

War-End Hope High in World In Late 1944

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Allies made ready for victory during October and November, 1944. The war will be over by Christmas, was an often heard prediction. Freedom's hopes were high throughout the world, as powerful forces drove for a showdown battle on the broad Cologne plains, a battlefield which still lay covered with snow on Christmas eve.

On Oct. 11 Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. First army closed a vise around Aachen. Hodges gave the German commander his choice between surrender and complete destruction. The Germans answered by attempting to break through American lines surrounding the embattled garrison which had turned the railroad junction city into a hedgehog-barrier, hampering American advances on the Cologne plains.

The defense of Aachen, like that of Metz, to the south, and the shores of the Schelde estuary guarding the approaches to Antwerp in the north, doomed thousands of German expendables, as part of the German general staff's plan to buy time.

Aachen Surrenders

By Oct. 12 Aachen was 85 per cent ruined by air raids and artillery bombardment. Lean, determined veterans fought their way into the ruined town, first German city entered by allied forces. Aachen had become a macabre caricature of a modern city. Five counterattacks on Crucifix hill failed to break the allied grip, and Aachen surrendered.

In the Meuse river bend, the British Second army was advancing its right flank. The Canadian First strove for the big strategic prize, the Schelde river estuary, American Seventh and French First armies fought for passage through the densely wooded Vosges mountains.

During October, too, the driving Russian forces stood for the first time on German soil, at Eydtkau, East Prussia, hurling nazl defenders back on a 200-mile front. They isolated the lower Balkans from Germany by advancing through the Carpathians more than half-way across the Balkan peninsula, and cutting off 150,000 German troops on a western Lithuanian front by taking Riga, Latvian capital.

By the middle of October, the powerful red offensive had taken from Germany her last satellite ally in Europe. Hungary had asked for an armistice. Belgrade and Debrecen, Hungary's third city, had been liberated, and Russians were advancing into fighting at Budapest on the Danube. Civil war raged within Hungary, as fascists sought to obtain control.

Hitler Calls Men 16 to 60

The Russian drive spread out like the fingers on a gigantic hand, reaching for Norway, and liberating the important port city, Kirkenes, on the Barents sea, near the northern Finland border.

A hard-pressed German government, with Heinrich Himmler in charge, by Hitler's order, ordered all men between 16 and 60 for a last-ditch defense of the reich. The people's resistance was stiffened by Himmler's Schutz Staffeln (SS) guard.

The German people needed more than Himmler's form of morale-building. They had lost their last battleship, the Tirpitz, sunk in its hiding place off Norway, and their military hero, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the desert fox. Berlin announced that he had died from injuries received in an automobile accident. Allies were certain that his car was strafed by an American pilot and the general fatally wounded.

Rich leaders gave their people a shot in the arm with a new rocket weapon, V-2. The huge rocket, traveling more than 1,000 miles per hour, with a range of 2,000 to 3,000 miles, crashed indiscriminately over London and southern England, destroying with its one-ton explosive charge homes, schools and people. The secret weapon, which resembled an airplane, was between 30 and 50 feet long and equipped with tail fins. Because it traveled faster than sound and descended with a sudden swoosh, it was more frightening than the smaller robot bomb, V-1; which hit its targets while moving only 300 miles per hour and was more easily intercepted.

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14 Edit
15 Collection of sayings
16 Archid
18 Roman emperor
19 Against
20 Solid (comb. form)
22 Room
24 River (ab.)
25 Hawaiian food
26 Taut
28 Earich
31 Symbol for iridium
32 Of the thing
33 Peels
37 Send in payment
40 Self
41 Individual
42 Imps
43 Redactor
44 Friends (Fr.)
49 Solicitude
52 Fedeal part
53 Same
54 Easy
56 Youth
57 Before
58 Lubricant
59 Compass point

VERTICAL

1 Sweet potatoes



Answer to Previous Puzzle

27 Age
29 Boundary (comb. form)
30 Moist
34 Subject to abuse
35 Shield (var.)
36 Sun
37 Measure of length
38 Wife of Geraint in Arthurian legend
39 Metallic substances
42 Palm fruit
43 Prince
44 Wound mark
45 Lampreys
46 Harem rooms
47 Was carried
50 High card
51 Narrow inlet
54 Fine grain (ab.)
55 Early English (ab.)



Four Million Men As Army Reserves Wanted By Chiefs

Washington, May 8 (AP)—The war department wants a postwar peacetime standing army of 500,000 regulars backed up by 4,000,000 active reserves, it was disclosed today.

The army's postwar plans were outlined at a closed session of the house military affairs committee by Brig. Gen. Edward A. Evans of the army general staff committee for reserve policy.

Committee members said army plans, based on the assumption that congress will approve compulsory peacetime training, would give the nation a total of 4,500,000 trained men who could be thrown into the field in approximately 120 days.

Plans Indefinite

What congress will do about compulsory training program remains to be seen, but chairman Clifton A. Woodrum, D. Va., of the house postwar military policy committee has announced that his group will begin open hearings on the subject next month.

The total of 4,500,000 asked by the army would include the 500,000 regulars, 400,000 to 500,000 men who would be in the compulsory training program at a given time, active reserves who had completed their training and probably the national guard, committee members said.

