

SKY TROOPERS TURN WESTWALL

Weather

Forecast: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Wednesday. Continued mild. Temp. Highest yesterday 55. Lowest this morning 49. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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Taking of Bloody Nose Ridge Climaxes Battle for Peleliu

JAPS SHACKLED TO OUTPOSTS TO PREVENT FLIGHT

Seabees Already At Work Preparing For Arrival of Combat Aircraft on Island

By Richard W. Johnston
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Aboard Expeditionary Flagship, Palau, Sept. 19—(Via navy radio)—(U.P.)—The first marine regiment today captured Bloody Nose ridge after a vicious fight and tonight the battle for Peleliu appeared to have passed the crisis point.

The leathernecks now have seized their primary objectives on this strategic island barrier to the Philippines.

Coincidentally, it was disclosed that the Japanese, in desperation, have shackled their forward observers to posts to prevent them from retreating.

Seabees Busy

After the stiffest fight in its illustrious history—a history that includes Guadalcanal—the first marine regiment completed the conquest of the bare, coral-encrusted cliffs of Bloody Nose.

The fall of Bloody Nose silenced most of the enemy fire directed against the Peleliu airfield, now in our hands. Seabees already are at work preparing for the arrival of combat aircraft which will permanently nullify uninvited islands of the Palau group, such as Koror and Babelthap, where an estimated 30,000 Japanese are immobilized.

The 5th marine regiment swept up the inside of the Peleliu "fishhook" to capture virtually all the east end of the island flanking the ridge area.

117 Jap Planes Lost
Men cleaning off the two-way Japanese air field found the wreckage of 117 Japanese aircraft, of which 77 were fighters. The field is the finest in the mandated islands.

On nearby Angaur the 81st army division, after a slow start, suddenly expanded their bridgehead attack into a sweeping offensive which crashed across four-fifths of the island.

The Japs on Angaur now are crammed into the northwest and southeast tips of the island, and their position is hopeless.

Prospect Watchman Falls in Fiery Pit

Prospect, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Richard Wayman was unable to work at his job as night watchman for the George L. Jantzen Lumber Co., most of last week because of burned feet. Wayman was putting out a fire in a stump a short distance from the mill when the ground broke through where he was standing, letting him fall into a pit of live coals. The pit had been caused by the burning away of a large root.

The watchman was wearing low shoes and these permitted severe burns on the tops and sides of his feet.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ike Stenerson sharing the Sunday comic sections with daughter Dolores.

Sgt. Vic Califf of the state police meeting for the first time a person with whom he had conversed daily by telephone for three years.

Bren Starcher turning author with gratifying results.

Alex "Two-Gun" Hamilton invading the Mail Tribune to deliver a note for his Ma.

Keeps Tab on Holland Invasion



(Acme Radio-Telephone)
Lieut. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commander of First Allied Airborne Army, follows the progress of his paratroop Army invading Holland on a map at his headquarters in Britain. He declared flatly that on the success of the landing "rests the difference between a quick decision in the west and a long, drawn-out battle."

Seized German Documents Reveal Cologne-Aachen Evacuation Order

With U. S. First Army Near Stolberg, Germany, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Seized German documents revealed today that the Nazi party on Sept. 12 ordered the evacuation of the entire Cologne-Aachen area with an estimated population of at least 2,000,000 Germans.

ODT WILL CLOSE MEDFORD OFFICE IN MID-OCTOBER

Portland, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Marshall Nauman, Portland district manager of the Office of Defense Transportation, has been transferred to Los Angeles as manager, the ODT announced today in connection with a series of personnel changes.

Nauman formerly was in the Medford office and will be succeeded in Portland by Donald Call, who has been district manager at Medford. The Medford office will be closed about Oct. 15 and southern Oregon served by the Portland district office.

The Office of Defense Transportation is completing arrangements to transfer a part of its commercial motor vehicle gasoline rationing functions to the Office of Price Administration effective October 15. R. O. Crowe, Pacific Coast regional ODT highway transport director said today. Detailed plans concerning the processing of application forms, the issuance of Certificates of War Necessity, action on appeals and requests for gasoline from commercial users and procedure are now being studied by OPA and ODT officials in Washington according to a statement received here from J. M. Johnson, ODT director.

The contemplated far-reaching changes in the procedure for allocating gasoline to commercial operators throughout the nation is dictated by "present conditions which require that the ODT Regional Highway Organization direct a greater amount of attention and effort to the transportation phases of the ODT program rather than to the detailed work of gasoline rationing."

