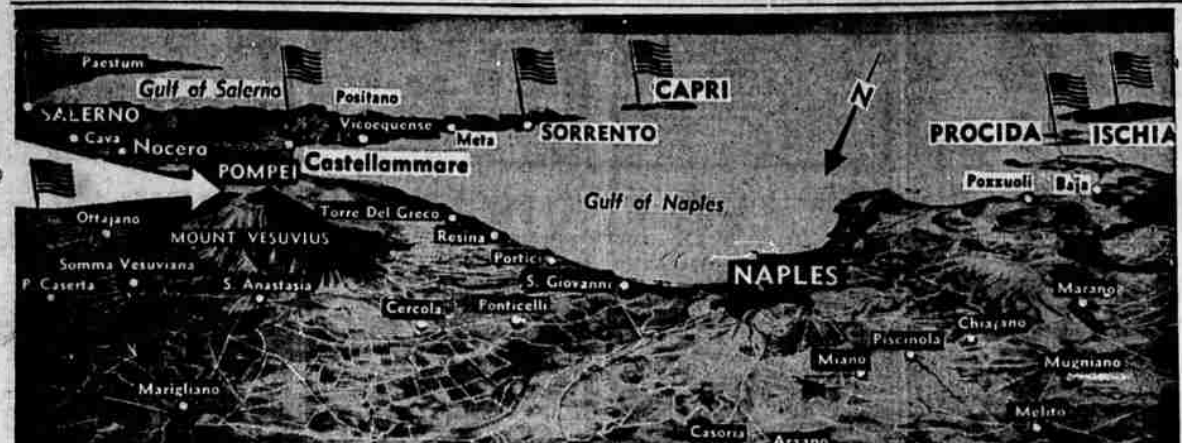


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ALLIED TROOPS OCCUPY NAPLES



Sweeping down onto the wide plains before the Italian city of Naples, the U. S. Fifth Army has landed a killing blow against the Nazi forces in this battle area. The arc of U. S. flags from Salerno to Ischia shows how the Americans ringed Naples and how new advances to Nocera, Castellammare and Pompei opened the way for a final thrust to the city. White arrow, left on this photo-map shows the direction of the American attack.

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 1.—On its face, the promised appointment of General Marshall seems to forecast a large new offensive on the European front.

Even the White House attitude encourages this impression. The president sharply criticized the recent public controversy over the matter in the house and the press, and on the radio, on the grounds that it was a military matter.

Certainly the existing military matters in Italy and in the air bombing campaign are not such as to require Marshall's transfer. Consequently, the general assumption must be that a new offensive is imminent.

THE Austin-Wadsworth compulsory labor draft bill is dying on the vine. The only one who could possibly revive it and put it through is Mr. Roosevelt. His persistent silence has discouraged the backers of the legislation. They now know they cannot get the measure out of either the house or the senate military affairs committee even as far as the senate floor for public discussion.

The only administration authorities who have forcefully advocated the measure are War Secretary Stimson and his assistant, Patterson. Congressmen have heard rumors that at one time the entire Roosevelt cabinet wanted the bill, but apparently not now.

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7 or 8 Airmen Die In Colorado Crash

Fairplay, Colo., Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—Seven or eight airmen were killed in the crash of an army four-engine bomber last night near Bailey, Park county Sheriff S. H. Law said today.

The sheriff reported the giant plane burst after it crashed on a hill near Mount Logan. The body of one airman, Sheriff Law said, was thrown clear of the wreckage. The bodies of the rest of the crew were badly burned, making positive determination of the number of dead difficult.

California's largest Portuguese settlement centers in San Leandro, Alameda county.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTER

Frank Perl predicting the score of tonight's football game "old" be Medford 14, Marshfield 0.

Bill Hammett being prevented by outside influence from reaching his destination.

Capt. Buttenweiser buying a "pig in a poke" at the bond auction which turned out to be a real pig—and red, white and blue.

Liberation Of Eternal City Next Major Goal Says F.D.R.

Washington, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today likened the allied drive in Italy, now that Naples has fallen, to a crusade to liberate Pope Pius XII, the Vatican, and Rome from the Nazis.

He told his press and radio conference that the allied advance northward now centers on liberation of the eternal city and the Vatican. Every effort is being made, he declared, to avoid fighting which would lead to destruction of historic Rome.

He said he doubted reports that the Germans would make their next stand on a line with Rome, saying that it was now difficult to determine where the next stand will be.

News of the occupation of Naples was flashed to the president by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower just a few minutes before the president met his press and radio conference.

Rome, he said, is occupied by German forces and the Vatican is virtually surrounded by Nazi troops around St. Peter's square.

TEN SHIPS SUNK ON CANADA TRIP

An Eastern Canadian Port, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—German submarines, possibly using a new type of torpedo, sank 10 Allied ships with a heavy loss of life in a savage 10-day attack, beginning Sept. 19, on two Canada-bound convoys in the North Atlantic, survivors reported today.

