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Italians Seize Sardinia



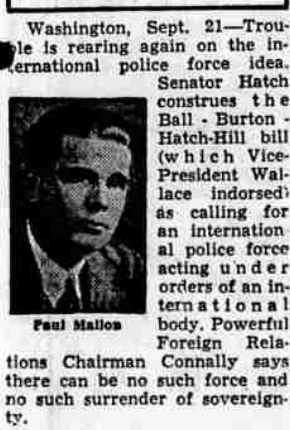
The Allies without firing a single shot now have Sardinia. Italians ousted the Germans there and also captured Ajaccio in Corsica. On the mainland, the Allies have seized Sorrento Heights overlooking Naples and have driven inland in the Battipaglia area.

Moroccan Fusiliers Land on Corsica Without Opposition

Ajaccio, Corsica, Sept. 17—(Delayed)—U.P.—Dark-skinned Moroccan Fusiliers landed at this island capital one hour after midnight today in a naval operation supporting the landing of French shock troops four days ago. Neither force encountered any opposition here.

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon



Washington, Sept. 21—Trouble is rearing again on the international police force idea. Senator Hatch constructs the Ball-Burton-Hatch-Hill bill (which Vice President Wallace endorsed) as calling for an international police force acting under orders of an international body. Powerful Foreign Relations Chairman Connally says there can be no such force and no such surrender of sovereignty.

The man whose views count more—State Secretary Hull—has announced only that the "means" of international action to keep the peace is being discussed (which may be significant in view of the fact that his now-resigned assistant—Mr. Wallis—promised an international police force).

LET us sift the argument for facts and analyze the residue. Fact No. 1 is the term "international police force" and is obviously a misnomer. What everyone means is not international policemen sauntering around the world with night sticks, but an international army and navy ready to do battle.

When you call the argument by its right name, you also can measure accurately the extent to which some sort of super-

RIGID CURFEW IS IMPOSED ON DANES

Stockholm, Sept. 21—U.P.—German occupation authorities were reported today to have imposed an 8 p. m. to 5 a. m. curfew on Copenhagen so rigid that it prohibited inhabitants from opening windows facing streets or remaining in doorways, gardens or on rooftops.

(A Stockholm newspaper dispatch reported by the Office of War Information said a Nazi military court at Horsens, Denmark, had sentenced a Danish business man to a year for "laughing at German soldiers doing military drill" and two other Danes to similar sentences for "tearing down a martial law notice" and "insulting a Danish volunteer.")

Largest fish ever caught in Florida water was a whale-shark harpooned in 1912 by Capt. Charles Thompson. It was 33 feet long and weighed more than 26,000 pounds.

RETREATING NAZIS TRY DEMOLITION TO DELAY OPPONENTS

Attempt to Counterattack Near Salerno is Slammed Back With Heavy Losses.

By Reynolds Packard
United Press Correspondent
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With American Fifth Army, Italy, Sept. 21—U.P.—A big allied push which started 24 hours ago was well under way today and several more Italian towns—all of them of strategic importance—had fallen into American and British hands.

The Germans, as they were shoved back along the entire Salerno front below Naples, began resorting to the demolition tactics they used in retreating before the Eighth army in the toe of the Italian boot. The enemy had mined areas from which they were retreating in a systematic manner, blowing up bridges and roads in an effort to break contact with the swiftly-moving Fifth army and retard its progress.

Counter Falls
The Germans tried to counter-attack near Salerno yesterday but were slammed back with heavy losses by allied assault forces.

The allied drive was progressing with steamroller effectiveness. Areas which have been a rather confused no man's land have been mopped up and consolidated. The beachhead which has been secured for several days has become a great springboard for offensive operations.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 21—U.P.—Allied forces broadening their Mediterranean offensive have seized three strategic Dodecanese islands, taken Sardinia, driven the Germans back in Corsica and are battling toward the Naples plain after capturing Ebboli on the Italian mainland front.

