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500,000 PRISONED,
200,000 WOUNDED
AND 100,000 DEAD

Security Censorship Hides
Fate of British Red Devils
Force Trapped in Arnhem

Supreme Headquarters, AEF.
Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D.
Eisenhower's headquarters announced today that the German army had suffered casualties estimated at more than 800,000 since D-day during the allied march from the Normandy beaches to Germany.

The official estimate of more than 500,000 German troops captured, 100,000 killed, and 200,000 wounded seriously, was announced as American and British armies massed in the Epinal-Remiremonte area frontier regions of Germany, France and the lowlands for the climactic assault on Adolf Hitler's inner citadel.

Fate Hidden
Supreme headquarters clamped a security censorship in the wild battle in Holland and the fate of the force of airborne British Red Devils trapped at Arnhem, which Berlin claimed had been "completely liquidated."

Latest reports from the field said only that the Arnhem force again had drawn in its perimeter and was huddled in a pocket of stragglers under heavy pressure.

The security blackout obscured the situation elsewhere in Holland, but cryptic field dispatches said the British 2nd army was wheeling eastward against Germany on a 30-mile front below Nijmegen, at the north end of which the border had been crossed in a direct threat to the Siegfried line anchor post of Kleve.

Bombers Busy
More than 1,100 American heavy bombers swept over Germany ahead of the land armies again today and hammered three big centers vital to the Nazi front lines—Osnabruck, Hamm, and Bremen.

Meager reports coupled with Nazi propaganda broadcasts gave the following picture of the battlefronts:

1—The Arnhem skytroops had lost the north end of the Arnhem bridge across the Neder Rhine and the bitter fight was continuing some two miles to the west, according to late accounts.

2—Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's troops swinging eastward into the Dutch borderland fronting Germany captured the big bases of Helmond, Deurne, and Mook, and fanned on beyond them as much as eight miles to the areas of Oploo and Liesel against spotty opposition.

3—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. 1st army was reported by Berlin to be massing formidable concentrations in the Anchen area for what the Nazis called a prospective attempt to break through to the Cologne area of the Rhineland.

Patton Advances
4—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army battered forward from the Matz-Nancy sector of the Moselle valley, beating off sporadic counter-thrusts. Berlin reported a big scale attack in the Epinal-Remiremonte area and called it an apparent prelude to an offensive against Belfort, commanding the approaches to southwest Germany.

Along with the estimate of German casualties, supreme headquarters said the equivalent of about 20 or 30 full German divisions—300,000 to 450,000 men—were facing the allies in France and the low countries.

TO BERLIN
By United Press

The shortest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:

Western front—297 miles (from point near Nijmegen). Gain of three miles in week.
Russia—315 miles (from Warsaw). Gain of five miles in week.

Italy—550 miles (from point near Castel Del Rio). Gain of three miles in week.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Rebecca Jensen and Juanita Franklin deep in the process of verbally canning sweet and dill pickles over an office desk.

Jimmy Baize allowing as how good old Medford looks just the same after being absent for over two years in the army.

Frances Filin out very early on a sunny fall morning tending to business and such.

Clyde Webb in a hurry to get in the postoffice.

German Casualties Since D-Day, Declares Gen. Eisenhower

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

United Press—Full Leased Wire

Thirty-ninth Year

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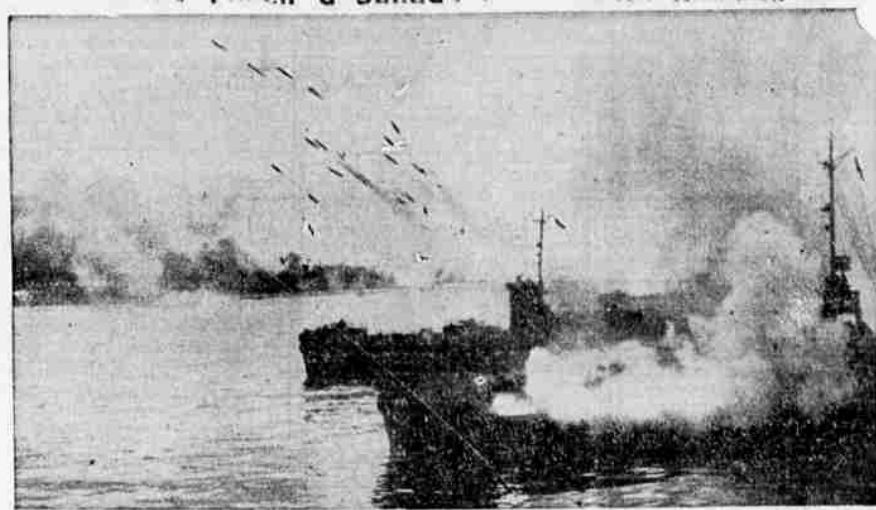
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Weather

Forecast: Clear and slightly warmer.
Highest yesterday 93
Lowest this morning 48
Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0

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Every Punch a Sunday Punch With Rockets



(Acme Telephoto)
Pacific Fleet rocket-firing landing craft launch barrage of the super-lethal weapons against beach of Peleliu Island in the Palaus just before landings by First Marine assault troops. Some of the rockets can be seen in air above ship as smoke billows from hits on shore installations. U. S. Navy photo.