Survivors, expressing the belief that the enemy was using a new type of torpedo, pointed to the "disastrous effect" single torpedoes had on the lost vessels, three of which were warships. One broke in half and sunk within a minute, another plunged to the bottom in four minutes.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced in the British house of commons on Sept. 21 that the battle was joined at that time and the prime minister also said the enemy apparently had equipped his submarines with "new weapons of a novel character." He warned that only by utmost diligence could the U-boats be overcome.

BATTLE BLAZE IN BT. FALLS REGION

A crew was sent to a five-acre fire in the Butte Falls district discovered last evening and reported this morning to the Rogue River National Forest headquarters here. It is thought the fire had been smoldering since the lightning storms the middle of September since the spot is in a remote area. The crew sent in had to make a six-mile hike to reach the blaze.

Today a pumper and hose were being sent in by mule train and it was thought the fire would soon be controlled. This is one of the largest fires reported during the present season.

DUKE DIES IN ACTION
London, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—Henry V. G. Wellesley, 31, the sixth Duke of Wellington, has been killed in action in Italy where he was serving as a commando captain, it was announced today.

RUSSIANS FORCE NEW CROSSING ON MOGILEV DRIVE

London, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—A Red army communiqué announced tonight that Russian troops driving toward Mogilev on the lower Smolensk front had forced another crossing on the Sozh river and captured the town of Cherkov, 50 miles southeast of Mogilev.

Advancing six to 12 miles on the Mogilev front, the Russians captured more than 340 towns and villages, the communiqué said.

In the Gomel sector to the south, gains of six to nine miles won more than 100 inhabited localities, Moscow reported, while another 20 were taken on the Vitebsk front northwest of Smolensk.

A commentator of the Nazi Paris radio said, without corroboration from any other source, that the Germans had recaptured Kremenchug, Dnieper river stronghold which the Russians took Wednesday.

ZEROS AT NAURU ENGAGE YANKEE

Washington, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—An American search plane was attacked by five Japanese Zeros while on a reconnaissance mission over enemy-held Nauru island in the Gilbert group and shot down one and probably two of the attackers, the navy announced today.

Nauru, site of extensive phosphate works and a Japanese air base, is approximately 800 miles northeast of Guadalcanal.

Disclosure that an American reconnaissance plane was seeking information concerning Nauru served to keep alive speculation that an American move against the Gilberts might be in the cards.

Japs Launch Big Drives in China

Chungking, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—A Chinese communiqué said today that major Japanese drives had been launched in the eastern provinces of Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhwei and that Chinese reinforcements were being rushed up to meet the advancing enemy forces.

Mrs. Roosevelt Stirs Furore by Remark That American Soldiers Beating Australian Boys' Time

Somewhere in Australia, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—The furore created by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's casual remark that American soldiers are walking off with the Australian girls, because the Australian male is too aloof, threatened to divide the commonwealth into two letter-writing camps today.

Newspaper offices all over Australia have been deluged with thousands of letters endorsing or contradicting Mrs. Roosevelt's opinion.

The first repercussions were

VANGUARD FINDS BIG ITALIAN PORT BATTERED, BURNED

Germans Left Thorough Demolition Job—Occupation Gives Base For Drive.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—Allied troops marched triumphantly into battle-scarred Naples today, scoring the greatest victory of the 22-day Italian campaign and opening up the road to Rome.

The Germans had abandoned Naples after a thorough job of demolition, and the vanguard of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's army found its great waterfront a tangle of wreckage.

Gives Ideal Base
The occupation of Naples gave the allies an ideal base for the drive 125 miles northward to Rome and on beyond, which Clark promised in announcing that the battle of the Salerno bridgehead was only the beginning.

Already allied air fleets ranging on ahead of the ground forces were pounding the railroads, bridges and other transport targets north of Naples, where the coastal lines lead up to Rome. For two days they had gone unchallenged by German planes as they bombed and gunned their objectives.

The allies found Naples a battered, burned shell of the great port which probably has been subjected to more bombing than any other Italian city. For weeks the Germans have added to the devastation with systematic demolitions.

Early Clearance Seen
(A British broadcasting corporation report said the Naples harbor could be cleared for allied use in eight days.)

The fall of Naples followed an advance along the coast road by the Fifth Army shock units which had fought in fields and orchards through the town of Torre Annunziata, 11 miles from the city.

By reaching Naples the allies had covered more than 200 miles since they launched their invasion of the Italian mainland on Sept. 3.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth army had the longest march from the toe of the peninsula. The Anglo-American troops under Clark had covered only about 24 miles from Salerno, but they had met and dealt with the full force of the German military strength concentrated below Naples.

Strength Proved
The triumph on the approaches to Naples was regarded as conclusive proof that a well-equipped, well-trained, well-led allied force, given adequate air cover, can beat the best German high command can put in the field.

The successful conclusion of one phase of the Italian campaign was credited in large measure to the unprecedented teamwork between the American and British fighting men, the allied air forces, and the allied fleets, working under the direction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

JEHOVAHITE BALKS AT BUYING BONDS

Midland, Mich., Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—President Elwood Smith of the United Mine Workers' local 12075 predicted today that union employees at the Dow chemical plant will refuse to work with a Jehovah's Witnesses sect member who refused to buy war bonds—even if President Roosevelt's committee on fair employment practices orders his reinstatement.