Cairo, Sept. 21—U.P.—British troops have been on the Italian Dodecanese Islands of Cos, Leros, and Samos in the eastern Mediterranean off the Turkish coast for several days and are using their strategic air bases. It was announced today.

The castle bean weed, sometimes known as bladder pod and coffee bean, is harmful to livestock and should be mowed to prevent it going to seed.

London, Sept. 21—U.P.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told commons today that the United Nations were hammering their way toward complete aerial domination of Germany, that the Nazi U-boats have taken an unprecedented licking, and that Benito Mussolini escaped only because his Italian guards failed to obey orders to shoot him if necessary.

Churchill replied to critics of the Allied handling of Italy, hinted that the Italians might declare war against Germany, and said that the Italian capitulation might be followed by the collapse or surrender of other German satellites.

Strongly defending the military and political handling of defeated Italy, Churchill reviewed a period of outstanding Allied successes in which not a single Allied merchantman was sunk in the north Atlantic for four months ending September 18, and not an Allied ship was sunk by U-boats anywhere in the world for the first two weeks in September.

But, Churchill warned, the enemy apparently has re-equipped submarines with new weapons of novel character and they are now returning to the battle of the Atlantic in a new phase of fighting for which the Allies are prepared. One attack on a convoy now is in progress, but only by

Eagles Hall Robbed Before Fire, Officers Told

War Bulletins

London, Sept. 21—U.P.—American Marauder medium bombers opened a new series of allied air attacks on Axis Europe today with a raid on the Tille airbase at Beauvais, 35 miles north of Paris. Strong formations of other bombers also swept across Dover straits toward north France on offensive missions. One formation took nearly a half hour to cross the English southeast coast.

Washington, Sept. 21—U.P.—Japanese planes have carried out their third attack in six days on Guadalcanal, American base in the Solomons, the navy announced today.

ALLIED BOMBERS RAID JAP ROUTE TO RABOUL BASE

By United Press
The Allied campaign in the southwest Pacific appeared today to have entered a new phase with bombing planes delivering heavy raids along the route toward the major Japanese base at Rabaul.

Gen Douglas MacArthur's communique reported that Liberator and Flying Fortress dropped 94 tons of bombs on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, 135 miles above newly-captured Lae, New Guinea, setting off big fires and wrecking five enemy planes.

Capture of Lae put Allied troops in possession of airfield 400 miles southwest of Rabaul, which is the hub for the enemy's outpost positions.

Other planes bombed the New Guinea coastline in the Finsch harbor area 58 miles above Lae while the troops mopped up enemy pockets in the area. A spokesman said one Japanese regiment of 2,250 men of those caught in the Lae-Salamaua pocket had lost at least 1,453 in casualties during the coastal drive.

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Sams Valley Family Joins En Masse



"Pop" Patten, champion dad of the navy with eight sons in the service, was on hand last week at the Portland navy recruiting station to welcome another family into the bluejacket ranks. Above he is shown assisting the Lucas brothers from Sams Valley, near here, making out their enlistment papers. The brothers are, from left, Elmer, 20, Bill, 23, and Clarence, 18. Bill's wife, Virginia, also is in the navy, having enlisted in the WAVES last week. The Lucas boys' parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lucas of Sams Valley.

Willkie is Willing if GOP Seeks Liberal Objectives

Washington, Sept. 21—U.P.—Wendell L. Willkie's announcement that he is out after the 1944 republican presidential nomination is on the nation's newsstands today between the slick paper covers of Look, a magazine with publishing roots deep in the fertile Mississippi valley.

In it he offers himself as the G.O.P. nominee—or as a worker in the ranks—if the republican party will "drive heart and soul for liberal objectives."

