

Holland Invaders Reinforced by Long Sky Trains; Junction With British 2nd Army Is Declared Near

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Continued cool. Temp. 43. Highest yesterday 45. Lowest this morning 41. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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REDS THREATEN RIGA ESCAPE

NAZIS IN BALTICS MAY BE TRAPPED BY DEEP ADVANCE

Breakthrough Carries Half-way Across Corridor — Battle Flares Intensely

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—The Berlin radio said today that a deep Russian breakthrough toward the Latvian capital of Riga created a "critical situation" for German troops in the Baltics who would be trapped by a 15-mile Soviet advance to the North Sea.

The red army breakthrough carried half way across the corridor the Germans had maintained in the Riga area along the seacoast through which tens of thousands of troops in the upper Baltics was supplied, Nazi broadcasts said.

Battle Spreads
The Baltic battle flared to full intensity, by Berlin account, and spread to new sectors as upward of 500,000 Soviet troops were engaged. To the southwest, Berlin reported without Russian confirmation, other Russian forces tried to cross the Vistula river at Warsaw to storm the Polish capital, but were repulsed.

The German DNB news agency said the defensive battle on the northern front raged with "extreme violence" and the Russians had extended it to the area of Tartu, in lower Estonia. "Enemy forces which broke through at single points were intercepted and sealed off," the agency said in a backhanded admission of Nazi reverses in several sectors.

To Spring Again
The reports indicated that the red army was about to spring again the trap it closed on the Germans in the Baltics early in August, only to have the Nazis break through the barricade reaching to the North Sea near Riga.

(The British radio said the battle of Warsaw "is entering its last phase" after the Russians "reached the Vistula about five miles north of the capital, where the crossing of the river is least difficult." The broadcast was recorded by CBS.)

The Moscow communique, for the first time in several weeks, did not mention the fighting at Warsaw, the usual practice when a big offensive is under way, but it tended to confirm German reports of a renewed drive toward the Gulf of Riga.

FIRST SNOW FALLS AT DIAMOND LAKE

Two inches of snow fell Sunday at Diamond Lake and Mt. Wagner was whitened on top in the first appearance of winter in the southern Oregon hills this season. The snow at Diamond Lake melted fast, returning travelers said. Highest temperature last week at Fish Lake was 34 degrees, according to phone messages to the Medford Irrigation district.

Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy said the mercury dropped to around 35 degrees in the valley last Thursday, and frost was on the roofs of some rural buildings. The first killing frosts are generally due around October 10. Commercial tomato growers are now in the midst of their harvest and expect to be through by early October. All threshing has been completed, except seeds, County Agent Robert G. Fowler said.

Radio Highlights

Gov. Tom Dewey will broadcast from Seattle at 7:30 p. m. today. The speech will be carried on a hookup of Oregon stations.

"Pocketed" Germans Forced to Surrender



CAUGHT IN THE GIGANTIC TRAP set for them by onrushing Americans and slugging British and Canadians in France, these are some of the thousands of German prisoners captured after hard fighting in what has become famous as the "Falaise pocket." British troops are bringing them into a prisoner camp as Allied tanks roll on toward the battlefield.

YANKEES EXTEND PALAU FOOTHOLD; NAVY GUNS HELP

Pearl Harbor, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—American invasion forces extended their foothold in the southern Palau Islands today, capturing one-third of tiny Angaur and the southern end of Peleliu, together with its airfield, 560 miles east of the Philippines.

Army troops of the 81st infantry division, which landed on Angaur Saturday, rolled through the three-square-mile island against little opposition and penetrated as much as 1500 yards at one point.

Marines on Peleliu, six miles north of Angaur, met stiff resistance, but with the support of a steady naval and air bombardment, fanned out for one-third of a mile on the southwest coast and were driving northward.

Tighten Morale Grip
At the same time, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's veteran army forces tightened their grip on Morotai, in the Halmahera, at the southern end of the American line extending around the southeastern corner of Mindanao from the Palau.

Southwest Pacific headquarters said the troops reached all the perimeter objectives against negligible opposition and continued to consolidate their beachhead.

While construction battalions rushed completion of the Pitu airfield, 250 miles south of the Philippines, Allied bombers dropped more than 210 tons of explosives in neutralization raids on other Halmahera airbases. On Angaur, army troops under Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller pushed more than 1000 yards inland within a day after they landed, joined their beachheads on the north and northeast end of the island, captured a radio station and started a drive southward.

Surgical Dressing Volunteers Called Tuesdays Morning

The call has gone out from the Jackson County Surgical Dressing Department for all volunteers to register Tuesday at 10 a. m. to start the fall quota. The Court House auditorium has been redecorated during the two weeks vacation given the volunteer workers, after their dramatic finishing of the 200,000 dressings on Sept. 1.

All over the county workers will be trooping back again, the time varying according to the end of the fruit and canning season in the districts.

The Medford work rooms will follow their previous schedule Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. There will be no evening sessions at present.

Captain Bartholomew Gosnold, English, landed in Massachusetts in 1602.