The Jehovah's Witness, Kenneth S. Sterling, 34, was laid off at Dow's a year ago when 33 of the 50 men in his department demanded his discharge. They charged he refused to buy bonds and "doesn't believe in the government."

At a hearing before an examiner from the committee, Sterling contended he had been unfairly laid off at the Dow plant.

Marshall Expected Head Second Front

By Edward W. Beattie
United Press Staff Correspondent

London, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—Some time this fall or winter Gen. George C. Marshall is expected to establish headquarters in or near London as commander-in-chief of the second front in western Europe which will open the final assault against Nazi Germany.

The appointment of Marshall, United States army chief of staff, is considered as having been definite since the Quebec conference of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and their ranking commanders.

Will Be Secret
But because the establishment of his headquarters might be a tipoff on the imminence of a landing on the continent, it likely will be just as secret as the combined staff building from which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower operated for months before the invasion of north Africa.

According to all available information, Marshall's area will be western Europe. If and when the front is merged with Eisenhower's, Marshall presumably would hold the reins over both.

But the best informed sources in London scoff at the idea of any one man being a "global commander," attempting to coordinate the offensives gridding the world. That is the function of the combined chiefs of staff committee in Washington.

THREE JAP BASES FACING ISOLATION IN ALLIED DRIVES

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Saturday, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—Allied forces in New Guinea today developed their land and air offensive to isolate three of Japan's remaining major coastal bases, while in the Solomons speculation arose over the possibility that the enemy is evacuating Kolombangara island without a fight.

Australian troops poured a fusillade of fire on the Japanese garrison at Finschhafen after seizing Kakagok spur, a dominating height about three-quarters of a mile inland from the harbor.

The Australians may sever land communications between Madang and Wewak to the north and isolate those bases. South of Madang Allied planes continued to strafe Jap communications around Bogadjim.

Allied bombers concentrating on enemy shipping from the Celebes, 850 miles northwest of Darwin, to the Solomons, destroyed or damaged nine vessels and 14 large-size barges on Tuesday and Wednesday.

HEAVY BOMBING IN PAST MONTH

London, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—Flying Fortresses and Liberators dropped more than 5,400 tons of bombs on Europe in 11 missions within 10 operational days during September, an increase of about 50 per cent over the previous high for a month, it was announced tonight.

TROOPS IN MOCK WAR SHIFT TO NEW AREAS

Fourth Corps Headquarters, Oregon Maneuver Area, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—The 75,000 troops of this corps were moving today to new concentration areas in preparation for the fourth phase of the "battle of Oregon," which probably will begin Sunday.

Grapefruit production in the U. S. in 1938 totaled 43,714,000 boxes.

Radio Highlights

The Michigan-Northwestern football game will be broadcast by KMGD Saturday, starting at 11:45 a. m. Medford time. No Pacific coast game will be carried.

NO DEFERMENTS FOR MEN UNDER 30 YEARS, URGED

Proposal by Wyoming Solon Would Preclude Work Excuse Except For Farmers.

Washington, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—A new proposal to forbid draft deferment for any man under 30 except for physical or mental deficiencies or on dependency grounds was offered in the senate today by Sen. Chapman Revercomb, R., W. Va.

The proposal, sponsored also by Sen. Edward V. Robertson, R., Wyo., would preclude occupational deferments for any man under 30 except agricultural workers. They are covered under separate legislation passed earlier this year.

Like Taft Plan
Otherwise, the Revercomb-Robertson proposal was virtually identical with one offered yesterday by Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., as a substitute for the pending Wheeler bill to defer all pre-war father inductions to January 1.

The fourth day of senate debate on the father-draft issue began as drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers was formally instituted throughout the country. Selective Service officials, however, were making every effort to prevent their induction until the senate votes on the issue.

HARRIMAN CHOICE AS SOVIET ENVOY

Washington, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today nominated W. Averell Harriman, wealthy head of one of the nation's most prominent railroad families, to be ambassador to the Soviet Union succeeding Admiral William H. Standley, resigned.

Harriman, who will be 52 on November 15, will take over the Moscow Post at a historically momentous time when the foreign ministers of Great Britain, Russia and the United States are preparing to confer on problems of great military and political importance to the world.

There appeared to be no doubt that the senate would approve the ambassador-nominee.

SWISS GUNNERS DOWN FORTRESS

Bern, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—American bombers and German fighter planes fought a battle over eastern Switzerland, and a Flying Fortress was shot down by Swiss antiaircraft batteries which joined in the action, it was announced officially today.

A communiqué said several bombs were dropped on Swiss soil, causing material damage but no casualties.

Air alarms were sounded over a considerable area of eastern Switzerland, the announcement said. Additional details were promised later.

NUT PRICE CEILINGS WILL BE FIXED SOON

Washington, Oct. 1.—(U.P.)—Ceiling prices on all varieties of edible nuts will be set soon, the Office of Price Administration disclosed yesterday.

The prices, to be set at all trade levels from the grower to the commercial user and ultimate consumer, OPA said will be approximately 10 cents per pound under the going prices, but somewhat above 1942 prices. Both shelled and unshelled nuts are affected.

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