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REDS DRIVE INTO WHITE RUSSIA

Battle Rages for Naples



Allied and Axis fighting men are battling it out for possession of Naples, largest port in Italy. This is the Piazza Dante, Naples, with the Dante monument at the right.

Naples Port and Ships Blasted and Burned As Nazis Prepare To Flee

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—The Germans were destroying the great Italian port of Naples, including 30 ships in the harbor, with fire and dynamite today as allied armies surged forward through three more towns in southern Italy and drove the enemy back to the tightly-blockaded northeastern corner of the island of Corsica.

CONSIDERATION OF DEPENDENCY GIVEN BARUCH APPROVAL

Washington, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—Bernard M. Baruch, special adviser to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, conceded today that "dependency should have some consideration" in administration of selective service, but he insisted it should not be carried to the point where it disrupted the war effort.

Baruch testified before the Senate Military Affairs committee in opposition to a bill by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., to defer drafting of fathers, scheduled to start October 1, until January 1.

He said he "would see no objection" to placing fathers at the bottom of the draft pool.

"Dependency should have some consideration," Baruch said, "but if it's necessary to draft fathers to win this war, I believe we should take every thing."

The senate will open debate on the Wheeler bill next Tuesday.

Washington, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—A congressional committee estimated today that there are 300,000 single men and childless married men in government employment of whom only 117,000 are deferred from military service.

The estimate was announced at a hearing after a selective service representative charged that the interior department has made no effort "to readjust its activities to the war effort."

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SIDE GLANCES
By
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Seabee Lester Wilson grabbing a fishing pole as his first action upon arriving in the old home town on a leave.

Fire Chief Roy Elliott taking a moment off to recline in one of his own easy chairs.

Ann Purucker addressing a remark to her mother and receiving an answer from a passer-by on the street.

BREAK-THROUGH DANGERS GOMEL, RAILWAY CENTER

Assault to South Presses
Against Kiev—Smolensk
and Roslavl Objectives.

London, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—Berlin reported today that the red army had hurled tanks and troops "in very great superiority" at the crumbled German lines below Smolensk, where the capture of the Uncha railroad junction was announced by Marshal Josef Stalin.

Moscow, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—Russian troops have plunged 16 miles westward across the border of White Russia and now are driving on toward the Dnieper and the old Polish frontier beyond it, Soviet front reports revealed today.

(The Berlin radio acknowledged that advance elements of the Red army had reached the Dnieper river at an unspecified point.)

The break-through into White Russia some 47 miles southeast of the rail center of Gomel was reported as Soviet forces to the south pressed an assault against Kiev, thrusting its southern prong to within five miles of the river and bringing the Ukrainian capital within artillery range.

North Drive On
As the Russians pushed into the southeast corner of White Russia below Gomel, at its northernmost corner Gen. Andrei Yeremenko's troops drove against the republic from capture of Demidov, highway junction about 50 miles east of Vitebsk.

Between the northern and southern extremes of the White Russian frontier, the Soviets moved steadily westward, closing in on the two main immediate objectives, Smolensk and Roslavl.

(A Madrid dispatch said well-informed sources in Berlin were expecting Smolensk to fall momentarily. German troops have begun pulling out of southern Russia from Poltava to the Crimea to prevent possible encirclement if Kiev is captured, the dispatch added.)

The capture of Kiev was believed perhaps only a matter of days, front dispatches said, as Soviet troops pushed down both banks of the Dnester river to capture Leski, 13 miles north-east of the Nazi-held bastion.

Fierce Fight Fought
The Germans put up a fierce but futile battle to hold Demidov and in 24 hours launched 12 counter-attacks in an attempt to stem the Soviet tide.

More than 8,000 enemy troops were killed, 300 prisoners were taken and a large quantity of booty captured.

In a neighboring sector north-west of Smolensk, the Russians encircled and wiped out the Fifth German Jaeger battalion and routed the First infantry division regiment. Eighty-one other towns and villages were liberated around Smolensk.

**MRS. LYDIA CLUTE
TAKEN BY DEATH**

Mrs. Lydia Helena Clute, native Jackson county resident, died last evening at the family home in the Applegate district shortly before 9 p. m. She was 63 years of age. Mrs. Clute was born in that district and was well known among old-time residents.

Surviving are the husband, Bert M. Clute two daughters, Mrs. Roberta Warford, Wisram, Wash.; Mrs. Josephine Krouse, Applegate, and a son, Cpl. William Clute, now in North Africa. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Maude M. Herriott, Applegate; Miss Myra Pernoll, Salem; Mrs. Alice Surran, Applegate; and two brothers, Martin V. Pernoll, Applegate, and Henry H. Pernoll, Grants Pass. Six grandchildren survive.

Funeral services are in charge of the L. B. Hall funeral home in Grants Pass and the time of the service will be announced later.

