

HITLER TAKES DIRECT COMMAND

Weather

Forecast: Increasing cloudiness tonight and showers Thursday. Little change in temperature. Highest yesterday 80. Lowest this morning 59. Precipitation past 24 hrs. .39

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First Photo of Yank Armor in Germany



An American tank destroyer, followed by other armored units, crosses stream marking Belgium-German border to be first unit to enter Reich and open way for giant push into Siegfried Line. In background is destroyed German railroad bridge. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

DEAD INDIAN MAN WOUNDED IN FIGHT WITH POLICEMEN

Former Inmate of State Hospital Resists Arrest; Making Threats Is Charge.

Raymond Earl Walters, 49, former inmate of the state hospital, was confined in the Ashland Community hospital today with a wound in his left side and a severed small intestine as result of a gun encounter late Tuesday afternoon with two state policemen and a deputy sheriff.

Obtained Rifle

The officers had gone to Walters' residence, box 20, Dead Indian Route, and at their approach Walters ran to a tree where he had a rifle, it was stated. Later, he ran to a rocky formation and there was an exchange of shots, fired to frighten the fugitive, it was reported.

Shortly afterwards Walters disappeared, later stopping a car driven by H. D. Cadmus of the Dead Indian, who took him to the hospital. He was operated upon immediately and was reported today to be recovering.

Brother Held

According to the district attorney Walters had made other threats. His brother, Marion Walters, who lives nearby, is being held as a material witness. Walters was first committed to the state hospital in March, 1939, and escaped a month later. He was returned and discharged in May, 1940, and again committed Sept. 30, 1942. He was paroled in December, 1943, and had been in California prior to returning to Ashland recently.

NAZIS AND REDS FIGHT IN FINLAND

London, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—German announced her intention tonight of fighting for northern Finland, following, if necessary, a scorched earth policy, and disclosed that both Nazi and Russian troops had pushed across the eastern Finnish frontier.

The German DNB agency, quoting an announcement from the Nazi High Command, proclaimed northern Finland a battle zone and placed the blame for the Soviet-German conflict on Finnish soil on Helsinki's willingness to negotiate with Moscow.

Thus, five days after the expiration of the Soviet ultimatum to the Finns to remove the Germans from their homeland, the Wehrmacht had challenged the Red army to seize Finland.

LINDBERGH IN NEW YORK AFTER TOUR OF PACIFIC

New York, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Charles A. Lindbergh arrived in New York today after a tour of several months in south Pacific war theaters, but declined to divulge the nature of his mission or his future plans.

TO BERLIN

The shortest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today:

Western Front—300 miles. (From Nijmegen and from point east of Aachen. Gain of 15 miles in a week.)
Russia—320 miles. (From Praga. Unchanged in week.)
Italy—552 miles. (From point north of Florence. Gain of two miles in week.)

Medford Father and Son Reunited By Coincidence After 22 Years

Through a strange coincidence, a father and his son were reunited last week after having lost track of each other for 22 years. They were Jim Dorsey of 1247 Saling avenue and his son, Robert Dorsey, who resides in Los Angeles.

Mr. Dorsey said that early in 1922 he and Mrs. Dorsey left Kansas City and came to Medford and that a short time later Robert moved from there to California. In some manner they lost track of each other, he explained.

Recently he said Robert, in Los Angeles, purchased a piece of property and during the negotiations the woman real estate agent asked him if he had any relatives in Kansas City. In the conversation that followed they learned that Robert's half-sister, Cecil, had married the real estate agent's brother 17 years ago. Her name now is Mrs. Cecil Ewing and with her husband lives in Scranton, Kas. Robert immediately wired his half-sister and learned the address of his father whom he notified, and the latter went to Los Angeles for the long-awaited reunion. He returned early this week.

Americans Victim Of Own Submarine Says Tokyo Radio

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Tokyo radio reported Sunday a Japanese transport laden with 750 American war prisoners was sunk Sept. 7 by a torpedo hit from an American submarine off the coast of Mindanao.

