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FIFTH ARMY CAPTURES SALERNO

FIRST OBJECTIVE OF YANKS FALLS AHEAD SCHEDULE

Heavy Actions in Naples Area—Bitter Street Fighting Rages in Rome.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—The heaviest fighting of the Italian campaign raged in the Naples area tonight, with the American Fifth Army scoring its first victory by capturing the rail and port city of Salerno and Allied warships and planes joining the big offensive.

On the other two fronts the British Eighth Army pushed ahead 15 miles in 24 hours to reach the 21-mile Calabrian bottleneck and other British troops who took the Taranto naval base on Friday were reported fanning out in three directions up the Italian "heel" after occupying several airdromes.

Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's Americans who pushed ashore below Naples Thursday morning, smashed forward approximately 10 miles to reach Salerno, their first objective, well ahead of schedule. A United Press correspondent with naval forces which supported the landing said the Fifth Army, in its first action of the war, went ashore 40 miles below Naples which is 30 miles up the coast from Salerno.

Air Force Busy

The Americans and British troops who followed them ashore, were reported beating down fierce German counterattacks and driving steadily inland under the cover of a vast aerial umbrella. British and American bombers and fighters, operating night and day, punished a dozen key communication points along a wide arc around Naples in one of their most concentrated offensives of the war to prevent Germans clogging the surrounding roads from reaching the battle zone.

Salerno, a town of 34,125 persons, from which railroads radiate in all directions, was taken by the Americans on Friday, less than 48 hours after going into their first fight. The Americans already have taken 200 German prisoners in the Naples fighting and bagged another 91 in capturing Ventotene island 40 miles west of Naples where the Italians surrendered but the Germans put up a stubborn but losing fight on Thursday.

The Germans defending the Naples sector were reported fighting stubbornly—they counter-attacked several times Friday before Salerno fell—but apparently were holding back some reserves in anticipation of new Allied landings on other parts of the Italian coast.

Nazi Claim Refuted

London, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—German and Italian troops are locked in bitter street fighting in Rome, military sources said tonight, refuting Nazi propaganda claims that the city had capitulated and the greater part of the Italian peninsula was in German hands.

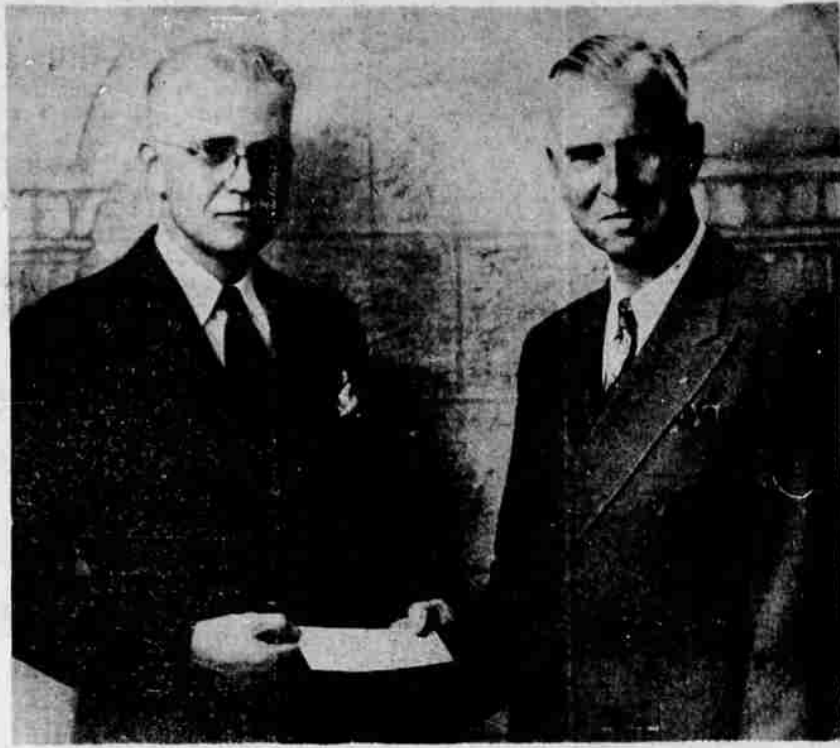
The picture emerging slowly from the smoke and flame over Italy still was blurred. From the facts, claims and counter-claims it appeared that the allies were fighting a three-way grip on south Italy while the Germans were taking over in the north.

