

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

I notice some ads running with this phrasing "Is the city council going to prohibit me from getting electricity from my customer-owned Bonneville power distribution system?"

So here you have developing a nasty fight between the old PGE and the young Salem Electric. The former, operating as a public utility under state law, is under regulation by the state public utilities commissioner.

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Gen. Marshall Reaches Paris, Talks to 'Ike'

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, Oct. 6 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall arrived in Paris today after a non-stop flight from the United States, and conferred immediately with General Eisenhower and his staff.

There was no explanation for the unheralded visit of the army chief of staff, nor for the presence of James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization, in his party.

They arrived, however, in the midst of increasing reports that the allies are preparing for a winter of war on the western front.

Marshall, Byrnes and a small group of high-ranking army officers arrived at an airfield just outside Paris 20 hours after leaving Washington.

As he stepped from the plane, the general was met by Eisenhower, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the U.S. 12th army group, and Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Eisenhower's chief of staff.

Earthquake Strikes

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (AP)—A violent earthquake shook the city of Istanbul and other parts of Turkey today with the loss of 50 lives, the British radio reported, quoting Turkish dispatches. The broadcast was recorded by CBS.

'I Love You'

Kenneth L. Dixon has but one assignment—to write the story of GI Joe. Dixon doesn't cover headquarters, the conferences of generals, the progress of the war. But he's living the war, living it and breathing it as only those at the front can do.

First Army Opens New Assault

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Russians Well Into Hungary

Other Red Units Continue Drive Near Belgrade

LONDON, Saturday, Oct. 7 (AP)—Russian troops invading tottering Hungary smashed 13 miles inside that last big axis satellite nation yesterday, capturing a series of key towns and junctions within 100 miles of Budapest, the capital, and only 15 miles from Szeged, Hungary's second city, Moscow announced officially last night.

Striking across rich farmlands which offer little natural defense lines for the Hungarians and bolstering Nazi troops, the Russians seized more than 100 localities on a 75-mile fan-shaped front beyond Arad, big west Romanian jumping off base, the bulletin said.

Dispatches from the Soviet capital said the Hungarian home front might collapse at any moment, and the Russians already are planning for the invasion of Austria after knocking out Hungary.

Soviet planes dropped leaflets exhorting the Hungarians to quit the axis and save their country before it is too late, and mobile loudspeakers went along with the ground troops for the same purpose.

Outflank Enemy In Yugoslavia other Soviet troops were steadily outflanking Hungary on the south, and were reported to have sent patrols across the Danube river into the Belgrade area.

An unconfirmed Algerian radio report said the Germans were evacuating some troops from the Yugoslav capital with the use of big transport planes.

In the north Berlin said the Russians were beginning a big pincers movement in western Lithuania and northern Poland aimed at German East Prussia. Moscow was silent about this new offensive, but the communiques did announce the seizure of almost one third of Saare (Oslen) island off the west Estonian coast by Russian amphibious forces invading that big island dominating the mouth of the Gulf of Riga.

Allied Heavies Blast Germany In Mass Raids

LONDON, Saturday, Oct. 7 (AP)—American and British heavy bombers blasted Germany yesterday and last night in a series of mighty attacks on Berlin and other targets, probably pouring more than 10,000 tons of explosives on war plants of the reich in their devastating cumulative assault.

Approximately 1300 Fortresses and Liberators hit Berlin and Hamburg in one of the greatest daylight mass raids of the war and another fleet of 500 British Lancasters and Halifax struck synthetic oil plants in the Ruhr.

These daytime blows were followed up during the night by another tremendous RAF operation by an estimated 1000 heavy bombers which hit Berlin for the third time in 24 hours, as well as Dortmund, Bremen and Saarbrücken.

10% of 2500 Service Ballots Already Back Ready to 'Cast'

Ten per cent of the 2500 service ballots sent out by the Marion county clerk's office are in the vault there today awaiting November 7, election day, to be declared officially "cast."

British Drive On Corinth

Gulf Sealed Off; Rion Seized as Germans Fleeing



A severely wounded Chinese soldier receives emergency medical attention in the streets of Tanchung, in western China, captured in the Chinese drive toward Burma from the Salween river. (AP wirephoto)

ROME, Oct. 6 (AP)—British invasion forces in Greece advanced today toward the Isthmus of Corinth, gateway to Athens, and it appeared that the Germans already had abandoned most of the Peloponnese getting out of all Greece as rapidly as they could.

