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## After German Time-Bomb Wrecked Naples Postoffice



In this picture made by Acme newspaper photographer Charles Corie for the War Picture Pool, Allied soldiers play a major role in removing the scores of dead and injured from the scene of the Naples, Italy, Post-office explosion, which was caused by a delayed-action Nazi bomb. Note the stunned expression of the civilian at right, who was knocked off his feet by the blast. Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Radio-Telephone photo.

## News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 15.—It is becoming more and more difficult to report accurately on the substance behind the current British-American discussions. A cloud of political dust is being swept higher and higher to obscure popular vision.

Owlsh Mr. Churchill, for example, has characterized the plea of five American senators for equal trade opportunities and defensive island bases as American "fighting" among politicians. His British press, however, has taken up the British cudgel, of which his pale words cast only a shadow.

The British papers say their nation is upset, seriously alarmed, feels "a body blow to Anglo-United States collaboration," sees "an isolationist uprising" in the United States.

THIS attitude is comparable only to that of the elder spinsters relative in many a family. If you charge her with having taken some pennies from son's bank for ice cream, or any other minor infraction, she pleads personal upset. Old ladies have for many years smothered all criticism by becoming alarmed at it.

From one-third to one-half of the nation's supply of lettuce, cantaloupes, peaches, pears and beans is produced in California.

## SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

County Clerk George Carter polishing up an heirloom—a sterling silver thimble—for display at the Shrine ceremonial in Coquille next week.

Michael Hemmilla consuming quantities of ice cream and cake at the Selective Service third birthday party.

Farmer Carol Wall in from his ranch on the Applegate to rub elbows with the city folk.

Ann Sherlock rolling a pretty eyeball at a handsome officer.

## Hero of African Air Action Visits Parents of Lt. Field

Maj. Darrell G. Welch, who commanded the squadron in which Lt. Donald Field of Medford was flying last April when reported "missing in action," was in Medford today to visit the parents of Lt. Field, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Field, 610 South Oakdale Ave. The major returned from Africa in May for a detail in the Portland air region.

## POST-WAR AID FOR SYNTHETIC RUBBER OPPOSED BY F. D. R.

Washington, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today vigorously opposed any post-war tariff on natural rubber to protect American synthetic rubber industry.

Mr. Roosevelt told a press and radio conference that he favored the cheapest possible tires. The best way to get them, he added, is to make them out of natural rubber from rubber trees and the new plants such as Guayule and Cryptostegia. A post-war tariff on rubber therefore would not be sound, he said.

Mr. Roosevelt also announced today that a unit will be set up within the office of war mobilization, headed by James F. Byrnes, "to deal with war and post-war adjustment problems." This unit will endeavor to develop a unified government program for conversion of war plants and disposition of productive facilities.

## MAJ. GEN. ALLEN TO CAMP ADAIR

Salem, Ore., Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, formerly of the First Division, which fought in North Africa and Sicily, today was en route to Camp Adair to take over an unspecified command.

He is expected to succeed Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook as command general of the Timber Wolf division, as Gen. Cook has been promoted to command of the 12th corps in southeastern United States.

Gen. Allen commanded the First Division when it led the Anglo-British counter-attack at Kasserine pass. He has acquired the nickname "Terrible Terry."

## AUTHOR'S SON GUILTY OF DODGING SERVICE

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Harry Leon Wilson, Jr., Carmel, Calif., son of the late author, today was found guilty of failing to report for induction into the armed forces.

Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure remanded Wilson to the custody of the U. S. marshal until Oct. 20 when a report from the probation officer will be submitted.

## RECORD DEER KILL

Reno, Nev., Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Buck and doe deer tags are continuing to pour into the office of the State Fish and Game Commission here in ever increasing numbers indicating a record kill for the state this year, Esther Herman, commission secretary, said today.

# LOSS OF 600 U. S. AIRMEN BALANCED BY DAMAGE

## NAZI WAR PLANT AT SCHWEINFURT HALF DESTROYED

Flying Fortress Raid Costliest of War For America—Over 104 of Foe Downed.

