

EVENTS INDICATE SECOND FRONT TO OPEN IN ITALY

Hitler Strives to Hold Land
at Any Cost, With Odds
With Allies.

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As events shape up in Italy, the more evident it becomes that the long-debated "second front" on land in Europe is about to become an actuality.

All signs point to a German decision to hold Italy at whatever cost. That is indicated by the swift extension of military control over all northern Italy; by the formidable defense being put up for Naples, and by the occupation of Rome.

At the same time the size of the allied expeditionary force sent into the Naples area and the gradual occupation of the southern extremity of the country by the British eighth army shows that the allies are moving forward to a showdown of armed force.

Complete allied control of the sea and definite superiority in the air virtually eliminated any hazards of supply and reinforcement. The size of the force the allies may decide to put into the field is limited only by the number it may be found necessary to complete the task.

To hold Italy, it is obvious that Hitler will be obliged to employ many divisions of troops and a considerable part of his fighter air force which he has been trying so hard to conserve for the protection of the reich itself.

Estimates of the army Hitler already has in Italy vary, but informed allied sources hazard a figure of about 300,000. That may have to be reinforced considerably when the main armies come to grips in the northern part of the country.

It is well to take into account the fact that on this front the Germans will have to do all the fighting. It is quite different from North Africa and Sicily where a limited number of picked German units were the nucleus of larger Italian masses who absorbed much of the shock and were used as a buffer when the Germans had to retreat.

Hitler's land army thus will be engaged in direct combat with the allies on a scale larger than ever before. Since defeat of this army is a pre-requisite of allied victory, it seems that the results can be attained as well on the soil of Italy as in western France.

Whether Hitler will be obliged at once to draw strength from the Russian front is problematical; probably not. But if the allies go into the Balkans, the situation is likely to change. The British armies in the middle east are capable of opening a third front on a major scale there. The wehrmacht might be capable of sustaining simultaneous fronts in Russia, Italy and the Balkans, but the odds would seem to be against it.

ITALY WARSHIPS SUITABLE TO USE AGAINST JAPAN

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 12.—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—The consensus of leading naval men here is that the Italian ships now in Allied hands are eminently suitable for the war in the Pacific against the Japanese.

Stories that the Italian ships were only designed for short dashes about the Mediterranean and are not fit for long cruises have been over-emphasized, British officers declare.

The principal immediate complication will be the ability of the ships to perform. It will be manning them and providing ammunition, for part of the Italian ships have guns of calibers not used by the Allies. No matter how heavily laden they may have been, it is not likely that they could have carried away enough ammunition to make them useful.

Before these ships can be used, manufacturing facilities for shells of their caliber must be provided. Perhaps such facilities have already been made in anticipation of the day they fell into Allied hands.

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'VARGO GIRL' DUE FOR POSTAL QUIZ; FEARED INDECENT

Washington, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—The "Vargo Girl," reputedly one of the favorite pin-ups of the armed forces, today faced arraignment before a postoffice department board which must decide whether her shapely, unclothed limbs and her limply-attired torso are obscene, lascivious or lewd.

The shapely miss is a feature of the magazine Esquire, published in Chicago, and is the principal bit of material cited by Postmaster General Frank C. Walker in his order that the magazine show cause why its second-class mail permit should not be revoked on grounds of obscenity.

Walker announced last night that he had set September 28 for hearing by a department tribunal of evidence against the magazine and the answer of the publisher to the charges that the issues of the last nine months contained non-mailable matter in that it was allegedly obscene, lascivious or lewd.

In notifying the magazine of the citation, Walker said, the department referred specifically to the 1943 Vargo calendar, with the exception of the pages concerning the months of August and September. The drawings for the other 10 months allegedly were obscene in the eyes of the postal service.

This calendar appeared in the January issue. In addition to it, the department objected to a story entitled "Those Star and Garter Blues."

MYSTERY COVERS ACTOR'S STABBING IN MOVING AUTO

Hollywood, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Police today searched for a black-haired man in a dark coat for questioning in the fatal stabbing of David Gaspar G. Bacon, 28, movie actor and son of a prominent Boston family. Bacon bled to death yesterday in a cabage patch on the outskirts of Los Angeles.

A witness, whose name is being withheld temporarily, told police he had seen a man leap from Bacon's slow-moving British Austin a short time before it ended its crazy meanderings down Washington boulevard and careened into the cabbage patch.

Bacon, who portrays virile, athletic parts in the movies, cried for help a few seconds before he stumbled from the car and fell bleeding to the ground. A deep knife slash in the back caused his death, police said.

Wayne Powell, one of the first persons to reach Bacon, said the actor's half-naked body was covered with blood when he reached the scene.

