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Forecast: Sunday, partly cloudy, cool. Monday, clear and slightly warmer. Temp. Highest yesterday 67. Lowest this morning 49. Prec. past 24 hours .30

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ALLIED TANKS IN BELFORT GAP

GEN. EISENHOWER GIRDERS FOR NAZI KNOCKOUT BLOWS

Bombers Blast Arnhem with D-Day Fury — Keep Hun Off Balance.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sunday, Oct. 1—(U.P.)—Berlin reported Saturday that strong allied armored forces had crossed the southern spur of the Vosges mountains and poured into the Belfort gap, heading for Gavarin, while 300 miles to the north American airborne forces battled to within five miles of the west wall's anchor at Cleve. Supporting the latter drive, a specially picked force of 36 B-26 Marauder bombers blasted German communications at Arnhem in Holland where British paratroopers wrote history last week, and returned without loss.

The Allies launched a series of hard-hitting but limited attacks between the Belfort and Cleve flanks of the front for the stated purpose of keeping extreme pressure on the Germans while Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies mass supplies for a knockout blow. Bombers were lashing forward communications on a scale comparable with that just before D-day in France.

In Holland, the British second army and Yank paratroopers beat back three strong counterattacks against their salient thrust into the Rhine delta and were steadily expanding to the east and west despite frenzied Nazi efforts to dig in on a stabilized line. A particularly severe counter-blow was parried in the Kranenburg area inside the German border, where the yanks drove within five miles of Cleve.

All railroads leading through the Arnhem-Zuidmeer gap from western Holland where upward of 200,000 Germans may be trapped were reported out of commission due either to allied bombing, Dutch sabotage or the general Dutch railway strike.

In their westward expansion of the Dutch corridor, second army troops drove within four miles of Hertogenbosch, a key junction on the German escape route 25 miles southwest of Nijmegen, throwing back a strong counter-attack between Schijndel and Best.

British patrols were operating nearly 20 miles west of Nijmegen on the south side of the Waal river and to the north Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's troops held a firm hold on the south bank of the Lek, or lower Rhine, southwest of Arnhem.

The Canadians captured Merxplas, five miles northwest of Turnhout.

The U. S. First army on the main west wall front carried out a number of stabs into thick German defensive positions and captured the villages of Mompach, Wasserbillig and Haute Contz, all in the Luxembourg-German area near Trier.

Carrying on a furious bombardment of German strong points in and just behind the Siegfried line, allied planes pounded Gidern, Euskirchen, Pruem, Biltburg and Saarbrücken while lighter craft attacked rolling stock in the Rhineland.

Berlin admitted that they had succeeded in enlarging their penetration northeast of Lure and crossed the "main ridge of the mountain range" at that point, which would put them across the southern spur of the Vosges.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. third army up the line knocked out 24 German tanks, making a two-day total of 106, the highest for any comparable period in the campaign. Nineteen armored halftracks were knocked out as planes flushed out a considerable panzer force from the woods north of Lunville into the waiting fire of Patton's guns.



(Acme Telephoto) Chief activity on the western front swung today from the Holland area all the way south to the Belfort Gap, into which American and French troops punched, on the historic southwest invasion road to Germany. General Patton's Army won a big tank battle near Nancy, retook Chateau Salins. In north, British gradually extended Nijmegen corridor despite German counter-drive across Rhine.

WARM SUN SPURS AMERICAN GAINS BOLOGNA SECTOR

Rome, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—American Fifth Army troops edged forward today along their front south of Bologna, within 16½ miles of advanced units and repulsed the third strong enemy counter attack in two days against their positions on Monte Battaglia, 11 miles from the heart of the Po valley, front dispatches said tonight.

Warm fall sunshine dried the battlefields drenched by rains the past few days and warmed American troops who were making progress among the hills against strong resistance from reinforced German units. German artillery fire was accelerated along the Fifth Army front in the western coastal sector.

The Germans, who had attacked Monte Battaglia twice Friday, tried again today with infantry, artillery and flame-throwers, but were repulsed with sharp losses, a dispatch from United Press correspondent James E. Roper reported.

Earlier information available at headquarters said that the Germans had reorganized on the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts and took advantage of violent rain and high winds to slow allied advances Friday.