Washington, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—A total of 593 Flying Fortress crew members were lost in the American raid on Schweinfurt in Germany yesterday, but at least half of them are believed to be alive as prisoners of war, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces, said today.

Washington, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt said at his news conference today that while the loss of 60 American bombers in the raid on Schweinfurt, Germany, yesterday was serious, it was balanced by the fact that the bombers put out of commission a very large German war plant or plants.

We cannot afford to lose 60 planes a day, the president said, and losses are not running that high.

London, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—American headquarters announced today that at least 50 per cent of the Schweinfurt Ball and Roller Bearing plant was knocked out by United States bombers yesterday, a feat more than offsetting the loss of 60 Flying Fortresses and 600 airmen.

Aerial reconnaissance pictures revealed that the plant, producing 60 per cent of the bearings for the German war machine, was at least half incapacitated by the United States heavy bombing fleet which suffered America's greatest single loss of the war.

Damage Costly For Foe  
We expected the losses to be heavy, but the damage done was much greater to the Germans," Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, chief of the Eighth Air Force Bomber command, said today.

"The results of this attack eventually will be apparent in a shortage of German tanks, planes, guns and armored vehicles on the Russian, Mediterranean and western fronts and in the slowdown of submarine construction," Anderson said.

He described the estimate of the damage to the Schweinfurt bearing plant—actually three factories in which the Nazis had centered the greatest concentration of such an industry in the Reich—as conservative.

Bucking the stoutest resistance yet in the European theater, the forts and their escorting fighters shot down at least 104 and possibly as many as 149 German planes. Two escorting Thunderbolts were lost.

While the Allies reported 177 Japanese planes and 123 ships were wrecked or damaged at Rabaul, the Japanese high command, in a Tokyo radio broadcast, said the attack was repulsed but admitted loss of 15 aircraft and one ship. Tokyo said 13 Allied planes were shot down.

## INDEPENDENCE SCHOOLS CLOSES BY PARALYSIS

Independence, Ore., Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Independence School board today advised parents not to let children stray further than their own backyards following yesterday's closure of the town's grade and high schools owing to prevalence of infantile paralysis.

The closure resulted from a number of paralysis cases in the area including the Wednesday night death at a Portland hospital of Bez Johnson, 5, L. A. Fratz, a private independence physician, advised the board to close the schools.

## Radio Highlights

Starting at 8:15 tonight, KMED will broadcast a play-by-play description of the Medford-Klamath Falls football game in Klamath Falls. Saturday, beginning at 12:15 p. m., KMED will carry the Purdue-Ohio State game. The U. C. L. A.-University of California game Saturday afternoon will be broadcast by KUIN, Grants Pass, starting at 2:15.

## RATION REGISTRY SET FOR COUNTY, OCTOBER 26 TO 29

Book No. 3 Must be Presented at Time of Signup For Book 4—Schools Listed.

Food ration book No. 4 will be issued to all citizens Oct. 26 to 29, and including Oct. 30, if found necessary. The books are to be issued through the public schools and arrangements are now being made by C. R. Bowman, county school superintendent, and his staff.

Only selected schools will issue the books, Mr. Bowman states, and the sites and the person in charge are announced today. The hours are to be between 10 a. m. and 9 p. m., the superintendent states, but the hours may be shortened at the discretion of each site administrator.

Bring Book No. 3  
According to instructions received by Mr. Bowman and the local ration board, it is not necessary that the person to whom Book 4 is being issued be present. Some member of the family, a neighbor or a friend may make the application, but must present Book 3 for the person to whom the new book is to be issued. The new books are not to be "tailored" by the issuing person, that is, no stamps are to be removed for any purpose.

After Book 4 is issued, a notation will be made on his Book 3 to that effect, preventing his obtaining more than one book. It is pointed out that persons may register anywhere, but it is preferred that registration be in his own district, in order to prevent congestion in any one district. Members of the armed forces and persons confined to institutions are not to be served by the schools.

Where to Register.  
Applegate, Thompson Creek, Provost and Missouri Flat residents will register at the Applegate school under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Hood. Ashland, Valley View, Soda Springs and Dead Indian residents will register at Ashland schools under the direction of Supt. T. J. Norby who will announce specific sites soon.