Under compulsory training bills before congress, a trainee would be listed as an "active reserve" for a period of several years after completing his training.

Army Was Small

In comparison to the size of this force, the army had 302,968 enlisted men and 23,192 officers on Aug. 31, 1940, a year and a half before the Pearl Harbor attack.

Committee members were presented a memorandum dated Aug. 25, 1944 by chief of staff Gen. George C. Marshall who said the nation could choose between two types of military establishments after the war:

1. A large standing army.
2. A standing army "no larger than necessary to meet normal peace-time requirements, but backed up by "competent citizen soldiers" who had acquired experience through temporary training.

Churches Arrange V-E Day Services

In accordance with the proclamation of the president of the United States that Sunday, May 13, be set aside as a day of prayer, the Bend Ministerial alliance has announced a union service Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Methodist church.

Rev. Kenneth Tobias will be the speaker, and the public is invited. Rev. W. I. Palmer, president of the alliance, reported this morning.

THREE BABIES BORN

Three recent births were reported by the St. Charles hospital, including two boys who were born today, and a girl born yesterday.

Boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bruch, 435 Riverside, and to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pangburn, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ward, 1220 Hill, are the parents of the girl.

Germany Quits

Oh boy! Two down and one to go.

So let's set 'em up in the other alley and get the thing over, so we can again enjoy a life of peace.

Let's praise the Lord and pass our boys the ammunition to finish off the yellow "Sons of Heaven!"

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Additional Society China Benefit To Take Form Of Card Party

Arranged as a benefit for Chinese nurses, a card party is planned for Friday, May 18, at 8:15 p. m. at Trinity Episcopal parish house by members of the Business and Professional Women's club of Bend, an affiliate of the national federation which has as one of its projects the financing of training for nurses in Asia's most thickly populated country.

In addition to adding a gallant ally in its great struggle, the project will also help promote a closer friendship between professional women of the United States and China, federation leaders point out. The Chinese theater is especially important now that the European struggle is over and American troops will be transferred to the stand against Japan, it is stressed.

The Bend club, organized a year ago, gained prominence during the sixth war loan drive, when they made dolls which were given with bond purchases.

Very attractive prizes have been donated by members for the party next week, it is said. A basket of groceries topped with a pound of butter, a carton of cigarettes and a pair of coveted 61-gauge hose are mentioned as special incentives to buy tickets, which are available at the City Drug or from members of the organization.

Tomorrow night the club will hold a dinner meeting at 8 p. m. in the Pine Tavern, when Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, will speak on "Peace Proposals."

Mothers Invited—Job's Daughters will hold a meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday in the Masonic temple, when their mothers will be special guests. There will be refreshments and entertainment for the meeting, it has been announced.

DRUNK CHARGE FACED

Harold Neeters, 22, of 1490 Newport avenue, today was held in the city jail on a drunk charge, as a result of his arrest last night in a Bond street hotel. Neeters faced hearing in municipal court this evening.

Ensign Whisenand On Ocean Voyage

A Bend boy was aboard a tank landing craft which recently made a historic 4,000-mile overseas trip, it became known here today. He is Ensign Ben Whisenand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whisenand, 954 1/2 Broadway.

For the feat in taking the small craft such a distance, the commanding officer sent the following message to the crew:

"Your arrival today was watched with great interest and pride. By successfully completing this long overseas passage you have added another milestone to amphibious warfare. Well done to you and your group. I dare say all of you feel like Columbus."

Reference to the long trip was made in a recent NBC news broadcast.

Bend Boys Meet In Pacific Zone

Two Bend boys now serving in the South Pacific recently got together for a few hands of pinocle and a talk about old times, according to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Welch, 1225 Albany, whose son, Pvt. Homer Welch, wrote that he had seen Sl/c Melvin Sauters and enjoyed a two-day visit with his former chum.

Both boys arrived only recently in the South Pacific theater. In the same mail with the letter about their chance encounter, Homer's parents received a letter

Soldier Honored With Citation

Clarence E. Sager, who lost his life in Luxembourg in the battle of the Belgian bulge, has been posthumously awarded the purple heart and the presidential citation, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Duryee, 1363 Harmon, who recently received the decorations.

Pvt. Sager was killed in action in an advance near Berle, Luxembourg, Jan. 5. Memorial services were held Palm Sunday at the Methodist church here.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Esson, and one brother, Wallace Duryee.

CARS ARE TAGGED

Four more cars have been tagged for parking violations, according to city police records today. The cars were registered to Ed Culbertson, 4 Franklin avenue; P. S. Olson, 138 St. Helens place; A. Mayfield, Bend, for overtime parking, and Charles Boardman, 413 East Greenwood avenue, for parking in a loading zone.

HOSTILITIES TERMINATE

London, May 8 (AP)—The partisan-conflicted Czech radio said today that hostilities have ended by agreement in Prague, one of the last nazi pockets of resistance in Czechoslovakia.

MOURNING UNCHANGED

Washington, May 8 (AP)—The month's period of mourning proclaimed by President Truman for Franklin D. Roosevelt will run its full length—until next Monday—despite the victory in Europe.

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Lord of our far-flung battle-line . . .
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies . . .
The captains and the kings depart . . .
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

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