Up the Adriatic coast, British guns on the Dalmatian islands shelled enemy traffic along the coastal road. British planes on a raid near Salonika destroyed three enemy transport planes and shot up a dozen retreating Nazi motor vehicles.

The Ankara radio reported tonight that allied troops were fighting on Corfu and that troops crossing from Albania had linked up with others already engaging the enemy on the island. The Paris radio reported another landing in Albania about five miles from the besieged enemy supply port of Sarande.

Deserted by their German masters, "security battalions" of collaborating Greeks were reported surrendering without a fight at many points in the Peloponnese, and the visit of a minister of the Greek government to cities well inland indicated strongly that more than half of the peninsula already was firmly held by British troops and Greek patriots.

Premier George Papandreou announced that Panagiotis Kanellopoulos, minister of finance and reconstruction, had landed at the island of Kythera, "where the inhabitants gave him a heartfelt reception," then had gone to the Peloponnese.

Nippon Claims Foochow Falls; Fighting Rages

NEW YORK, Saturday, Oct. 7 (AP)—A Japanese invasion force on the east China coast has captured the port of Foochow, capital of Fukien province, the Tokyo radio said today in a broadcast beamed to Japanese overseas and reported by the federal communications commission.

With the capture of Foochow, located across the narrow Formosa strait from the northern tip of the Japanese-occupied island of Formosa, the last remaining east China port in Chinese hands has been taken by the Japanese.

Foochow previously was occupied by the Japanese in April, 1939. But was retaken by the Chinese in September, 1939, when the Japanese, according to their accounts, "withdrew."

Major fighting raged in four Chinese provinces, Fukien, Hunan, Kwangsi and Kwangtung. The Chinese communiques said defenders operating behind the Japanese lines had recaptured the important town of Szewui, 47 miles northeast of Canton in Kwangtung province, but in Kwangsi, the fall of Paoching appeared near.

Willkie Shows Improvement

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, in a hospital suffering from a throat infection and slight lung congestion, was "doing very well" late today, his physician, Dr. Benjamin Salzer, announced.

Dr. Salzer said the 1940 republican presidential candidate, who is 52, had a temperature of 102, but added, "I'm not concerned about that."

The physician said he expected Willkie's condition to improve within 24 hours. Dr. Alexander D. Ghisella, a throat specialist, and Dr. Clarence De La Chapelle, a heart specialist, visited Willkie for the second time in two days.

Big Third Inning Gives Browns 6-2 Win Over Cards

SPORTSMAN'S PARK, St. Louis, Oct. 6 (AP)—The St. Louis Browns scored four runs in the third inning and added two more in the seventh to defeat the Cardinals, 6 to 2, today and take a two games to one lead in the world series before a crowd of 34,737.

Jack Kramer held the Red Birds to seven hits and struck out 10 men to make his world series debut a sensational success. Ted Wilks, a rookie right hander, from Columbus, was charged with the defeat after being knocked out of the box on five straight singles in the third frame.

Billy Southworth called on four of his young right-handers in a futile attempt to stop the Browns' attack. Although errors were responsible for both Cardinals runs, the Browns' defense tightened in the late innings when danger threatened and right fielder Gene Moore made two brilliant catches to help Kramer out of trouble in the eighth. (See sports page for full details.)

Explosions End Premiere Show Of FDR Revue

BOSTON, Oct. 6 (AP)—A few moments after Earl Browder, communist leader, finished addressing the premiere of the controversial musical revue "FDR, Victory Bandwagon," in packed Symphony hall tonight, several loud explosions, apparently from large firecrackers, reverberated through the building and quick minds averted turmoil.

The detonations came as Ann Burlak, a communist leader in Massachusetts, was pleading for donations for the reelection of President Roosevelt.

As the sharp explosions continued most of the audience arose. Men shouted from all sections of the auditorium: "Sit down, sit down."

Many near the exits raced into the lobby. Some women appeared near hysterics as police, some with drawn pistols, ran to the scene, but the cracker thrower had fled, possibly through an emergency exit near the stage.

Police Sergeant Frank Mullen, in charge of uniformed and plainclothesmen at the hall, said: "My men found what appeared to be the remains of exploded firecrackers. Probably someone was trying to break up the meeting."

Big Explosion Heard In Dunckerque Region

LONDON, Oct. 6 (AP)—A tremendous explosion in the direction of Dunckerque lit up the starlit strait of Dover on both sides of the channel tonight.