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The body was returned here yesterday to await funeral services Oct. 9, the day Aimee was to have celebrated her 54th birthday.

DEWEY TO RENEW CAMPAIGN TALKS

Albany, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, resting after a three-week transcontinental campaign tour of 22 states, took time out from political and state business today for a round of golf and to make arrangements for a birthday party.

The republican presidential candidate, whose eldest son, Thomas E. Dewey, Jr., will be 12 years old Monday, is scheduled to renew active campaigning Oct. 7th with an address at Charleston, W. Va.

Tentative plans for the final month of campaigning have been made by Herbert Brownell, Jr., republican national chairman and campaign manager, and the governor. Dewey is expected to open his bid for support of the republican ticket

PROBE OF AIMEE'S DEATH DEMANDED BY HER MOTHER

Los Angeles, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—Echoing the many feuds which rocked Angeles Temple, Mrs. Minnie "Ma" Kennedy today demanded "full and sincere cooperation" from Temple associates in determining the cause of death of her famous daughter, Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson.

Mrs. Kennedy said she sent a telegram to Temple Attorney Joseph Fainter and Rev. Grover T. Owens, Temple pastor, asking them to drop their contradictory and antagonistic attitude and aid in ascertaining the cause and responsibility of her untimely death.

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REPORTERS GIVEN MAPS OF BERLIN

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—No one would predict how soon they would be needed, but correspondents assigned to headquarters today were issued military maps of Berlin.

They also received maps showing Munich, home of the Nazi party, and Hitler's mountain hideout.

RUSSIANS CROSS DANUBE TO OPEN BELGRADE DRIVE

Offensive On 85-Mile Front At Iron Gate Loop Joins With Tito.

London, Sunday, Oct. 1—(U.P.)—Russian troops, forcing the mighty Danube river along an 85-mile front at the iron gate loop, have invaded Yugoslavia in a great offensive apparently aimed at freeing the capital city of Belgrade and opening the Danube valley route to Budapest and Vienna, Moscow revealed last night.

The Red army crossed the river border from Romania south and southwest of the iron gate gateway city of Turnu-Severin with the permission of Marshal Tito, commander of the Yugoslav army of liberation whose forces already were battling the Germans in the environs of the Yugoslav capital.

The historic invasion presaged a major junction between the Red Army and Tito's Guerrilla army, following a meeting between patrols of both forces a few days ago. First objective of the great drive apparently was to cut the Athens-Berlin railroad through the classic Vardar river invasion route to southern Germany—an action that would isolate German forces in the southern Balkans.

The offensive also paved the way for a link between the Red army and the Anglo-American invaders of Albania and southern Yugoslavia who were reported fighting 275 miles to the southeast.

In the first initial thrust across the Danube Friday, Russian troops looped off the 255-square mile finger of Serbia in the sharply-looping Danube below Turnu-Severin and made advances up to 10 miles inside Yugoslav territory.

Those troops who crossed to the south bank of the river captured 20 towns. The Germans had reported earlier that, prior to crossing the river, the Russians had outflanked the iron gate to the south and captured Orsova.

The Red army was 88 miles east of Belgrade at Miroc where it was on the same southern bank of the river as the Yugoslav capital. No major obstacles stood in the way for an advance along the south bank of the river to seize the city.

AL SMITH, 70, IS SERIOUSLY SICK

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"His condition is still hopeful," Sullivan said. "Last night he did not respond to treatments as well as had been expected." He did not describe the nature of Smith's illness, but said his condition was not critical and that his family visited him today.

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CAVE LIFE ENDS FOR DOVER FOLK

Dover, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—The booming voice of Mayor J. R. Cairns echoed through the dank caves under Shakespear cliff at 10 a. m. today as it told the people of Dover to gather their bedding and return to their homes—for England's famous "Hellfire Corner" was free after four years of bombardment from German long-range guns.

Assuming the role of town crier, Cairns passed out the news over loudspeakers which penetrated the underground corridors—to many a youngster his home as long as he could remember.

"I have received official information that all long-range guns on the other side of the channel now have been captured," the mayor's voice, tense with emotion, announced.