"The driver of the car was dressed in blue denim shorts," Powell said, "and apparently he had been to the beach. I got to him just before he died and in time to hear him gasp 'please help me, I'm hurt.'"

Powell said he first noticed the little car weaving from one side of the road to the other.

DuPont Expert On Gliders, Crash Victim

March Field, Cal., Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Army investigators today questioned two survivors of a glider which crashed near here, killing Richard C. Dupont, of the Delaware Duponts, and three other men.

Killed with the foremost glider expert in this country were Col. P. Ernest Gabel, deputy director of the American air forces glider program; Howard L. Morrison, test pilot, San Fernando, Cal., and C. C. Chandler, Tarzana, Cal.

The crash occurred Saturday, army authorities revealed, when the motorless craft became disabled in midair after it had been freed from the towing line, and spun to earth out of control.

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BANKERS REPORT NO BETTER LIFE WITHOUT EFFORT

New York, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Elimination of obstacles to private initiative and enterprise is the key to post-war economic revival, the economic policy commission of the American Bankers association asserted today in a preliminary report on post-war planning.

Issuance of the report highlighted the opening day of the association's 89th annual convention.

Emphasizing the need for immediate planning, the report said there are in every country groups of able and energetic men and women ready to restore the normal ways of life. These people want opportunity and not philanthropy, it said.

No nation can be handed a better life—it has to work it out for itself, the report asserted.

At the conclusion of the war, there must be mechanism and guarantees to prevent war, the commission said, pointing out that the risks of war block long term economic planning and

enterprise.

"As an obstacle to human progress, the changing value of money ranks close to the hazard of war," the report said in analyzing the British Keynes plan and the American White plan for world currency stabilization.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Little Curry county is on the warpath again—this time over the war bond drive.

The county, which twice has threatened to secede from Oregon because of grievances over state development plans, resents being handed the smallest bond quota in the third bond campaign.

E. C. Sammons, state bond drive chairman, today disclosed receipt of a telegram from Collier H. Buffington, Curry county chairman, expressing the resentment of Curryites over this slight. Curry, Buffington said, can raise as much in bonds—and as much hell—as any little county in the state.

Mt. Everest, highest mountain in the world, is 29,141 feet high.

Albany, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today appointed Francis Ellis Rivers, 50, a negro, as a justice of the city court of New York. Rivers, a senior assistant district attorney of New York county, will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice James C. Madigan.

The post, which pays \$17,000 annually, will be filled at the November elections, with Rivers holding office until December 31.

Rivers thus will hold the highest judicial office of any member of his race in New York state. A few months ago Dewey appointed Dr. C. P. Powell, also a negro, as a member of the State Athletic commission.

Rivers was born in Kansas City and educated in Washington, receiving a bachelor of arts degree from Yale university in 1915. Subsequently he studied at Harvard law school.

Rivers is a member of both the New York County Lawyers association and the Association

of the Bar of New York City. His application for membership in the American Bar association, recently rejected, caused a stir in law circles.

GOV. DEWEY NAMES NEGRO AS JUDGE NEW YORK COURT

FABULOUS BRITON
GENERAL IS FREE

London, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Adrian Carton Dewart, one-armed, one-eyed and fabulous, added another chapter to his remarkable career when he was released from an Italian prison camp to help negotiate the armistice.

A soldier, statesman, courtier, recluse and Britain's most wounded general, Dewart had been imprisoned at Sulmona, 30 miles from Rome, since 1941 when he swam ashore from a plane forced down off the Libyan coast. He had been bound to the middle east on a special mission.

The 63-year-old pipe-smoking general lost his left arm at Ypres in 1915 and his left eye in Somaliland.

Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren today announced appointment of an eight-member advisory committee to the state war council on food and nutrition.

Wenatchee, Wash., Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Milk deliveries were resumed to nearly 40,000 persons in Chelan county today as the Chelan Dairymen's association lifted its week-long ban to protest failure of the OPA to raise ceiling prices from 13 to 16 cents a quart.