The explosion apparently was either a big ammunition dump or German demolition work.

Close Play for Score

Al Zarilla, Browns' leftfielder, reaches home plate first by a step to score a run in the big third inning episode in the third world series game as Cardinal pitcher Fred Schatzki, who had made a wild pitch, reaches for three from Catcher Walker Cooper (not shown), who retrieved the ball. Final score: Browns 6, Cards 2. (See picture on page 2) (AP wirephoto)

Yanks Drive Into Forest of Hurtgen On Way to Cologne

Nazis Hurl U.S. From Beggendorf But Doughboys Take It Back; Weather Takes Turn for Better

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Oct. 6 (AP)—The US first army dealt a great surprise blow at the Siegfried line south of the German fortress of Aachen today, driving through the evergreen forest of Hurtgen to within 25 miles of Cologne and the Rhine behind the drumfire of massed artillery and swarms of warplanes.

This new assault was uncocked as the Germans, sucked 16 miles north to defend a breach torn in the line by a first army drive now five days old, hurled in all available reserves and 30 tanks and drove the Americans temporarily from Beggendorf, at the tip of a salient menacing the Ruhr valley.

Then the doughboys, reinforced by tanks, swept back into Beggendorf and the German town was reported firmly in their grasp.

British tanks also penetrated into Arnhem in Holland during the day, the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter said.

Supreme headquarters said a force which by-passed Beggendorf was locked in a battle that was growing more bitter by the hour.

Fifty German fighter-bombers strafed American troops, but alert ground gunners knocked down or probably destroyed 25 of them.

It was too early to tell whether the German new onslaught, 10 miles southeast of Aachen, caught the enemy off balance, but a front dispatch said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges assault units advanced nearly a mile in an hour and half and were within six miles of Duren, 20 miles from Cologne.

Hundreds of fighter-bombers, loosed by the first clear weather since the big push opened, blasted at camouflaged bunkers and pillboxes hidden along the needle-carpeted floor of Hurtgen forest. But still advance units were met by a storm of mortar and small arms fire.

It was the first break in the weather in weeks, and word from supreme headquarters that clear skies over the battle area could be expected for another 48 hours brought immediate speculation that the hour for knockout blows might be at hand.

Building Rules Now Relaxed

Salem is now eligible for an unlimited number of residential priorities, George W. Coplen, regional representative of the national housing agency, announced Friday.

Apartment houses and other existing dwellings units may be remodeled or converted to provide smaller housing units, under the new ruling. Applications for permission to convert or remodel such structures should be filed with the federal housing administration, 515 Platt building, Portland 5, Oregon, he said.

Although need for additional living units for general occupancy had long been recognized, little could be done about it until materials needed to construct housing for war workers could be released, Coplen explained.

Clark's Army Drives Ahead Three Miles

ROME, Oct. 6 (AP)—Pushing forward up to three miles through rain and mud against stout resistance and crack Nazi reinforcements, the American fifth army won positions 13 miles southeast of Bologna yesterday and drove to within nine miles of the strategic Bologna-Rimini highway, allied headquarters announced today.

The Americans captured the large town of Lolanio on the highway from Florence 14 miles below Bologna, the greatest communications center in that part of Italy, and cleared Munzuno, three miles to the west of Lolanio.

The fifth army Yanks made their principal advance—and closest approach to Bologna and the Bologna-Rimini road—by driving over snow-covered mountains to a point 2000 yards south of Monterozzi, a village in the muddy hills between the Imola road and route 65 leading to Bologna.

The progress was made against a desperate attempt by the Germans to block the allied push toward the Po valley. The enemy poured in reinforcements including experienced Austrian and German Alpine troops.

Hitler Planning One Last Jet Plane Fling

LONDON, Oct. 6 (AP)—Hitler apparently is planning to have one last desperate fling in the sky with his hot-tailed jet planes.

The Fuehrer has given top priority to the creation of a "new air arm," the German news agency reported today, and for a week DNB has been telling listeners about "certain special new formations of the Luftwaffe" in operation over the western front.

Addressing a group of Nazi airmen recently, Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels declared "a German force is being built up which will soon abolish allied air supremacy."

Discharged Veteran Has Heart Attack

Capt. Charles Blackwell, Portland, honorably discharged from the US army, is in Salem Descrosses hospital in critical condition early this morning following collapse on downtown State street Friday night, apparently from a heart attack.