Tokyo, in a broadcast recorded by United Press, said all the prisoners and Japanese crew members perished.

The Japanese said a similar disaster took place off Sumatra June 26, "but in this case American war prisoners numbering 720 were rescued, while 180 drowned."

BEND MAN SEEKS CITY PERMISSION FOR BUS ROUTES

Possibility that Medford will again have bus service inside the city limits was broached when Don W. Hershey of Bend appeared before the city council last night and requested permission to operate two vehicles here.

Hershey told the council that he had two tentative routes in mind, one to take care of the east side and the other the west, with service to the high school and the mill district.

The council, informally approving the plan, turned the matter over to the streets and roads committee with power to act. Hershey, who said he would like to start operations in about a month, will meet with the committee this week to iron out details and establish his routes.

Hershey told the council that he wasn't asking for a franchise at this time, but wanted to try out the idea first. He requested only the right to put up bus-stop signs every two blocks on the two tentative routes and parking privileges in the vicinity of the old chamber of commerce building, which he wants as the starting place for the routes.

Hershey operates a bus service in Bend.

New Students At High School To Meet Councilors

Principal Lester D. Harris of Medford high school said today that councilors would meet with new students in the high school building Thursday and Friday and asked all those enrolling for the first time to be present. High school opens next Monday, Sept. 25.

The meetings will take place Thursday from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. and Friday from 9 a. m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p. m.

JAP TRUCK CONVOYS RAKED BY 14TH FORCE

Chungking, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Fighters and medium bombers of the 14th air force attacked truck convoys, river shipping and Japanese installation Sept. 17 in a score of missions ranging from Changsha to Chuankien on the enemy's route of advance toward Kweilin, a communiqué announced today.

Ninety sampans and rivercraft were destroyed or damaged in sweeps along the Ssang river and 90 trucks of a convoy of 300 were destroyed in an attack on Japanese columns on the Changshai-Kweilin road.

LEGION MEDAL GIVEN WIDOW OF FRANK KNOX

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—The American Legion's distinguished service medal was presented today to Mrs. Annie Reid Knox, widow of the late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

BASEBALL

American
New York 2 7 1
Detroit 8 12 0
Queen, Bevens and Garbark; Trout and Swift.

National
Pittsburgh 2 7 1
Brooklyn 1 6 2
Strincevich and Lopez; Wells, Webber and Owen.

FRONT STREET IS NEW TRUCK ROUTE UNDER CITY LAW

New Ordinance Also Prohibits Parking Of Cars On West Side Of Front.

The city council last night passed the second and third readings of an ordinance prohibiting the use by heavy trucks of Central avenue between Fourth and 11th streets and rerouting such traffic onto Front street. The adopted ordinance becomes effective in 10 days.

The ordinance also prohibits the parking of any motor vehicle on the west side of Front street between Fourth and 11th streets and provides for a penalty of not to exceed a \$100 fine or 50 days in the city jail for violation of that section of the ordinance dealing with the rerouting of trucks.

Specifically, the ordinance provides that southbound through motor trucks having a maximum load-carrying capacity by factory rating of two tons shall take the following route: On Fourth street between Central avenue and Front, on Front street between Fourth and 11th streets, on 11th street between Front and Central avenue.

Some exceptions
However, the ordinance does not apply to trucks stopping in the restricted zone on Central avenue to actually load or unload freight.

Mayor C. A. Meeker explained that the ordinance was adopted at the request of the state highway commission and of a number of business and professional men on Central avenue who complained of the noise caused by heavy trucks using the thoroughfare.

Under provisions of the ordinance, the state highway commission is to put up signs guiding the trucks over the new route and the city is to provide the no-parking and appropriate traffic signs along the route.

The ordinance was adopted over the protest of 158 signers of five petitions, which asked the council to prevail on the state highway commission to place all trucks back on Riverside avenue, a one-way northbound street.