BRITISH OFFERED CRADLE TO GRAVE INSURANCE PLAN

London, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The government offered Britain a modified Beveridge social security plan today, that proposed blanket insurance for every man, woman and child against the ordinary economic hazards of life from the cradle to the grave.

In a white paper that presumably bore the approval of both the coalition cabinet's conservative and labor members, the government announced its willingness to go a long way toward matching the radical post-war social objectives urged by Sir William Beveridge 19 months ago.

At a cost of 60 to 77 cents a week for each working man and woman, the white paper proposed life-long protection against unemployment and sickness, plus old age pensions, maternity and family allotments and burial grants for the United Kingdom's 47,000,000 inhabitants.

The government proposals will be introduced in Commons next month, by which time Beveridge himself will be a member and able to debate the issue.

PO. O. SUB-STATION AT 28 SO. CENTRAL

Post office sub-station number 1, with Elizabeth I. Crosby the clerk in charge, opened this morning at its new location in the M. N. Hogan building, 28 South Central avenue. It was formerly located at 31 North Bartlett street.

The office will be open every day except Sunday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and will handle parcel post, sell stamps and register letters, according to Postmaster Frank DeSouza.

GERMAN COUNTERS HALT YANKS' BOLOGNA DRIVE

Rome, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—British Eighth army troops crossed the Rubicon and captured Bordonchio, Camerano and several other towns near the Adriatic coast today as the Germans moved up reinforcements for fierce counter-attacks which virtually halted the American drive on Bologna.

The British troops cleared the enemy from the area between the Marecchia and Rubicon rivers and forced a number of bridgeheads across the latter historic stream.

OFFER SNAP BEANS

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The War Food Administration announced today that 78,553 cases of canned snap beans from government stocks will be offered for sale to the original processors.

The beans are part of a consignment of 400,000 cases being released by the government for civilian use because they are not needed to meet war requirements.

In the first 18 weeks of this year, 178,684 people died in the 93 major American cities, compared with 181,060 deaths in the corresponding period of 1943.

Dewey in Wife's Home Town Urges Federal Housecleaning

Sapulpa, Okla., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey carried his Republican presidential campaign into his wife's childhood home town today, asking Republicans and "good Democrats" to join him in a complete housecleaning of the federal government.

The New York governor followed through on last night's request for election to the presidency "to restore integrity to the white house" by promising anew as he campaigned across Oklahoma that if his bid is successful, there would be a complete housecleaning in the national capital.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Sen. Harry S. Truman, Democratic vice-presidential candidate, asserted today that the criticisms he made as head of the senate war investigating committee—cited by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in his Oklahoma City speech last night—were "constructive criticisms which were met and complied with by the administration."

"With the help of all Republicans and good Democrats, we will start achieving that next January 20," Dewey told a crowd at Bristow, Okla., in his first stop before reaching Sapulpa.

Spotlights Wife
As the special train pulled into Creek county and the home town regions of his wife, the former Frances Eileen Hutt, Dewey turned the full spotlight upon her.

"I know you are coming here not to see me but to pay a small tribute to the girl who comes from the town of Sapulpa," Dewey said.

Only a small crowd greeted the special train upon its arrival at the station here. The major festivities were set for a huge reception later in the day at the local high school. Mrs. Dewey was graduated from the Sapulpa high school as class valedictorian 20 years ago.

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CHURCHILL WILL GIVE STATEMENT THURSDAY

London, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, appearing in Commons a few hours after his return from his Quebec meeting with President Roosevelt, suggested today the possibility of a conference of all the United Nations on post-war security.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden announced that Churchill will make a statement on the war situation Thursday, which presumably will include whatever revelations he feels free to make of his Quebec discussions with Mr. Roosevelt.

JAPANESE ON PELELIU SQUEEZED IN POCKET

By Associated Press
Army troops of the 81st division, conquerors of Anguar in the Palaus, were reported to have joined marines for a drive against remaining Japanese forces on Peleliu, 560 miles east of the Philippines.

The Japanese were holding out in a small pocket on the northwestern tip of the island and a front dispatch quoted a spokesman that the new drive marked the "beginning of the end" of the bloody battle in which latest reports showed 7,313 Japanese dead.