Premier-Marshall Pietro Badoglio and Crown Prince Umberto wereoglio, King Victor Emmanuel believed to be at allied headquarters in Sicily. Benito Mussolini still was unaccounted for. Reports ranged from speculation that he was about to be turned over to the allies for trial as a war criminal to a Berlin guess that he was in north Africa.

Speakers here said that the Italians still were putting up stiff resistance against German efforts to take over Rome, the tenacity of their efforts forcing the Nazis to bring up reinforcements.

Great value of Oregon's timber products and lumber in 1947 was \$127,760,000—net value was \$87,047,000.

Standard Oil Boosts Bond Drive



A substantial boost toward meeting Jackson county's non-banking quota of \$2,668,000 in the Third War Loan was given by the Standard Oil Company of California with the purchase of \$54,000 in war bonds here. George Frey, county chairman for the Third War Bond campaign, is shown here receiving a check for \$54,000 from L. T. Nygaard of this city, branch manager for the Standard Oil company. The company is purchasing \$15,000,000 in "Invasion" bonds in the area it serves. Mr. Nygaard is also serving with the Third War Loan committee here in contacting large industrial buyers of war bonds.

JACKSON COUNTY WAR LOAN SALES TOTALS \$350,830

Medford and Jackson county's third war loan drive is off to a good start with sales up to Saturday morning totaling \$350,830.75. Sales made during Saturday and at the Victory Center last night will be announced Monday, according to George Frey, chairman of the drive. The county's quota for the third drive is \$2,668,000 and must be sold to individuals and corporations, with banks excluded.

A series of pep programs was inaugurated last night at the Victory Center with more than 200 articles auctioned to buyers of bonds of all denominations. A program of music and the auction features were worked out by a committee headed by Lloyd Rupp.

Sales in rural areas of the county are to be directed by R. G. Fowler, county agent, and Mr. Fowler is having a committee of rural leaders meet at the courthouse auditorium Tuesday evening to plan a campaign.

JAPAN PROTESTS END OF ALLIANCE

By United Press (Undated)—Japan has made a vigorous protest against Italy's breach of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance in surrendering to the Allies, the Tokyo radio said Saturday.

War Bulletins

By United Press Proclamation of King Victor Emmanuel and Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio, read over an unidentified radio station tonight, called upon the Italian people to resist the Germans and revealed that the king had authorized the request for an armistice. The Badoglio proclamation recalled his order at the same time the armistice was announced that Italians should aid the Allies and resist attack from any other quarter.

REDS NEAR KIEV, 200 TOWNS TAKEN AS GERMANS FLEE

Key Point on Dnieper Peril by Swift Advance, Faces Encirclement.

London, Sunday, Sept. 12—(U.P.)—German troops are fleeing in disorder before a Red army advance on Pavlograd, only 34 miles east of the Dnieper river, while Russian forces reached within 94 miles of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, a Russian communique reported today.

The Red army, carrying the battle for the last strip of German-held Russian soil east of the Dnieper into its climatic phase, registered general advances on a 450-mile front and regained nearly 200 towns and villages, Soviet communique broadcast by Radio Moscow said. Close to 4000 German lives were taken yesterday in the Red army's machine-like drive to the west.

Seventy inhabited places were taken in the Pavlograd area where the Russians closed in steadily on the key communication center 95 miles southeast of the German strong point at Poltava.

"Our mobile units, advancing and striking at the German flanks, are dealing determined blows to the enemy who, under threat of encirclement, is retreating in disorder," the Soviet midnight bulletin said.

The deep and continued Russian gains in the Pavlograd area were regarded as sealing the fate of Poltava, where powerful German forces have been entrenched.