Bricker's Tour Of California Mapped

Los Angeles, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—Plans for a whirlwind tour of the state by Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, republican candidate for Vice-President, were completed today by republican leaders.

Leo Anderson, chairman of the republican state central committee, said the tour would include 10 key cities.

Bricker will make his first speech in Sacramento on October 14, and last speech October 19 at Fresno.

NELSON RESIGNS WAR BOND POST TO GET NEW JOB

New Assignment Will Be Announced Soon — Krug Succeeds.

Washington, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—Donald M. Nelson resigned the chairmanship of the war production board today coincident with the disclosure that President Roosevelt has asked him to fill another "high post of major importance."

Mr. Roosevelt appointed J. A. Krug, acting WPB chairman since Nelson left on his recent trip to China, to the post Nelson had filled since the creation of WPB five weeks after Pearl Harbor.

Asked later if he would accept the high post mentioned by Mr. Roosevelt, Nelson replied: "The President said, 'I'm counting on you.'"

Nelson's resignation came a few weeks after internal controversy in the agency was climaxed by the resignation of executive vice chairman Charles E. Wilson, who in quitting charged that members of Nelson's staff were engaged in a campaign to discredit him. The President then assigned Nelson to the Chinese mission, and evidence began to pile up that he would not return to the WPB.

His letter of resignation said he and Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley had completed "the first phase" of the assignment on which the President sent them to China and that he had returned to make essential arrangements for completing the job.

It was said that Nelson's new assignment will be announced soon. Some reports have described it as a "roving industrial ambassadorship."

"I am counting on you to remain in the government in a high post of major importance," Mr. Roosevelt wrote Nelson in accepting his resignation.

The President added that he could not permit Nelson to leave the government, "no matter how real your justification for doing so" and pointed out that the war had not ended either in Europe or the Pacific.

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Simmons Held For Yakima Authorities

Virgil Myrl Simmons, 23, of Carbonade, Ill., was arrested by state police and lodged in the county jail Friday afternoon to await the arrival of authorities from Yakima, Wash., where he is wanted on a charge of leaving the state with mortgaged property. He was driving a 1939 Chevrolet coach, police said.

Simmons who had been working in Yakima, has waived extradition.

BULLETIN

Klamath Falls, Ore., Sept. 30—(U.P.)—A brilliant 100 yard run in the first quarter, started Willamette University on the touchdown trail.

That eventually led to a 33-14 victory over the Klamath Falls marines at Modoc stadium here today, but the Collegians had a busy afternoon before they dunned the South Pacific veterans.

ADIANS OPEN CALAIS ASSAULT AS TRUCE ENDED

Civilians, Evacuated, Nazis In Fight to Death—Early Fall Seen.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sunday, Oct. 1—(U.P.)—Canadian troops smashed into Calais yesterday in a final assault begun after the conclusion of a 24-hour truce during which 20,000 civilians trudged from the bomb-torn port, leaving behind 4,000 Germans ordered to fight to the last man and cartridge.

Covered by a tremendous air and artillery barrage, the Canadians launched the attack promptly at noon when the truce expired. Early this morning headquarters announced the Canadians had penetrated into Calais and that enemy resistance was not expected to last much longer. German prisoners were reported streaming into the Canadian lines by the hundreds.

The truce was arranged Friday between the German commander, Col. Schroeder, and a British general, beside a demolished bridge eight miles from Calais. The colonel, newly arrived at Calais, was surrounded by a staff of smartly-uniformed officers. One had a wooden leg; another an arm missing; a third an ear disfigured from battle burns.

"This is like something out of Alice in Wonderland," Col. Schroeder said, as he saluted the British general.

"I wish you to know that I have received orders from my Fuehrer to fight to the last man and that is what I intend to do. The sole reason for suggesting this truce is to find a way of evacuating the civilian population."

The truce was agreed upon. As the meeting broke up, the British general said: "Well, Colonel, I hope you will enjoy tomorrow's bombardment."

Schroeder smiled, shrugged his shoulders and replied: "C'est la guerre."

The long, pathetic line of men, women and children carrying household treasures stretched five miles down the Calais-Ardres road. Many shoved pushcarts laden with beds, dishes, pots and pans.