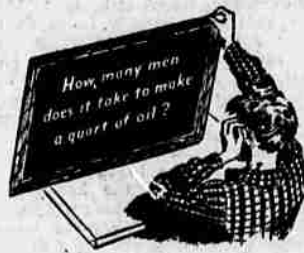
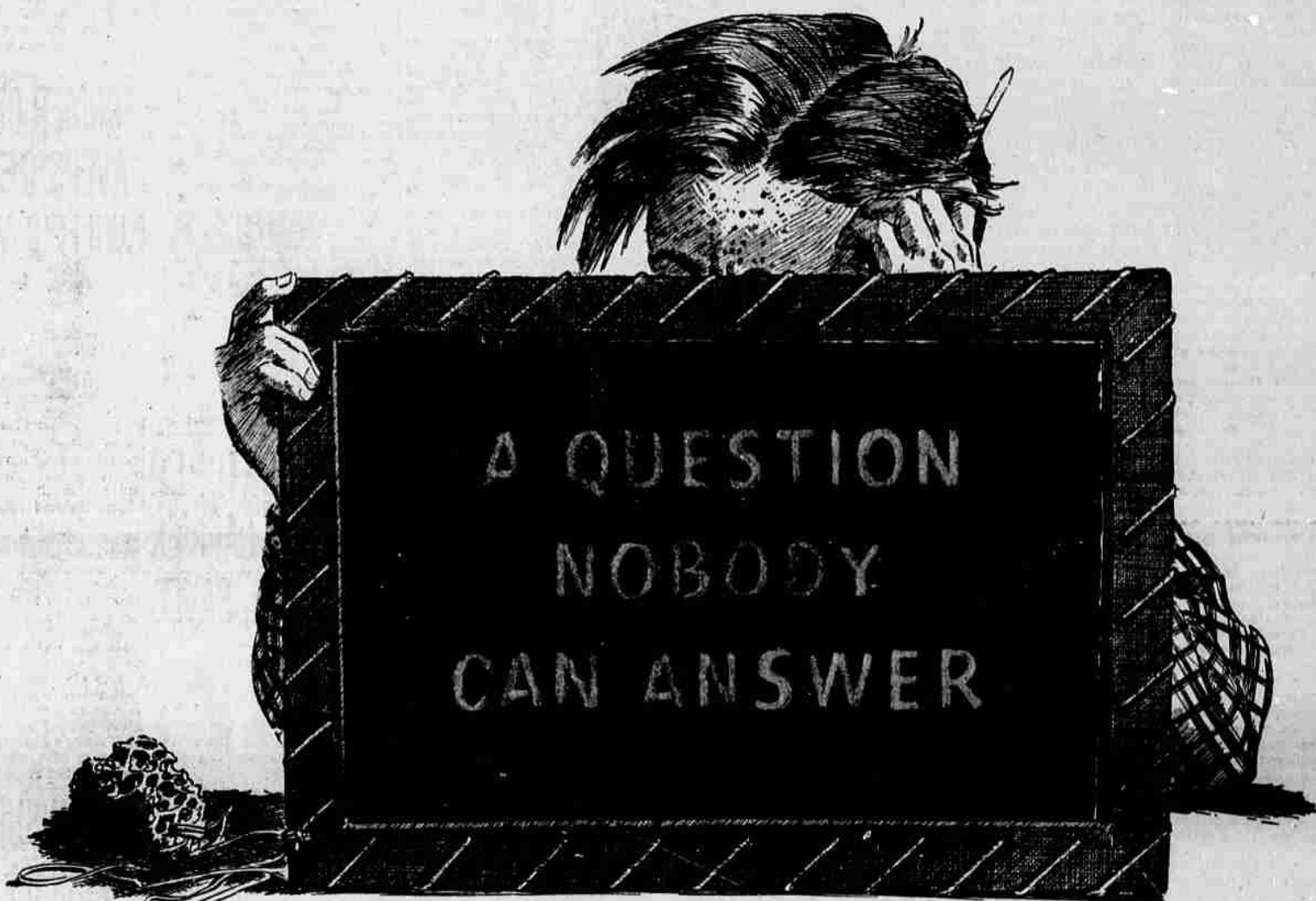
Marysville, Calif., Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—One woman was killed and two other persons were seriously injured last night when a Gibson Lines bus crashed after being struck by a light truck on a highway two miles east of Wheatland.

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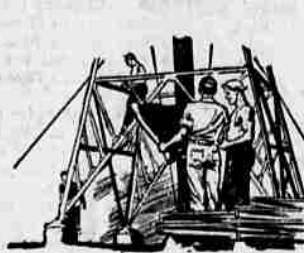
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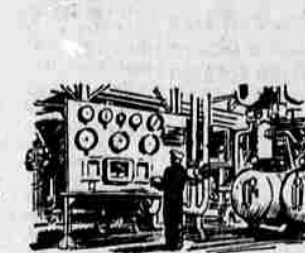
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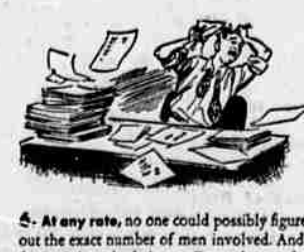
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