoration given to any person outside the Soviet union. General Dwight D. Eisenhower also holds it.

### Goebbels Announces Plans For Nazi Guerrilla Warfare

LONDON, Oct. 4-(AP)-A Nazi blueprint for highly organized and fanatical guerrilla warfare to nullify an allied victory and make the civil administration of conquered German territory almost impossible was outlined today by Nazi officialdom.

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, in a speech to German workers on the western front quoted on the Berlin radio by DNE, said the allies had launched an all-out offensive to win the war before winter, but that conditions now favor the German army, and in any event the nazis were prepared to wage guerrilla warfare to the death.

The plan got an even more thorough airing in Heinrich Himmler's publication "Das Schwarze Korps" which sketched a scheme designed to make this war virtually without an end, to coerce every German

into fighting the occupying powers on every inch of German soil, to murder as traitors any Germans who deal with the allies, to make a hall of returning refugees and Jews.

Goebbels asserted "our enemies have unleashed an all-out offensive on our frontiers of gigantic impact in order to win a speedy, and above all, not too costly a victory," but added that if the allies succeeded in advancing "temporarily," it would be only over "a rampart of bodies, young and old."