Mr. Crowe pointed out that while full details of the new commercial gasoline allocation procedures had not been cleared in detail by the ODT, he was convinced that the change over will "be to the convenience of commercial vehicle operators."

MORSE AGREES WITH DEWEY ON LABOR AND WLB

Former Board Member Says Charge That Political Influence Entered Is Right.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 19—(U.P.)—The War Labor Board ought to die with the last bullet fired in the war, Wayne L. Morse, a former board member, told members of the Oregon Republican club in keynoting the convention called to honor the visit of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Morse said he wholeheartedly approved Dewey's views on labor, particularly that labor problems should be handled in a "judicial" rather than a "political" manner. He advocated putting such problems back for settlement across the council board of collective bargaining untouched by political control.

Charge Backed
Morse, after joining with the delegates in listening to Governor Dewey's radio talk from Seattle last night, said the Republican presidential nominee "was right when he said that political influence entered into War Labor Board decisions." He contrasted his own dissenting opinions, as a public member of WLB for two years.

Morse is a Republican nominee for the U. S. senate from Oregon and said he would be elected "without a single string around a single finger."

Disputes Confirmed
Morse confirmed Dewey's charge of jurisdictional disputes among the many federal agencies which have been given "some kind of jurisdiction over war-time labor disputes."

Referring to railroads, Morse added that "great and unjustifiable damage was done to railroad labor because of the lack of a judicial approach to its war-time problem."

Morse said four officials were involved in political maneuvering on the West Coast Aircraft case and that when he returned to Washington, D. C., he found that "the opinion had been written before the board had even considered the case."

(Dewey's speech on page 3)

SNELL REOPENS WESTERN WOODS

Salem, Ore., Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell has opened all the forests west of the Cascades, except the Rogue River and Siskiyou National forests.

The move, recommended by State Forester Nels Rogers, was made possible by the rains which have drenched most of western Oregon during the past week. Few costly fires burned in the state forests this year, despite extremely hazardous conditions, Rogers said.

At the Rogue River National Forest service office here it was said that after conferring with local officials, it was decided that the closure orders should not be changed until this season also had rain, only a trace having fallen in this area. Certain national forest districts have been closed to everyone but loggers, miners and persons residing in the district.

A. D. McReynolds of the state forest service reported that the opening order did not apply to forest lands of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties. Pointing out that the fire situation has abated but little, McReynolds said that a fire on the Benj. T. Fredenberg place in the Butte Falls district yesterday spread rapidly and that help had to be summoned. National and state crews.

REDS IN EFFORT TO CROSS VISTULA

London, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—The German DNB News Agency today reported a major Russian attempt to storm across the Vistula river north of Warsaw, and acknowledged that some Soviet elements had reached the west bank where they were reported "annihilated."

Official reports in Moscow remained silent on the battle of Warsaw, where fighting of "tremendous proportions" had been raging for several days, a dispatch from the Soviet capital said.

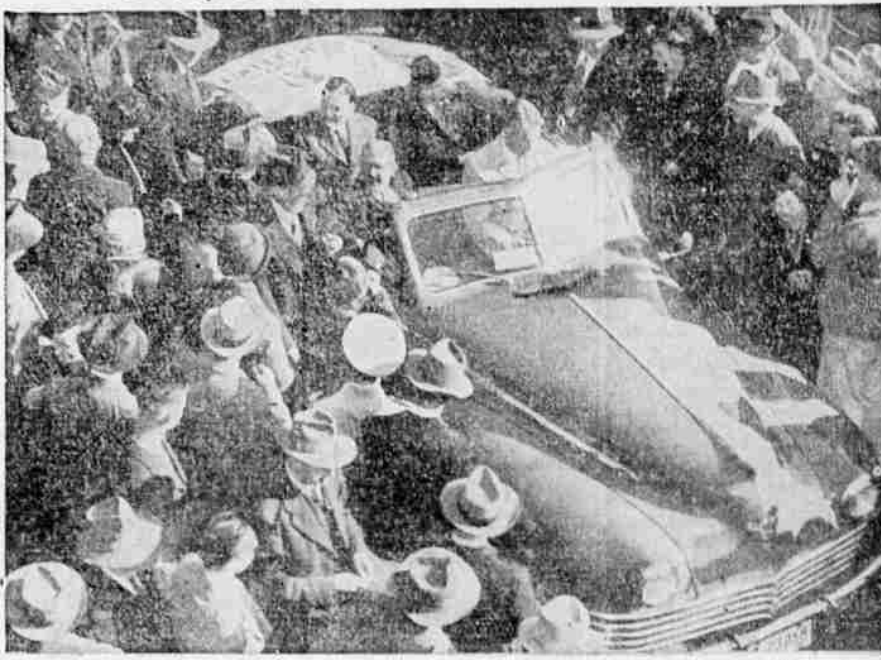
"The Russians are pumping a hell of fire into the enemy positions from a wide front on the east bank of the Vistula," the dispatch reported.