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BRISK BIDDING IS EXPECTATION AT AUCTION TONIGHT

Bidding at the weekly auction of the Third Victory Loan drive, being held tonight at Victory Center on Main street, is expected to be brisk when such items as wool blankets, safety pins, nylon hose and rubber boots, go up for sale.

A score of articles, many of which are practically unobtainable now, have been donated for the auction by Charles Adair of the M M Department store.

Tonight's program will open with a parade and band music furnished by the Camp White SCU band. At eight o'clock the program proper will start at the Victory Center. Appearing will be Cpl. Bob Carrick, imitator; Pfc. Joe Sozla, monologue comedian; Frank LaCross, dancer; Ray Shoemaker's dance orchestra and Sebastian Apollo's accordion band. John Eby will lead community whistling and singing. Frank DeSouza will be master of ceremonies and A. H. Dudley will act as auctioneer. The auction and program were arranged by Lloyd Rupp.

Tuesday night Mr. Rupp, George T. Frey, Dwight Houghton and Henry Zacharisen were in Ashland to assist with making plans for an auction sale to be held at the Plaza square there next Tuesday night.

GUINEA THRUST HINTS NEW DRIVE ON RABAU BASE

By United Press
A new thrust up the New Guinea coast by allied troops to isolate the enemy base at Finschhafen appeared today to foreshadow a quick attack on New Britain, site of the major Japanese base of Rabaul.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces yesterday landed above Finschhafen under protection of warships and aircraft, bidding to clip off another 60 miles of coastline from the enemy and take control of the entire Huon peninsula.

The action took place only 70 miles across from New Britain. Rabaul, the enemy's main hub in the southwest Pacific, is nearly 300 miles further on the northeastern New Britain coast. The day before the landing allied planes made a devastating 66-ton attack on the Japanese Cape Gloucester base on the Huon gulf end of New Britain.

There were no details of the landing beyond a statement that opposition was met.

In the Solomons, all except small pockets of enemy troops were cleaned out of Arundel island of New Georgia, paving the way for American troops to get at Vila, enemy base on Kolombangara island to the north.

Board No. 2 Lists Army Inductees

Jackson County Selective Service Board No. 2 today released names of men accepted in Portland last week for induction into the army. Listed are: Donald M. Patterson, John Fredrick Weide, Earle W. Chamberlain, Jack Bickler, Myron Elery Eaton, Charles Albert Young, Wesley E. Householder, Donald Lee Smith, and William Sheridan Ferguson, Jr.

Fortress Fleets Smash U-Boat Base

RENT CONTROL IN MEDFORD REGION IN OPA QUARTERS

Looker and Bigelow Retiring
From Agency With Closing
of Medford Bldg. Office.

Rent control headquarters of the Office of Price Administration in the Medford Center building are to be moved to the local war price and rationing board, it was announced today by Richard Montgomery, district director of OPA.

The change, effective September 30, is necessitated by budget limitations, Montgomery explained, and will involve closing the OPA's present rent control office at Medford. The war price and rationing board is located on the second floor of the City hall at Fifth street and North Central avenue.

"This does not mean that rent control will be relaxed in the Medford defense rental area in any way," said Montgomery. "We are confident that through the able assistance of the war price and rationing board the administration of rent matters will be handled with the same speed and understanding of the problems of both landlords and tenants, as has been previously secured."

"Under the revised operation, the local war price and rationing board will be assigned rent personnel to handle clerical duties in connection with rent matters," said Montgomery.

Examiners Coming
In addition, examiners-inspectors from the district rent offices will visit Jackson county periodically, in order to confer with landlords and tenants on specific problems," Montgomery added. "A schedule of such visits to this area will be announced in the near future."

Montgomery praised the work of Walter J. Looker, retiring director of the Medford defense area. "Mr. Looker and his inspector-examiner, Paris B. Bigelow, have operated the OPA rent program with fairness and impartiality and are to be credited with the splendid results and public compliance in this area," said Montgomery. "It is with genuine regret that we announce their separation from the OPA staff."

Commenting on Mr. Montgomery's statements, Mr. Looker said he had known for some time that the effect of the slashing of the budget would sooner or later be felt in the rent program and that he hoped that the new arrangement will care for the needs of landlords and tenants in the Medford area.

Mr. Looker also said he desired to direct particular attention to Mr. Montgomery's statement that the change in headquarters and methods of operation did not signify any relaxation of rent control in this area, but that control would go on just the same.

John D. Galey, Portland, chief rent attorney of the Portland district, arrived in Medford this morning to assist with change-over plans. Mrs. Evelyn Warmburg, who has been assisting Mr. Looker and Mr. Bigelow, will be in charge of the rent control office in the offices of the ration board.

Capt. Clark Gable On Final Mission

American Bomber Base in England, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—Captain Clark Gable, ex-movie star, took part in his fifth and final mission in this theater today when he went on the Nantex raid aboard a Flying Fortress which came home peppered with anti-aircraft fire.

Gable fired a machine "gun from the nose of the leading Fortress in one formation. He had been scheduled to make five missions before directing some technical films for aerial gunners.