Poltava, military experts here pointed out, is the last possible fortress where the Germans might hope to hold out east of the Dnieper. It was the starting place for the German counter attack that stopped last winter's Russian offensive.

MONDAY FINAL DAY

Persons desiring to subscribe to the Mail Tribune under the money-saving "Bargain Days" offer must have their checks or cash in the office by 10 p. m. Monday deadline, to take advantage of the offer, or their payment by mail must be postmarked not later than Sept. 13. It was emphasized that subscriptions will not be accepted by telephone nor collected by carriers.

WORST QUAKE IN TEN YEARS RAKES JAPANESE TOWNS

(By United Press) An earthquake described as the worst in 10 years hit Japan on Friday and first reports said that in the town of Tottori alone at least 1,400 persons were killed or seriously injured and more than 4,000 houses destroyed or damaged.

A broadcast by the all-India radio said the earthquake struck "a few days ago and was particularly severe at Osaka." This report said the earthquake was on a comparable scale with the disaster of 1923 when 99,331 persons were killed at Tokyo.

Tokyo radio Saturday night said the earthquake Friday afternoon at the town of Tottori caused minor damage, "limited to some houses crumbled and minor casualties."

(The all-India radio reported earlier that the tremor killed or injured at least 1,400 persons at Tottori and destroyed or damaged more than 4,000 houses. That broadcast said the earthquake was on a comparable scale with the disaster of 1923 when 99,331 persons were killed at Tokyo.)

CALIFORNIA GIRL IS 'MISS AMERICA'

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Jean Bartel, 19-year-old Los Angeles Little Theater actress, was crowned Miss America tonight, winning from a field of 33 beautiful girls from all parts of the country. Miss Bartel, a junior at the University of California, represents what beauty pageant judges said was a forerunner of the Miss America of the future, a girl whose build is more graceful than that of former pageant winners and whose height, 5 feet 8 inches, made her tower over other contestants.

OAHU FACES EPIDEMIC

The Hawaiian stronghold of Oahu, which survived the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and came back stronger than ever, may fall victim to epidemic diseases unless large scale health projects are undertaken immediately, Congressional Delegate J. B. Farrington said tonight.

FATHER DRAFT TO BE CHIEF ISSUE BEFORE CONGRESS

Gen. Marshall to Be Asked to Tell Its Necessity When Body Meets Tuesday.

Washington, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Congress reconvenes Tuesday, and all signs pointed tonight to immediate opening of one of the most important debates in the nation's history—on the subject of military and industrial war effort to collapse for want of manpower?

The debate, packed with critical possibilities, is expected to start in the military affairs committees of both houses with discussion of the father draft and to branch out almost immediately into a parade of views on the explosively controversial subject of national service legislation.

Sen. Alexander Wiley, R., Wis., said he would introduce a resolution asking that Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, tell the senate in executive session why fathers must be drafted.

Also high on the agenda are taxation, foreign relations, post-war planning, price control and food subsidies, renegotiation of war contracts, and—strikingly enough in an era of \$100,000,000 budgets—economy.

Acting Chairman Kenneth McKellar, D., Tenn., of the senate appropriations committee introduced the economy issue tonight with the assertion that army and navy spending will be scrutinized more closely in the coming session than it was in the last.

The manpower problem may come before the senate on the first day if Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., carries out his announced plan to call for an immediate vote on his bill to defer drafting of pre-war fathers until January 1. In that event, administration leaders are expected to ask that the bill be returned to the military affairs committee to give the high command an opportunity to present new information on manpower requirements.

COLONEL 'PASSED OUT,' TESTIMONY AT HIS HEARING

Selridge Field, Mich., Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Col. William T. Colman, ousted commander of the Selridge Field air base on trial before a court-martial of nine colonels for violating five articles of war, may take the stand in his own defense tomorrow. The prosecution completed its case today after hearing testimony by Lieut. Benson Ford, grandson of Henry Ford, who testified concerning his transfer to Selridge from Fort Custer last fall. The government charges the Ford transfer was one of 12 made "fraudulently and unlawfully" by Colman.