The petitions which were presented to the council by Councilman J. C. Collins, were referred to the streets and roads committee for report. They stated that the rerouting of trucks onto Front street would "create added confusion."

Another ordinance adopted provided for the sale of four lots at the corner of Manzanita and Court streets to M. M. Ragsdale for \$1250.

Although no ordinance was adopted, the council approved the sale to John Deaver and Paul H. McCurley of lots 7 and 8, block 9, Original Town of Medford and the west 100 feet of vacated East Second street, for \$1800. The property is located at the corner of Jackson boulevard and Central avenue. The council will vote on the sale next meeting.

Councilmen Childers, Runtz and Field were absent.

Browder Boasts Communists Are In Every Group

Washington, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political association, asserted yesterday that his organization has members not only in the AFL and CIO but also "in the Republican party, the Democratic party, Farmer-Labor party, Chambers of Commerce, Elks, Kiwanis, and Ministerial associations."

"And," he told the house committee investigating campaign expenditures, "some day we hope to have members in congress."

COPENHAGEN COPS CLASH WITH NAZIS OVER INTERNMENT

Stockholm, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Order was reported restored in Copenhagen today after German troops quelled an uprising which involved clashes with Danish police resisting internment and a pitched battle outside the royal palace where seven German sailors were killed and a palace official was wounded seriously.

The Swedish Telegraph Agency reported in a Copenhagen dispatch that Danish State Secretary Evind Larsen, Police Chief K. Bejrg-Hansen and Police Director P. Stamm had been interned at Gestapo headquarters.

The dispatch said that all Danish policemen under 55 years old had been interned on ships in the Copenhagen harbor.

(The German Transocean News Agency announced today that a state of emergency had been declared in Denmark and that the Danish police force had been suspended.)

The Danish liberation council announced that a general strike which began at noon yesterday would end today. The agency appealed to Danes to remain calm "since the hour of open resistance had not yet arrived."

MISSING FLIERS FOUND IN DESERT

Reno, Nev., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Peggy Ellen and George Davis, missing since Sunday when their light airplane disappeared while on a flight from Reno to their home in Alturas, Calif., were found safe today the Nevada wing of the civil air patrol reported.

Reports received by the civil air patrol headquarters here said the couple made a forced landing on the edge of the Black Rock desert, in the extreme northern part of Nevada, about 35 miles south of Denio.

Early today the couple reached a ranch house in the isolated area.

They had hiked more than 50 miles over the rugged area and were said to be suffering only from fatigue and exposure.

He reported that the Germans were counterattacking desperately but ineffectually with shock troops and heavy artillery, and the fighting was within sound of the German border.

Dorsey Donnybrook Details Bared In Grand Jury Story

Hollywood, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Actor Jon Hall named Pat Dane, the beautiful wife of Bandleader Tommy Dorsey, as the wielder of a knife which carved up his classic features during a none-too-gay Hollywood party, a transcript of grand jury testimony revealed today.

The actor's accusations were included in the 100-page document filed in the county clerk's office, thereby making public added details of the now famed free-for-all fight at the Dorsey's luxurious Sunset Plaza apartment.

Three indicted
After hearing Hall's story, the grand jury indicted Miss

BEST NAZI FORCES HURLED INTO FRAY ALL ALONG FRONT

British Armored Outfit Turns Flank of Siegfried Line, Threatens Cross Rhine.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler has taken direct command of the battle of Germany, it was revealed today as British armored forces turning the flank of the Siegfried line in Holland, entered Nijmegen in a swift drive that threatened momentarily to break across the Rhine on the high road to Berlin.

Hitler's generalship already was in evidence all along the blazing battlefield from northern Holland to the edge of the Saar valley. Front dispatches said crack German troops and panzer units were being hurled into reckless counterattacks that slowed the allied advance in some sectors at a frightful cost in Nazi lives. In others, they resulted only in a slaughter of Germans without stemming the Berlin-bound allies.