There was no surprise here in Willkie's ambition again to be the republican nominee. But there was much interest in the spectacular prominence given him in the magazine which is published by the Cowles family, which also is a major factor in mid-west politics, newspapers and radio. It is in the mid-west that Willkie finds, also, some of his most bitter opposition. That is led by another published, Col. Robert R. McCormick, of Chicago. The Look splash was regarded as the opening of Will-

kie's campaign.
Look is run by Gardner Cowles, Jr., president, and John Cowler, chairman of the board, sons of an Iowa publishing dynasty with bedrock foundations in Des Moines and Minneapolis.

What Willkie proposed in Look is to conduct a liberal revival meeting within the republican party. He said the GOP could win next year but "must first win a victory within itself" through action of the "progressive and courageous party members" in re-establishing the party's "great liberal traditions."

Willkie called for "a rebirth of enterprise—a real enterprise," and added, "we must distinguish between enterprise and private ownership."

About 5000 members of Britain's Land Army Women belong to the Timber Corps, engaged in cutting and finishing timber for use in the mines.

RUSSIANS SMASH LAST SECTION OF DESNA DEFENSES

London, Sept. 21—U.P.—Russian assault forces crumpling the last section of the German defenses based on the Desna have burst across the river 80 miles above Kiev and captured the railroad junction of Chernigov in three days of fierce fighting, Moscow announced today.

Premier-Marshal Josef Stalin hailed the capture of Chernigov in an order of the day, describing it as the most important center of German resistance on the lower reaches of the Desna. The fall of Chernigov laid open the Red army way to the Dnieper river, only 30 miles to the west, and drove a wedge through the main line of German defenses between Gomel and Kiev.

The toppling of the German defense bastion heightened the Red army threat to the Dnieper river line.

LODGE QUARTERS BUSINESS PLACES BURNED, FLOODED

City and State Police Investigate Source of Fire—Adjoining Places Unhurt.

City and state police are today investigating source of the fire which last night burned the Eagles hall at 42 N. Front street, causing an unestimated amount of damage to it and business concerns on the first floor of the building. Fire Chief Roy Elliott reported today that officials of the lodge stated that the club room had been robbed of an undisclosed amount of money just before 8:40 p. m., when the fire broke out in that room, located at the rear of the building.

Volunteer firemen turned out to aid in fighting the blaze, which was not completely extinguished until 11 o'clock. No members of the lodge had been in the hall since Sunday evening, lodge officials said, adding that the money taken was hidden in a box in the club room.

Damage confined to the Eagles' rooms and stores immediately beneath. Actual financial loss has not yet been estimated, but damage to the lodge rooms was extensive. The club room was completely demolished, the roof and walls being caved in and furnishings burned. Parts of the ceiling and walls in the Aerie lodge room collapsed, and water covered the floor. The ladies' club room, on the front of the building, suffered least damage to the ceiling and walls, but was ravaged by fire and water throughout.

Lloyd's barber shop and Clarence Ead's second-hand furniture store below were both damaged, mainly by the water which poured down from the second floor where firemen had six two-and-one-half-inch hoses in use continuously. Winds threatened for a time to spread the fire to other nearby buildings. Supplies and equipment were moved from the army first aid station next door to the S. P. lot across the street, but were later moved back when the fire was brought under control without damage to the station.

Officials of the Eagles lodge stated today that insurance covered at least a part of the loss.

ISLAND HOPPING NOT MAC'S IDEA

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 21—U.P.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur issued a statement tonight saying that "island hopping . . . is not my idea of how to end the Pacific war."

MacArthur said that it "makes little difference whether I or others wield the weapon" which defeats Japan.

MacArthur's statement was in reply to reports from the United States and England implying that his role in the war would be progressively curtailed and reduced to a secondary role.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTER

A comely WAC pausing to stare at the fruit display in a grocery window with the exclamation, "I'm so hungry, I want to eat everything I see."

Neva Samuels trying without success to extract payment at so much per word for news she gives out.

Harry (call me "Rugged") Morris returning from the California forests with unshaven beard, a buck deer and blood in his eye for one reporter.

Sales in the Third Victory Loan drive to date —
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