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CHILD IS VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT IN ANTELOPE AREA

Two-Year-Old Daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. P. Auer Run
Over in Home Driveway.

The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Auer of route 3, box 456, two-year-old Rosemarie Dorly, was accidentally run over and killed by her father about 8:15 a. m. today near their home in the Antelope district. Rushed to a Medford hospital in the family automobile, the little girl was dead on arrival.

The heartbroken father, who is 39 years of age, told state police and Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris that he left the house in his Chevrolet pickup to drive the 200 yards to the Antelope highway to see about some milk cans, after telling Rosemarie she couldn't accompany him and not to follow.

Child Unseen
Parking his car in the Auer driveway near the Antelope road, the father tended to his business and then got back into the pickup to turn around and return to the house. In the meantime, he was quoted, the child had followed about unseen and had got in front of the machine without his knowing of her presence.

He told police and Morris that when he started the car forward to turn around in the Antelope road he felt a slight jar, and upon investigation saw it was his daughter who had been struck. Both father and mother were overcome with grief.

Rosemarie was born in Ashland June 28, 1941. A complete obituary will be published Friday. Conger's is in charge of funeral arrangements, to be announced later.

DISTANT QUAKES JAR LOS ANGELES

Pasadena, Cal., Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—Five earthquakes, two of them distant but serious enough to do considerable damage, and one felt slightly in the Los Angeles area were recorded in the past 24 hours by seismographs at the California Institute of Technology.

The first quake, occurred 6000 miles away late yesterday at 4:31.14 and 4:41.48 p. m. Caltech scientists said the latter was strong enough to do serious damage in its area.

A slight quake, registered at 5:39 a. m., was described as "not serious and not far away." Seismologists said it might have occurred in lower California.

A small quake in the Los Angeles area was recorded at 6:32.42 a. m., but no damage was reported.

Eleanor Returns In Army Plane From Month Long Pacific Journey

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the president, returned to the mainland today to complete a month-long aerial journey in the Pacific war theater which included visits to Australia, New Zealand and island outposts.

Mrs. Roosevelt's plane arrived at an army air base. Her immediate plans were not disclosed.

The much-traveled first lady arrived in New Zealand August 27. Thereafter she made an extensive tour of American military hospitals and camps in the Antipodes and at island bases.

She traveled in an army plane and wrote in her column that she made the trip as a representative of the Red Cross to take a "greeting from their commander-in-chief" to American

Good Target

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While not using a maximum force of the big British night bombers, Wing Commander P. Burnett, leader of one flight in the Hanover attack, said the raid was "very successful."

A report from one Lancaster base said pilots believed the losses were reduced by a sudden switching of direction to fool the Germans who were expecting an attack on Berlin.

NAZIS PUT BENITO AT HEAD OF NEW FASCIST REGIME

London, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—The German Trans-Oceanic News Agency said today that Benito Mussolini had become premier and foreign minister in a new Nazi-supported Italian Fascist government, with Marshal Rodolfo Graziani as defense minister.

The formation of the regime, disclosed in a Nazi dispatch from Rome, had been fore-shadowed by Hitler's rescue of Mussolini from confinement north of Rome and the ousted duce's radio speech last Saturday seeking to discredit the house of Savoy.

The new Nazi puppet regime originally was described as a "republican Fascist" government, but the word "republican" later was dropped. Mussolini was reported to have gone to Italy to set up the new government to fight on beside Germany and Japan.

Graziani formerly was viceroy of Abyssinia and was in charge of Italian armies in North Africa until he was beaten and withdrawn.

The Trans-Oceanic dispatch said that other members of the Mussolini cabinet were:

Minister of interior — Buffarini-Guidi.

Minister of finance — Pellegrini.

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DOUBLE ATTACK AGAINST NANTES SETS PRECEDENT

U. S. Forays Follow British
Night Blasting of Hanover Arms Plant Center.

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CALIFORNIAN NEW LEGION SKIPPER

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—Warren H. Atherton, an attorney O. Stockton, Calif., was elected national commander of the American Legion at the closing session of its 25th annual convention today.

Atherton succeeded Roane Waring of Tennessee.

The new national commander has been national defense chairman of the Legion since 1939.

Atherton enlisted as a private in the first world war. He was commissioned a first lieutenant before he went to France in April, 1918. He was promoted to a captaincy less than a year later. He was a captain in the reserve for 16 years.

Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith, Racine, Wis., was chosen president of the American Legion Auxiliary today.

Mrs. Smith is the wife of the congressman from the first Wisconsin district. She is the mother of three children, one of whom is in the army in Australia.

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Secretary Knox in Call at Buckingham

London, Sept. 23.—(U.P.)—U. S. Secretary of Navy Frank Knox visited King George for 45 minutes at Buckingham Palace today.

Knox was the king's first visitor after the royal couple's return from a trip to Scotland.

Sales in the Third Victory Loan drive to date —

\$1,821,797