20,000 Germans Surrender, March 200 Miles Guarded By Only 24 Brash Yankees

By Collie Small
United Press Staff Correspondent
Beaugency, France, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Twenty thousand Germans who surrendered to 24 brash Americans arrived at the River Loire today and turned in their arms to the American 83rd division.

Though technically prisoners, they had been permitted to march in a group, fully armed, for 200 miles. Twenty-four Americans had been insufficient to protect them from the vengeance of the French maquis. Only at the River Loire were there enough Americans to protect them.

Strange Capitulation
It was one of the strangest military capitulations on record. The French didn't like it. They thought the Americans were a little crazy to let 20,000 armed men march 200 miles without guard or direction. But it turned out as it had been planned. The Germans were more afraid of the French than the French trusted the Germans. They wanted to keep their arms only for their own protection.

They were led by Maj. Gen. Erich Elster, their commander. He and his staff formally handed their swords to Maj. Gen. Robert C. Mason, commander of the 83rd. Two and a half miles behind them were their men, three columns of weary and disheartened Germans who stacked arms on the river bank and marched across pontoon bridges to prison camps.

For weeks, there have been reports of large numbers of Germans in southern France wanting to surrender if only they could find some Americans to accept their surrender—Germans who didn't want to surrender to the French forces of the interior. Now, for the first time, is told the authentic story of a remarkable footnote to the history of the war.

I spoke to one German soldier on the lawn later. He spoke English perfectly. He said he used to be a coffee salesman in San Francisco. He explained he was surrendering because he realized six months ago the war was over for Germany.

"I would like to see the Golden Gate again," he said wistfully.

NEW GRID LOOP
New York, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Complete organization of a new professional football circuit, the Trans-America Football league, was announced today by President John (Chick) Meehan, former Manhattan, New York University and Syracuse coach.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Gain Robinson searching for nine football scores for the amusement of the "False Friends" club.

Ralph Green preparing to exercise his muscles on his day off.

STILWELL OPENS ROAD TO CHINA THROUGH BURMA

Junction of Yank and Chinese Patrols East of Kashu Promises New Route

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—A Chinese-American patrol of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Burma forces crossed the Sino-Burma border today to establish the first contact with Chinese troops from the Salween front and open the way for a new supply route into China.

The junction east of Kashu put Stilwell well on the way toward fulfilling his promise to return, made when he reached Imphal on May 20, 1942, after walking from Burma. At that time he pledged to reopen the Burma road.

Last at Kashu
Stilwell's troops last were reported at Kashu, southeast of Myitkyina, driving eastward along jungle trails leading to Tengchung, key road junction in Yunnan province, which fell to the Chinese last week.

Development of the 80 miles of trails between Myitkyina and Tengchung would require considerable road building, but would shorten the Leda road leading from India to its junction with the Burma road.

Army engineers have completed 238 miles of the Leda road to Mogaung and now are working on a 33-mile stretch from Mogaung to Myitkyina. The Burma road, still in Japanese hands, runs far to the south, passing through Bhamo, 70 miles south of Kashu, across the border to Lungling, 25 miles south of Tengchung, and then turns northward at Paoshan, 40 miles east of Tengchung.

Buzzbombs Return When British Turn Lights On Again

London, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—London's scheduled blackout, ending five years of blackouts, was marked down as a "flop" today because the Germans launched a flying bomb attack shortly after dark, the second within 24 hours following a 10-day lull.

TO BERLIN
By United Press
The shortest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:

Western front—300 miles (from point east of Aachen, gain of 18 miles in week).

Dewey Calls for Clearer Definition And More Permanence in Labor Rights

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey called today for a clearer definition and more permanent establishment of labor's rights "so they will not depend on a single political party or the caprice of any individual."

Dewey, in Seattle for the first of four west coast campaign speeches told a press conference that was the reason he had chosen labor questions as the subject of his first address on the details of the Republican program if he is elected to the White House in November.

Time for Scrutiny
"I think it is time that the labor policies of our government be examined with great care so that in the approaching peace time labor and the country generally can be brought closer together and the rights of labor be more clearly and permanently established so they will not depend on a single political party or on the caprice of any individual," Dewey said.

Dewey scheduled conferences with Seattle labor leaders, as well as leaders of business, Negro, Scandinavian and Republican organizations during the day. He speaks tonight on a nationwide broadcast from civic auditorium where Republican leaders anticipate an overflow crowd of 1,000.

Twin Invasions Hem Philippines



American invasion forces win beachheads in Palau Islands (powerful Jap bastion 530 miles from Philippines) and sweep ashore with only feeble opposition at Morotai, north of Halmahera, surprising Japs who expected us to strike at southern islands of group.

ROMANS STORM FASCIST TRIAL LYNCH OPPRESSOR

Rome, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—More than 7,000 Romans stormed the first great trial of fascist criminals today, seized an assistant director of the Regina Coeli prison, threw him into the Tiber river and kept his head under water until he drowned.