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GERMAN CONTROL PLAN APPROVED

Washington, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—A tentative plan to prevent the future rearmament of Germany by control and possibly elimination of some key industries, under the supervision of a sort of "international WPB in reverse," has state department approval, it was learned tonight.

The War Production Board was set up here to direct United States industry in the greatest military production program in history. Its job is to make certain that all of America's productive capacity is geared to the production of the implements of war.

BEER PRODUCTION FACES HOP LIMIT

Portland, Ore., Sept. 30—(U.P.)—The War Food Administration's announcement Friday that the 1944 crop of hops and hop products will be limited, has caused brewers to regulate their production schedules.

Brewers are entitled to a quantity of hops equal to 150 per cent of the quantity used in the manufacture of malt beverages during 1943, less the quantity on hand Sept. 1, 1944.

An estimated 39,000,000 pounds of hops are available to the brewing industry out of this year's crop.

RAID ON MARCUS ISLAND CLAIMED

The Tokyo radio reported Saturday that "several" B-29 superfortresses raided Marcus Island, less than four hours flying time southeast of Tokyo, on Friday afternoon but were "repelled with heavy losses."

The enemy announcement, made in a broadcast heard by United Press in San Francisco, was denied by a war department spokesman in Washington. He refused to amplify his denial, but observers believed it possible B-29's might have raided the island.

Marcus is said to be heavily fortified and is known to possess at least one airfield. It lies 1,100 miles southeast of Tokyo and little more than 700 miles northeast of American-held Salpan and reportedly is used by the Japanese army as a staging area for the north Pacific.

War Bulletins

London, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—The German radio reported tonight that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, Chief of State of the defunct Vichy government, had fled to Germany before the allied army approaching Belfort, leaving Germond de Brinon as chief of a "French government committee for the protection of the national interest."

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sunday, Oct. 1—(U.P.)—A single navy Catalina bomber destroyed four Japanese freighters totalling 8,500 tons and sank six loaded barges in Darvel Bay, Borneo Thursday night as allied bombers struck enemy shipping routes off Surigao, northern Mindanao and throughout the East Indies, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

FIGHTING NEXT 30 DAYS TO DECIDE TEUTONS' COURSE

Speedy End If Major Moves Succeed, If Not War Will Last Until Spring.

Washington, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—The next 30 days of fighting in Europe will determine whether Germany can hold out through the winter, allied military observers predicted tonight.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme allied commander, reasonably can be expected to make one or more major efforts to break into the German homeland in the next month, they said.

If he is successful, the war in Europe probably will come to a quick end. If not, Germany in all likelihood would then be able to hang on until the inevitable allied spring offensive.

The airborne spearhead thrown out ahead of the British Second army in Holland was an attempt to send allied troops sweeping into Germany and force a quick decision.

If it had achieved 100 per cent of its maximum objectives, the result undoubtedly would have been a quick drive southward or westward into Germany, outflanking the Siegfried line and closely paralleling Gen. George S. Patton's Third army sweep across France.

Bad weather and stronger German resistance in both quantity and quality than had been expected prevented full success of what observers here regard as one of the boldest operations in military history.

Despite heavy losses and eventual retreat of the British First airborne division, the operation as a whole was at least 80 per cent successful, observers say, and this is borne out by news from the front that the resulting forward salient in Holland is being widened and strengthened, posing a threat not only to the German homeland but to large numbers of German troops who may be bottled up along the Dutch coast.

WALLACE BRANDS DEWEY BANK TOOL

Pittsburgh, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace, completing a swing through Pennsylvania in support of President Roosevelt's fourth term bid, tonight assailed Republican Nominee Thomas E. Dewey as the candidate of international bankers whose "goal is immediate profit."

"Certain international monetary interests which are backing the republican candidate are eagerly looking forward to his victory," Wallace told an audience at Carnegie Music Hall. "They think it means their control not only of the United States but also, through their control of certain of the departments of government, a dominating position in world affairs."

Radio Highlights

Gov. Earl Warren of California speaks for mMinneapolis at 7:15 p. m. PWT Monday in support of Dewey and Bricker. Over MBS.