Allies Thankful

First official word of the fuhrer's new role, similar to that which he assumed with disastrous results on the Russian front, came from Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery at his forward command in Belgium.

"The allies have a lot to be thankful for in that Hitler has taken charge of operations," Montgomery told officers and men of a Scottish division. "It means the enemy is commanded by a lunatic."

"In that respect, I'm glad the German generals failed in their bomb attempt against the fuhrer."

Hitler's decision to lead the defense of the reich, he added, strengthened his (Montgomery's) belief that the war in Europe would end before the close of 1944.

Brest Fall Confirmed

One major triumph was confirmed by allied headquarters today—the capture of the great Atlantic port of Brest and the elimination of the Germans from the neighboring Crozon peninsula, ending a month-old siege that virtually wrecked the harbor.

A second and greater victory was in the making in northern Holland where the armored night of the British 2nd army reached the Waal-Rhine line and threatened to break across the barrier momentarily into the open country before Berlin.

The British tanks reached Nijmegen after a 40-mile dash across the Netherlands, passing through scores of German strong-points and bypassing others in the strike around the Siegfried corner.

American and allied airborne troops joined the British around Eindhoven, 32 miles southwest of Nijmegen, and formed up in their rear as infantrymen, while others held open a path ahead of the Tommies as far as Arnhem, (Arnhem), on the north bank of the Rhine 11 miles beyond Nijmegen.

Sky Troops Supplied
United Press War Correspondent Walter Cronkite, with the sky troops in Holland, said fresh supplies and reinforcements were being landed and the airborne army, now equipped with light tanks and big field guns, could beat off anything the Germans might try to throw against them.

He reported that the Germans were counterattacking desperately but ineffectually with shock troops and heavy artillery, and the fighting was within sound of the German border.

Some 80 miles southeast of Nijmegen, the American 1st army completed the encirclement of Aachen and sent armored spearheads eastward toward Cologne in a bitterly-opposed drive that already had forced the evacuation of German civilians from the Rhineland.

American 155-millimeter long Toms shelled Duren, 16 miles east of Aachen and 19 miles from Cologne.

Southwest of Cologne, American and German troops locked in savage street battles for Stolberg and the nearby village of Busbach. Still farther south, 1st army troops and tanks widened their salients inside Germany in the Monschau, Prum, Echter-nach, and Trier areas, knocking out pillboxes on each side of their spearheads but making only yard-by-yard progress forward.

LEGION FAVORS FORCE TO KEEP WORLD AT PEACE

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—The American Legion closed its 26th annual national convention today by electing Edward N. Scheiberling, Albany, N. Y., national commander.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—The American Legion urged the United States today to participate with other nations in an international force to preserve peace.

Legionnaires at their 26th annual convention adopted a report of the Foreign Relations committee proposing the use of force to maintain peace and demanding that Germany and Japan be forced to surrender unconditionally and disarm completely.

At the closing session of the convention, Secretary of Navy James Forrestal told the Legion that a universal and compulsory military training law should be enacted as quickly as possible.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, Norwich, Conn., was elected president of the American Legion auxiliary today at the closing session of the annual convention.

Other officers were re-elected without opposition.

The Women's Auxiliary passed two resolutions, one calling for continuance of a congressional committee to investigate un-American activities, and the other proposing that all immigration into the United States be halted for three years while congress studies a redistribution of quotas.

TIRED STORK RESTS AFTER ZOO JOURNEYS

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—A very, very tired stork took time out for a well-earned rest today after delivering four "bundles from heaven" to the Brookfield zoo yesterday.

During a 24-hour period the stork delivered the following, all in excellent condition: A female gazelle, a 45-pound rhinoceros, a kudu and a zebra.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Marie Farrell accompanying a telephone conversation with startling facial expressions.

At Downs commiserating a flawless friend.

Grace Pankey wheeling merrily up the street on her bicycle built for one.

Councilmen Jim Collins and Larry Schade exchanging lively banter.