SIX TO ARMY, 1 TO NAVY FROM MEDFORD'S BOARD

Selective service board 1 today released the names of six local men who were inducted into the army at Portland September 12. They were: Virgil Oscar Anderson, John Edwin Roberts, Jack Elwin White, Raymond Scott Darby, Royce Mark Pruitt and Robert Lewis Krug.

Inducted into the navy on the same date was Martin Jonas Williams.

Dewey Seeks Labor Vote in Seattle Visit



(Acme Telephoto)
Governor and Mrs. Thomas E. Dewey receive enthusiastic ovation as they leave Seattle, Wash., railroad station with Gov. Arthur B. Langille (front seat) of Washington, who welcomed the Republican nominee. Mr. Dewey made bid for labor support in November election in Seattle speech with program designed to "restore free collective bargaining."

Dewey's Train in Collision

FINNS APPROVE RUSSIAN TERMS

Stockholm, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—The Finnish parliament was reported to have approved Russia's armistice terms at a secret meeting in Helsinki this morning, and press dispatches said all German troops finally have been cleared from southern Finland after a series of bloody clashes with their former allies.

The Riksdag was said to have been called hurriedly into session at 6:15 a. m. to review the armistice agreement, which is expected to be signed in Moscow today.

London, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—The Moscow radio said today that Russia and Finland had just signed an armistice and terms would be reported later.

OVERPARKERS DUE FOR WARNINGS AND FINES

City police have started a drive against over-time parkers and yesterday placed more than 50 warning tags on automobiles found to have been left in the same place over the one-hour time limit.

Police explained that violators of the one-hour parking law would get off with a warning the first time, but that a second ticket would mean a fine.

Aboard Dewey Campaign Train, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—The special train of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey crashed into the rear of another Great Northern passenger train shortly before noon today near Castle Rock, Wash., about one-half mile north of the scene of a freight train collision last night.

The Dewey special, which had been held up in the Seattle station until 8:30 a. m. today because of the train collision last night, struck the second passenger train, which had been halted, and telescoped the rear of the regular train and the baggage car of the Dewey train.

Dewey and his wife, both of whom were in the bedroom in the rear car of the special train, reported they were shaken but apparently not hurt seriously.

Dewey said a piece of luggage fell from the overhead rack and struck his head.

Mrs. Dewey said her head struck the wall and she suffered a headache.

Several reporters and employees on the train were injured, none of them believed seriously.

Radio Highlights

Gov. Dewey's speech at Portland tonight will be on the air at 7:30 from stations KGW and KOIN and most other Oregon stations outside of Portland.

BEATTIE OF U. P. IS GERMAN PRISONER

With U. S. 3rd Army in Europe, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Edward W. Beattie, famous United Press war correspondent, was captured by the Germans on Sept. 12 near Chaumont and is believed to have been taken into Germany.

Two other correspondents, one of whom was freed later, and an army jeep driver were taken with Beattie.

One of the correspondents and the jeep driver were liberated by their Nazi guard and returned to the press camp today. They said Beattie and the third correspondent probably were in Germany now.

Beattie was separated from the others near Chaumont. He volunteered to go with another convoy when the Germans told their prisoners that one must leave the group.

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Borowy, Donald and Garbark; Newhouse and Richards.

Lord Baltimore settled Maryland as a refuge for Catholics in 1634.

F. D. R. Orders Plan Drawing for Demobilization Of War Emergency Bureaus, Federal Payroll Cut

Washington, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today ordered the budget bureau to begin planning demobilization of the government's vast war-time machinery through liquidation of emergency bureaus and agencies and reduction of the federal payroll to a "peace footing."

"This is the time to do the planning although the war—even in Europe—is not over," Mr. Roosevelt said in a letter to Budget Director Harold D. Smith. "Most of the planning will probably have to wait for execution until the Japs have surrendered—and there is no way of telling when that will happen. But the plans should be ready."

Problems Cited
In planning adjustment of the government's executive branch from "the needs of war to the needs of peace," Mr. Roosevelt said, three principal problems must be considered:

1—"Liquidation of war agencies and the reassignment of such permanent or continuing functions as they possess." There are now 23 emergency war agencies. Some of the major ones, such as the Office of Price Administration and War Production Board, are expected to continue operation for some time after hostilities cease.