Miss Lola Talbot will be in charge of registration for Bellview, Nell Creek, Siskiyou and Coletine districts at the Bellview schools. Butte Falls and Mt. Pitt residents will register at the Butte Falls school, with Supt. H. L. Howe in charge.

Supt. H. P. Jewett of Central Point will be in charge of registration for Central Point, Agate, Willow Springs, Table Rock and Tolo districts and the place of registration will be announced by Mr. Jewett.

Residents of Eagle Point, Little Butte, Brownsboro, Antelope, Elk Creek, Debeneger Gap, Derby, Long Mountain, Climax, Reese Creek, Trail, Shady Cove, Lake Creek and Lost Creek will all register at Eagle Point and Supt. Lyle Lindley, site administrator, is to designate the place of registration.

In Gold Hill Supt. D. H. McGuire is in charge of issuing the new books and both Gold Hill and Pankey residents will register in Gold Hill. Principal Frank Newton will register residents of the Howard district at the Howard school and in Jacksonville Supt. G. B. Goddard will be site administrator and books will be issued at the Jacksonville school.

Medford District  
Residents of Medford proper and of the Lone Pine, Griffin Creek, Dewey, West Side, Independence, North Phoenix and Kenwood districts will register at Medford school buildings, the exact sites to be announced by Supt. E. H. Hedrick.

Oak Grove residents will be issued books at that school under the supervision of Principal R. H. Gander and Phoenix and Fern Valley residents at the Phoenix school under the direction of Supt. F. V. Barrett. Pinehurst registration is in charge of Miss Wanda Cox and Prospect site administrator will be Supt. M. Scheel.

Rogue River and Evans Valley residents will apply at the Rogue River school and Supt. Kenneth Toner will be site administrator. Residents of Ruch, Uniontown,

## NAZIS REEL BACK BEFORE ADVANCE OF CLARK'S MEN

Fifth Army Pounds Forward Five Miles Past Voltorno River—Heights Seized.

Allied Headquarters, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—The Fifth army, aided by a leap-frog landing behind enemy lines, has sent the Germans reeling back two to five miles from the Voltorno river line all the way from the west coast to the Apennine mountains, it was announced today.

American storm troops struck out from bridgeheads above Capua, 17 miles inland from the sea, and seized dominating heights to the northeast, protecting the Allied flank and enabling Allied engineers to throw pontoon bridges across the turbulent Voltorno.

Manitons Four  
Across these bridges and over ferryboats poured a ceaseless stream of tanks, tank-destroyers, guns, shells and other supplies to buttress the Fifth army's attack that was moving relentlessly northward toward Rome, now less than 95 miles away.

The Germans put up fierce resistance and in some sectors counterattacked, but nowhere were they able to hold. Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces. Front reports indicated that the enemy's Voltorno line has cracked.

## COPPER PRODUCTION RESUMED AT UTAH CO.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Full-scale production by the Utah Copper company, operator of the nation's largest copper mine, resumed today with settlement of a labor dispute that had stopped work for 19 hours.

Production resumed when the company, at the request of the national mediation board, recognized the railway employees' department, an American Federation of Labor, as bargaining agent for workers in the company's railroad shops.

Little Applegate, Watkins, Beaver Creek and Forest Creek districts will apply at the Ruch school, where Mrs. Grace Brownlee will be in charge.

Residents of Talent, Wagner Creek and Anderson Creek will apply at the Talent school where Supt. Roy Farr will be administrator. Sams Valley residents will apply at the district school building, where Principal A. Gosnell will be in charge and Elk school under the direction of Principal Lucille Neiter.

Residents of the larger centers, such as Medford, Ashland, Eagle Point, etc., are asked to note that the administrator for that center will announce specific registration sites soon.

Volunteers are to be secured to aid with the work and it is not anticipated that schools will be closed.

## Fifth Army's Crossing of Voltorno Hardest Task Since Salerno Beach

By Reynolds Packard  
United Press Staff Correspondent

With the Fifth Army in Italy, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—The moon beamed brightly on a strip of water 100 yards wide as men of the fifth army—some of them wading with rifles and tommy guns held high above their heads—plunged into the stream.