YANKS DOG FIGHT 40 NAZIS PLANES; SCORE: 28 AND 1

U. S. Air Base, England, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—American fighter planes shot down 28 enemy craft and lost only one machine today in a "dog fight" near the German city of Muenster.

The opponents were almost evenly matched with 43 machines in the American group and about 40 in the enemy squadron.

In addition to the 28 downed German planes, eight of the remaining 12 were listed as damaged and one other "probably" destroyed.

Returning pilots said the Germans were at about 3000 feet and "looked as if they were going somewhere," when a mixed outfit of the Eighth air force composed of Mustangs and Lightnings led by Col. Hubert Zemke of Missoula, Mont., swept in on them.

The fight swept through the sky for about 20 minutes and the guns of the American planes were red hot.

Three U. S. pilots knocked down three enemy machines apiece and the pilots said "the German planes were falling like leaves."

Zemke, who accounted for two Germans and damaged a third, said:

"We were getting ready to come home when I saw a ME109 and took the boys down to investigate. Pretty soon I saw four of them and then someone shouted over the radio, 'Hell, I see 10 of them.'"

"In a few minutes there were more than 40 and everyone was in the fight."

Buzzbombs Kill 4,479 and Injure 15,934 in Britain

New York, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—A summary of casualties and damage in London and southern England caused by the German flying bomb attacks from their start until the menace was for the most part ended at the beginning of this month, is reported in an official British "Report on the Flying Bombs" just received in this country.

The report lists 4479 people killed and 15,934 injured and 1,104,000 houses destroyed or damaged. About 92 per cent of the casualties occurred in the London region.

During 80 days' bombardment about 8070 bombs were launched by the Germans, of which some 2306 or 29 per cent got through. The other 71 per cent were knocked down by defenders or went astray, mostly into the sea. On Aug. 28, out of 101 bombs, 67 were brought down and only four reached London.

NORMAN THOMAS DECLARES P. A. C. SERVING BOSSES

Socialist Candidate Says
Interests of Working People Secondary.

New York, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Socialist Presidential Candidate Norman Thomas charged today that the CIO political action committee has served the interests of political bosses above those of the working man and woman and has thus destroyed its "rare opportunity" to advance intelligent labor action in the political field.

In an open letter to PAC Chairman Sidney Hillman, Thomas further charged the PAC with being "undemocratic in that its meetings or conventions have never been allowed to shape policy but only to execute your policy," and with failing to secure "any worthwhile declaration from the democratic party" on any issue.

Answers Asked

Thomas, stating that he opposed attacks on the PAC on the "irrelevant issue" of Hillman's place of birth and applauded "the idea of workers' participation in politics," asked Hillman to answer three "really significant charges."

"1—that the political action committee is, in effect, a company union in politics and serves the interests of bosses rather than workers;

"2—that your tactics have delayed rather than advanced intelligent labor action in the political field; and

"3—that the net result of PAC activity has been to make you one of the motley crew of bosses who control that extraordinary conglomeration of northern city political machines and southern bourgeois, known as the democratic party."

Thomas charged that Hillman with "Hague, Kelly, Hannegan and the southern bosses" had black-balled their pet hates until "by elimination you got as a possible future president of the United States that mediocrity, convict boss Prudergast's protégé, Harry Truman. You got personal power, but not power enough to renominiate Henry Wallace . . . and not power enough to write planks in behalf of the rights of negroes or of labor itself, as good as even the republicans produced."

Freedom Brief for Released Convict

Salem, Ore., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Al E. Kilmer, who a week ago sent pistol bullets flying through downtown Salem streets, wound up a Salem druggist, was back in the penitentiary for a 20-year term today, one week after he was released from the prison.

Kilmer, who brought on the exchange of bullets with the police when he unsuccessfully attempted to hold up the drug store of William Nelmeyer, pleaded guilty to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Negroes Organize To Aid Roosevelt

New York, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Thirty-five Negro leaders announced today the formation of the "National Non-partisan Committee for the Re-election of Roosevelt" headed by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune.

"We will work and vote for those men and those measures which, irrespective of party labels, will best advance the welfare of our people," the committee's statement said.

BATTERED NAZI FLEEING RIGA AS REDS DRAW NEAR

Russians Gain Control of
Main Rails, Roads Leading Out of Latvian Capital

Moscow, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The battered German army of the Baltics has begun the evacuation of Riga, capital of Latvia, against which Russian troops were closing from three sides, the Soviet army organ Red Star reported today.

Front dispatches said the Russians had won complete control of all rail junctions and main highways leading out of Riga, and the Red air force was pounding the secondary roads over which the German garrison was fleeing.