2—"Reduction of government personnel to a peace footing." The federal payroll last July listed 2,938,602 civil service employees in this country, as compared to about 1,000,000 in May of 1940 when the expansion began under impetus of the defense program.

3—"The simplification and adaptation of the administrative structure to peace-time requirements." This presumably will include realignment of the duties of regular agencies which were assigned special war-time duties by congressional or executive order.

"Some steps along these lines may be taken when the fighting ends in Europe," Mr. Roosevelt said, and urged that "immediate attention" be focused on this phase of the government demobilization program.

Big Payroll Admitted
In apparent reference to criticism of the administration based on the great increase in the federal payroll, Mr. Roosevelt acknowledged that "total war has

required a great expansion of government activities, agencies and personnel."

But, he added, "our success on the battle fronts all over the world bears witness to the effectiveness of our efforts."

"Upon termination of hostilities, we must proceed with equal vigor to liquidate war agencies and reconvert the government to peace," Mr. Roosevelt said. "The transition . . . should be carried forward rapidly, but with a minimum of disorder and disruption. Only careful planning can achieve this goal."

One of the latest blasts at the increased federal payroll came last week from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican presidential nominee, who assailed what he termed "overpopulation" of government bureaus and agencies.

Many war agencies already are beginning to release workers under their own demobilization plans. The WPB has abolished several smaller units and the Office of Defense Transportation last week announced that 1000 of its 5000 positions were being eliminated.

ENTIRE HOLLAND DEFENSE SYSTEM FALLING APART

Air Troopers and British 2nd Army Merged; Wheeling Over Country at Fast Clip.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's airborne army turned the northern end of the Siegfried line today in the Arnheim area of eastern Holland beyond the Rhine, while other allied forces captured the Dutch transport hub of Eindhoven.

Elated spokesmen said the aerial invasion of Holland was going exactly as planned on its third day and the commanders were highly pleased with its progress.

Defense Crumbles

Front dispatches said the sky-troops and the British 2nd army were wheeling through Holland at a lively clip, and the entire Nazi defense system for the country appeared to be falling apart.

Again today an armada of allied planes flew a supply mission to Holland, reinforcing the army which landed in the areas of Arnheim, Nijmegen, and Eindhoven as well as other unspecified localities.

The concerted onrush of the British 2nd army and the airborne forces which brought them together in the Eindhoven area toppled the defenses of that big industrial city, and Lt. Gen. Miles C. Dempsey's armor raced on through a number of towns to the north and east.

Besides Eindhoven the allies seized Wehl, 15 miles to the north; Esp, four miles to the north; Geldrop, four miles to the east; Wilreth and Luyksgesteh, four miles north of Lommel, and Broek, one mile north of the Escaut canal, where the British forced a new crossing in the Lille St. Hubert area.

Brest Garrison Flees

Far to the west the battered German garrison of Brest, big French port famous for its role in the first World war, had withdrawn to the Le Crozon peninsula, Berlin said. The Nazi command said the city had been reduced to "smoking ruins" before it fell to the Americans who raced across Brittany early in August.

United States tanks and armor of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army resumed their advance east of Aachen, breaking a stalemate brought about by brisk German counterattacks, and reached the outskirts of Stolberg, industrial city which had been by-passed in the drive which breached the Siegfried line.

No Counters

United Press Correspondent Henry T. Gorrell reported from the region of Stolberg that the Germans had not counterattacked for 24 hours. Allied bombers were plastering the Nazi positions along a wide arc curving deep into Germany east of Aachen.

With the Siegfried line turned, if the airborne forces dropped in the Arnheim and Nijmegen areas can link up with the armored spearheads advancing north from Eindhoven, they will open a path for a fast dash into northwest Germany.

The northern end of the Siegfried line is at Kleve, 18 miles southeast of Arnheim. Arnheim is on the north bank of the Rhine branch which flows to the North sea through Rotterdam. The landing forces were operating north of Arnheim and thus established north of almost all the main water barriers standing between the British 2nd army and northwest Germany.

70,000 Nazis Periled

The force in the Nijmegen area 12 miles south of Arnheim comprised an intermediate link between the Eindhoven and Arnheim forces. A quick junction will erect a great barrier behind an unofficially estimated 70,000 Germans in western Holland.

All available reports indicated that the allied forces were making excellent headway and firmly holding the key positions they had seized.

"It appears that the German hope of fighting successfully for Holland or evacuating all troops from the Rotterdam and Amsterdam coastal areas is fading fast," United Press Correspondent Ronald Clark reported from the 2nd army front. "Already the possibility appears of another gigantic bag closing around a big section of the Wehrmacht."