The battle of the Voltorno river was on. Across the water, whamming away at the British and Americans with mortars and machine guns, were the Germans. Beyond the Germans was the road to Rome.

## Give and Take

This was the toughest German resistance the Fifth army had met since the bloody days on the Salerno beachhead, when the enemy threw everything in the book at our troops in an attempt to break our toehold. The Fifth army took plenty of punishment in the fighting that was climaxed

## Yugoslavs at War

Map here is the area in which the Free Yugoslav Radio announced that their Partisan forces had captured the western part of Zagreb capital of Croatia. The Germans were said to have razed Novo Mest while fighting continued for Susak across the Adriatic from Italy.

## CAIRO CONFERENCE SUGGESTS BALKAN INVASION COMING

London, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Gen. Josip (Tito) Brozovich, leader of Yugoslav partisan armies, has visited Cairo for important talks with British commanders—possibly to plan an eventual Allied Balkan invasion—private advice said today.

Brozovich, 50-year-old former shoemaker whose troops are waging a growing war against the Germans, was reported to have seen Russian representatives at the same time.

There was no indication he conferred with King Peter, exiled Yugoslav monarch who is in Cairo. As result of the talks, it was said, the partisan army had been reorganized into "fighting divisions" capable of swift movement to strike at the Nazis.

Revelation of his journey came as the German high command acknowledged it had sent Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, number one Nazi trouble shooter, from Italy to deal with Yugoslav patriot bands.

## SANTA FE BUSES BACK TO SERVICE

Los Angeles, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Santa Fe Trailways buses, which have stood idle in five states for a week, rolled out of the car barns shortly after noon today, following a unanimous back to work vote by 225 drivers.

In Los Angeles they were filled with passengers who had crowded the stations all morning waiting for the "let 'er roll" order.

This year the bureau of reclamation power plants have more than doubled their 1942 production of electric power.

## REDS DRIVE NAZIS FROM HILLS WEST OF DNEIPEP RIVER

Forces Blocking Russian Advance Are Pushed Back—Counter Attacks Fail.

London, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—The Moscow radio said today that the Red army had driven the Germans from a chain of hills west of the Dnieper.

German forces entrenched on the heights had blocked the Soviet advance, which was resumed after the capture of the barrier in an unidentified sector.

The German counter attacked the hills eight times, hurling waves of Tiger and other tanks at the Soviet positions, but regained no ground, Moscow reported.

## Major Action

The German DNB news agency reported that major Soviet forces were in action from Lake Ilmen to Leningrad, but their attacks had not yet been fused into a full dress offensive.

The massive battle of the lower Dnieper rapidly neared a decision as the Russians hurriedly mopped up at Melitopol, in order to join Malinovsky's men in the push down the corridor between the Dnieper and the Sea of Azov.

The railroad through Melitopol was cut, leaving the Germans a precarious wartime railroad from the Perekop Isthmus to Kherson as their only escape route from the Crimea.

## DUCK AMMUNITION GOING AT \$20 BOX

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Duck season opened in California today amid complaints from hunters concerning the rarity of ammunition and the prices charged for it by black market operators.

Local hunters were reported paying as high as \$20 for a box of shells with a ceiling price of approximately \$1.50.

Stores turned away many customers but the state fish and game commission said the number of hunters probably would be almost as great as in pre-war seasons.

## PARATROOPERS KILLED WHEN CHUTES TANGLE

Fort Benning, Ga., Oct. 15.—(U.P.)—Two paratroopers were killed yesterday when they collided 100 feet from the ground and their parachutes became tangled the army announced today.

They were Privates Andrew J. Kurechik, 22, Los Angeles, Cal., and Roger W. Thomas, East Troy, Wis.

## Nazis Make Jab

It was at Capua that the Germans made a jab of their own in an attempt to throw the Allied advance off balance. They made it just a few hours before the Fifth army was scheduled to advance. There was a terrific impact as the two forces collided. The Germans forced the river, and then the Fifth army men threw them back.

Today commanders described operations as "working out on schedule." The Fifth army, overcoming tough German resistance and miserable weather, appears to be on its way to Rome.