Donato Carrelia was the man lynched but the mob was after Pietro Caruso, pro-Nazi chief of the Rome police and defendant at the trial which never got underway.

They missed Caruso and remained milling around the Regina Coeli prison, where they believed he was being held, until a squad of 50 American and 50 British military police arrived on the scene. Although they had ignored the orders of Carabinieri throughout the morning, the crowd quickly melted on sight of the allied uniforms.

Carrelia's body was hauled from the Tiber and hung from one of the bars of the Regina Coeli prison.

Caruso terrorized Rome during the Nazi occupation. The wrath of the mob was turned toward Carrelia when the black-veiled mother of a hostage shot by Germans in the Adriatic caves screamed out she had paid him 150,000 lire as a bribe to save her son, and that he had taken the money without doing anything in return.

ENROLLMENT FOR SCHOOL OPENING UP 18 PER CENT

Enrollment in Medford's four elementary schools is up 18 per cent over the first day's enrollment last year, figures at the office of the city school superintendent, E. H. Hedrick, showed this afternoon. Last year total enrollment for the four elementary schools was 1114 pupils, and this year is 1314, the reports show.

It was stated that the increase was unexpected but that space in the schools and the teaching staff is adequate to handle the pupils and no difficulties are expected.

Jackson school enrollment this morning was 289, or 19.9 over last year; Lincoln, with the largest increase, enrolled 255 pupils, an increase of 23.8 per cent; Roosevelt's enrollment is 339 students, representing a 20 per cent increase, and Washington school has enrolled 431 students, 12 per cent larger than last year.

Two additional country schools, Agate and Independence, are bringing their students to Medford this year, but these do not account for the large increase. It was stated at the school office.

Portable room coolers will be available in the post-war period as soon as production can be started, electrical manufacturers assert. They will be priced for an average-income family.

Germans Fleeing

A front dispatch apparently written last night said the Germans were fleeing from the Allied invasion by air, and had evacuated at least 13 Dutch towns and villages.

The security blackout still concealed from the German high command and the world the details of the descent on Holland—details of which the Nazis obviously had not been able to patch into a pattern for use in the defense of northwestern Germany.

Crack German troops shifted westward from the Russian front counter-attacked the tip of the American 1st army wedge which Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges had driven through the Siegfried line east of Aachen, but the Yanks absorbed the impact handily without the loss of a single pillbox.

United Press Correspondent Jack Frankish, in a 1st army front dispatch reporting the German counter-attack, said it was launched on a smaller scale than one yesterday. U. S. artillery rained more than 200 tons of shells onto crack fusilier and grenadier units, the finest German troops yet faced by the Americans in this sector.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British 2nd army smashed forward across the Dutch frontier in a full scale advance after nearly two weeks of a comparative lull.

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE BY AIR-BORNE ARMY

Germans Stiffen Resistance Against U.S. 1st Army—Counterattacks Launched

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Troops of the allied first airborne army and the British 2nd army joined hands in Holland today, apparently assuring the success of the bold descent by sky-troopers in a bid to turn the Siegfried line.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 18.—(U.P.)—Reinforced by sky trains totaling 285 miles in length, the Allied first air-borne army in Holland was making "excellent progress" today and nearing a junction with the British 2nd army after achieving its first objectives.

Twenty-four hours after the original descent on Holland, another vast fleet of gliders, bombers and other planes poured more men and material into the section of Holland carved out by the aerial army making a bid to turn the Siegfried line and open the way to Berlin.

Nazis Stiffen

German resistance against the U. S. 1st army stiffened suddenly inside the Reich. The Nazis struck out in a series of counterattacks along the entire front on their homeland soil. The penetration east of Aachen was slowed down in the area two miles beyond Stolberg. Counterblows in the Luxembourg frontier area pushed the Yanks back two miles, but the ground was retaken during the night.

A tight security ban obscured the operations and locations of the air-borne forces, who were very close to a linkup with the British 2nd army. They had obtained several critical first objectives, consolidated their forces, and now were expanding their newly-won territory against opposition that was heavy in places.

Front dispatches said the 2nd army was seven miles inside Holland at nightfall Sunday and pushing toward Eindhoven. The Germans claimed that the air-borne forces descended in the Eindhoven area, which would mean that the two armies were less than 10 miles apart.

Lobs Drop Supplies

A force of 250 Liberators dropped supplies to the air-borne forces early Monday afternoon, 24 hours after the invaders descended on Holland in a section reported by the Nazis to embrace the Eindhoven-Tilburg-Nijmegen area and reach to the north banks of the Rhine above the northern end of the Siegfried line.

Some 600 B-17 air force fighters escorted the Liberators and glider trains carrying reinforcements to Holland. They also shot up anti-aircraft installations. One force of Mustangs intercepted 60 German fighters trying to break up a supply train over Holland and shot down at least 26 for a loss of two.

While all reports of the aerial descent on Holland were favorable, it still was too early to say the danger was past. A continued flow of supplies and a linkup of the scattered forces into a cohesive front must be accomplished swiftly.