Capt. Clifford D. N. Davis, former commander of the Ovoca, Mich., air base, followed Ford on the stand at the air base the night of April 23, 1943. Davis told the court he arrived at the post after midnight and found Colman lying on the bed in his quarters. Another executive officer from Selridge "was passed out in the corner," he said.

SPUR CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Seattle, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—H. P. Everest, northwest sector director of the Office of Civilian Defense, announced today an intensified program of civilian defense protection for Seattle and the entire Pacific coast will be undertaken immediately.

Denver, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Political observers attached national significance today to the forthcoming conference of at least 20 governors of western and southern states in Denver.

ARMISTICE TERMS GIVE ALLIES FREE RUN OVER ITALY

More Drastic Than Axis Imposed on France—Text Revealed.

Advanced Allied Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—The "unconditional surrender" terms imposed upon Italy gave the United Nations free rein over both her people and possessions and were even more sweeping than those imposed on France by Germany and Italy, a text of the armistice revealed tonight.

The terms imposed by the representative of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, acting for the United States, the United Kingdom and Russia, gave the allies free use of all bases and port facilities, including Corsica and the Dodecanese Islands, and reserved the right to impose military law whenever it should be deemed necessary.

All Italian merchant shipping was made available for whatever use the allies might wish, and the Italian fleet was to be transferred to the allied commander-in-chief.

Disarmament details also were to be prescribed by the allied commander-in-chief. Allied war prisoners in the hands of the Italians were to be freed and all Italian armed forces were to be withdrawn from every theater of war. In addition, the Italians bound facilities that might be used against the United Nations.

The Italian government guaranteed that it would "employ all available armed forces to insure prompt and exact compliance with all provisions of this armistice."

Illustrating the total defeat of the Italians and the accordingly much more stringent terms of the armistice, it was recalled that the French were able to retain their fleet and territories outside France, and even nominally were allowed to maintain their own government outside militarized north France and the French Atlantic coast.

Corsica, which Italy seized from France, was included in the territory to be surrendered, and an armed force were to be it also was stipulated that Italy was to be returned to Italy.

BEND MANEUVERS TO OPEN MONDAY

IV Corps Headquarters, Central Oregon Maneuver Area, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—More than 75,000 U. S. troops tonight were poised for launching nine weeks of combined maneuver, starting Monday, which will utilize the lessons of modern war just learned on the world's battlefields.

Commanding General Alexander M. Patch—who commanded group forces at Guadalcanal last year—today issued orders establishing preliminary positions of attacking forces for the IV corps maneuver. With him are men and officers who have had front line experience.

'PEACE OFFER' TO NAZIS REPORTED

(Undated)—The clandestine European radio station Gustave Siegfried Eins which claims to represent a section of German official opinion said Saturday it had learned that the western powers are ready to engage in peace negotiations with Germany—a "peace which would guarantee Germany's honor and future."

"We must make peace with the west, because we cannot fight at the same time against the east and the west," the broadcast, recorded by the United Press in New York, said.

Badoglio Killed (?)

Bern, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Unconfirmed reports reaching Lugano today said Marshal Pietro Badoglio was killed in a skirmish Thursday between Italian and German forces.

It was believed here, by authoritative sources, however, that these reports were without foundation and that the Italian premier is with King Victor Emmanuel and Crown Prince Umberto, who are reported en route to Sicily.

SALAMAUA'S FALL IMMINENT; ENEMY IN FULL RETREAT

Allies Jungle Troops Crack Defenses—Trapped Garrison Waits Assault.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sunday, Sept. 12—(U.P.)—A spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur announced today that the fall of Salamaua, Japanese stronghold on the southern side of Huon Gulf in New Guinea, was imminent after American and Australian jungle troops had cracked its defenses and had driven the enemy into "full retreat."

The Allied announcement stated that the Japanese line had been smashed Saturday and "our troops are pressing after the fleeing enemy."