Air Battles Rage
Big air battles raged over the Riga area as the Nazi command threw in strong fighter formations in a desperate attempt to shield the hard-pressed ground forces.

Red Star reported that Soviet armored and mobile forces were racing toward Riga from the east, beating back the German rear guard which was fighting for time to evacuate the main garrison from the capital.

Red army tanks were reported nearing the main airfield in the Riga area, the capture of which will place the Nazis at the mercy of Russian assault planes swarming over the battle zone.

Swing Gentleman Denies Attack On Film Muscle Man

Hollywood, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Bandleader Tommy Dorsey and his actress wife Pat Dane today pleaded not guilty to charges they attempted to slash off Jon Hall's nose during a midnight brawl on their balcony, Nov. 14 was set for the trial.

The trio, appearing pensive and subdued throughout the proceedings, won dismissal of count two of the indictment, relating to an attack on Actor Eddie Norris during the brawl.

TO SKIP ARGENTINA

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The state department announced today that after Oct. 1, American ships northbound from South America will be prohibited from stopping at Argentine ports.

Jeffers Says Unions Periled By Un-American Domination

Chicago, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—William M. Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific railroad, today denounced the CIO political action committee and declared that if the PAC succeeds in its aims "the disintegration of American labor unions starts and democracy begins to crumble."

Jeffers, former controller of the rubber industry, told the 70th annual convention of the American Bankers' association that he was speaking as a man "who has carried a union card all his working life—and still does."

"I was a union man before the un-American element now dominating segments of American labor was born," Jeffers said. "The railroad brotherhoods know how and where I stand. But I say to you and to the people of this country that no political action

Slash Fires North Causing Smoke in Medford Vicinity

Extensive slash burnings in Coos, Curry and Douglas counties accounts for the smoky condition of this area according to A. D. McReynolds, state forester. McReynolds pointed out that the counties adjacent to Josephine and Jackson had recently had fairly heavy fall rains which decreased the fire hazards and made slash burning permissible. Lookouts of the national and state forest services report that the smoke pall is drifting in from the north.

McReynolds said that towards the end of this week announcements would probably be made concerning the lifting of closures in forested areas. Since the hunting season opens October 1, many are interested in the announcements.

OREGON FIRE LOSS LIGHT THIS YEAR

Salem, Ore., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Little more than a third of the usual fire loss was sustained by Oregon forests during the fire season this year, Neils Rogers, state forester, said today. Only 7,000 acres of forest land were damaged by blazes, while the usual average burn is 17,000. And this was despite the worst fire conditions in many years, Rogers said.

In another announcement, Rogers reported the total lumber production from Oregon forests during 1943 was 7,000,000,000 board feet.

Lane county continued to lead in production, he said, followed by Linn and Coos counties.

S. P. WOULD ABANDON SUTTER COUNTY LINE

Sacramento, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Claude R. Porter, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, today took under advisement a request of the Southern Pacific company to abandon 12.29 miles of railroad between Grace and Wilson, on its Knights Landing branch in Sutter county.

ZEROS BESTED

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—A slow, lightly armed Kingfisher observation plane took on three Japanese Zeros over Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands and not only survived the unequal encounter but shot down one of the enemy, the navy disclosed today. The plane was piloted by Lt. Robert W. Hendershott of Bend, Ore.

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The prisoners were put on a diet of bread and water after leaving their work Saturday in disagreement over working conditions, officials explained. The prisoners decided Sunday afternoon to return to work yesterday.

BASEBALL

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INDUSTRIAL SPOTS TARGET FOR MORE THAN 70 B-29'S

Steel Producing Localities in
Anshan Area Smashed—
Tokyo Says Others Hit.

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The War Department announced today that big American B-29 Superfortresses today smashed at "strategic military targets" in Japanese dominated Manchuria, and Tokyo broadcasts indicated the target again was the industrial city of Anshan.

Anshan has been hit twice before by the B-29's, the first time on July 29 and the second time on Sept. 8.

The War Department gave no details beyond saying that the new attack had been scored. It was the ninth mission for the big four engined bombers.

Others Hit

Tokyo radio, in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco, announced that Anshan, Panshi and Dairen, industrial cities of southern Manchuria, were bombed by more than 70 planes, presumably B-29s, Tuesday afternoon. Tokyo admitted damage to harbor installations at Dairen and "slight damage in areas outside these industrial centers."

The enemy broadcasts spoke of an "attempted" attack and claimed that Japanese air defenses engaged the American planes in "fierce combat."

(A later Tokyo broadcast, recorded by FCC, dropped the phrase "attempted" and admitted that Anshan and two other towns had been bombed. Monitors said atmosphere interference garbled identification of the two other towns, but reported they sounded like Andan, a mile and a half south of Anshan, and the port city of Dairen, farther south.)

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