The spokesman said Japanese troops had been cleared from the territory south of the Francisco river below Salamaua and forced back to a line running about a mile from the base of the Salamaua peninsula.

The collapse of the defenses at Salamaua was regarded as a major step toward driving the Japanese from the entire Lae-Salamaua area of northeastern New Guinea. Enemy positions at Lae also were deteriorating under the constant pressure of the Allied trucker operations.

Fresh Allied assault troops were rushed to the latter seacoast for the final push against the trapped enemy garrison.

Apparently air operations were at a minimum. The communique said adverse weather had hampered all aerial activity.

The Allies had been driving steadily on Salamaua for several weeks from the rocky, difficult ridges forming a natural protective line.

TOKYO RADIO IS CONFUSED NO END

(By United Press) The Tokyo radio said Saturday night that a Japanese army unit attacked Allied landing points at Hopti, New Guinea, last Sunday morning.

Monday morning, the broadcast said, Japanese planes engaged in air combat with enemy planes, shot down one Allied fighter.

Tuesday the Jap airmen again attacked Hopti and followed with a morning and afternoon attack Wednesday, shooting down another Allied fighter, the radio claimed.

Another raid on Hopti was made Thursday, Tokyo said.

22 WARSHIPS OF ITALY SURRENDER, TAKEN TO MALTA

More Expected Hourly—Thousands See Dramatic Spectacle, With General Eisenhower.

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Twenty-two warships of the Italian fleet, including most of the battleships still afloat, have arrived at this British naval base after escaping the Germans at La Spezia and Taranto, and more were expected momentarily here and at other Allied ports.

The Italian warcraft, with an escort of battle-stained British destroyers that stood out in vivid contrast, steamed slowly up the Malta channel yesterday afternoon and this morning while thousands of Maltese jammed the shoreline, watching the parade of Italy's naval might now surrendered unconditionally to the Allies.

Four battleships, seven cruisers and eleven destroyers gained sanctuary here. Allied headquarters confirmed Germany's claim of having sunk one battleship, later identified as the 35,000-ton Roma, between Corsica and Sardinia.

It appeared that most of the Italian fleet, obeying the radioed orders of Admiral Sir Andrew Brounne Cunningham, Allied naval commander in the Mediterranean, had evaded Nazi seizure. Italy was known to have had seven battleships. Of these, the Conte De Cavour was damaged so badly in 1940 it was believed beyond repair for service. Four were here and one was known to have been sunk, leaving the whereabouts of only one unknown, although there was a possibility it might have fled to a neutral port or possibly was en route to an Allied base.

By Clark Lee (Distributed by United Press) Aboard HMS Destroyer Hambleton in the Mediterranean, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Admiral Sir Andrew Brounne Cunningham shook hands in mutual congratulation yesterday when a strong battle unit of the Italian fleet steamed past their destroyer flagship in surrender.

Their moment of elation on the bridge of the Hambleton was the high point of the dramatic, unprecedented ending of the four-year fight for control of the Mediterranean.

The main force of Italy's modern, powerful battle fleet now is in Allied hands virtually intact and ready to be turned against our enemies.

HANNAH GETS NO MORE FOR LAWYER

White Plains, N. Y., Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Mrs. Hannah Williams Dempsey lost her application today for further counsel fees for the expenses of appealing from the interlocutory divorce decree granted last July 16 to Lieut. Comdr. William H. (Jack) Dempsey.

Supreme Court Justice Gerald Nolan also granted a cross motion brought by Arthur F. Driscoll, attorney for Dempsey, to relieve his client of further all-mony payments.

DENY ARRIVALS

Madrid, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Madrid evening newspaper published tonight a dispatch from Algieria which stated that until 2 p. m., Saturday, no Italian naval units had entered Gibraltar harbor. This disputes earlier reports from La Linea that several Italian warships had arrived.

BURMA OIL FIELD HIT

New Delhi, Sept. 11—(U.P.)—Royal Air Force Bombers scored hits on two oil tanks, an oil barge and a pipeline near the great Yenangaung fields during offensive patrols over Burma yesterday.