

YANKS LAUNCH HEAVY ASSAULT

Weather

Forecast: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy to cloudy with showers. Warmer tonight and cooler Tuesday. Temp. Highest yesterday 72. Lowest this morning 43. Precip. for past 24 hours 9.

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Medford Hunter Killed Near Bly

JAMES E. WARDE REPORTED VICTIM OF BROTHER'S GUN

Radio Technician Deer Season's First Casualty—Wife, Children Bereaved

Killed by a shot reported to have been fired by his brother, James E. Warde, 29, Medford radio technician employed by the Veri G. Walker company here, died this morning during a hunting trip in the Bly district in Klamath County. The brother, David Warde, of Portland, and a group of other hunters left Medford Friday night and were hunting this morning about a mile from Finley's Corral when the accident occurred.

From Klamath it was stated that members of the state police force and the county coroner, summoned by members of the hunting party, had left for the scene of the accident but were not expected back until late this afternoon since the district is inaccessible. The body was to be taken to Ward's funeral home in Klamath Falls.

Word of the fatal accident came to Mr. Walker this noon from a forest official of Bly and the employer notified Mrs. Warde and Mr. Warde's mother, Mrs. Otis DePugh of Fairfield, Calif., who is visiting the family.

The Warde's came here about six years ago and reside at 310 Haven street. In addition to the wife, Eunice, there are two children, Janet and Marlene. Other survivors are Mrs. DePugh, the father, David Warde, Sr., of Portland; two brothers, David of Portland and Frederick, in the army and stationed at Camp Stoneman, Calif.

The Klamath Falls Herald-News reported that another hunting accident involved Mrs. Max De Vany, of Jefferson, Ore., who was struck in the back by a bullet which ricocheted. She is confined in Klamath Falls hospital.

September's Heat Unusual Chapter In Weather Book

September was an outstanding month in two ways according to the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Medford airport. Residents withstood five successive days with temperature ranging over 103 degrees, from Sept. 5 through Sept. 9 and Jupe Pluvius withheld rain from southern Oregon until the last two days of the month when we were deluged with .80 of an inch.

Temperature was 3.1 degrees above the normal mean monthly temperature. Monthly mean temperature is 66.6 degrees compared with a normal mean monthly temperature of 63.5 degrees. Monthly normal precipitation for September averages .65 inch with recorded precipitation was .80 inch or a total of .15 inches above average.

Minimum temperature registered was 38 degrees Sept. 15 and is not a record for the month as the mercury dropped to 29 degrees during September 1926 weather bureau records show.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Polly Neely overjoyed at the thought of obtaining an address where nylon hose could be purchased.

Tolly Tollefson running out of gasoline and being forced to patronize Tubby Dean's service station, his own station and his car tank all being dry at the same time.

Walt Erskine, genial butcher telling about a recent Satepost cartoon in which the butcher was "weighing his thumb" while unbeknownst to him his lady customer was lifting up on the scales to even things up.



Russian troops opened a third front against Hungary, striking at Tartar Pass. Other Armies are converging from the north and south.

PAC's Fund Campaign Ends Far Short of 5,500,000

Washington, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—The CIO political action committee's four-week campaign to raise \$5,500,000 at the rate of \$1 apiece from each of the union's 5,500,000 members ended today far short of its goal, it was learned.

Only sketchy reports on the drive have been received here but they prompted leaders of individual CIO unions, including the 1,000,000 member United Auto Workers, to make preparations for an intensive drive to raise funds for the PAC.

The American Federation of Labor was also understood to be lagging in its effort to raise money among its unions throughout the nation to defeat proposals to abolish the closed shop in Florida, Arkansas, and California.

Pearl Harbor, T. H., Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—American troops held firm control over the southern Palau islands and three airfields within three hours' flight of the Philippines today after killing more than 10,000 Japanese in 19 days of bloody, no quarter battle.

Veteran marine and army units "secured" five of the southernmost islets in the strategic Palau chain over the weekend and herded the surviving Japanese into two small pockets, one on Peleliu's "bloody nose ridge" and the other on nearby Angaur Island.

An estimated 2000 fanatical enemy troops were believed holding out in the two pockets, the bulk of them apparently dug in among the rock caves of Bloody Nose ridge, which already has witnessed some of the toughest fighting of the Pacific war.

"Elimination of the remnants of the Japanese defenders continues," a communique from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' Pacific fleet headquarters said tersely. Despite the announcement that the southern islands were "secured," there was every indication that the surviving Japanese would fight to the last man and that further costly fighting lay ahead before they could be dug out and killed.

Radio Highlights
Gov. Earl Warren of California broadcasts from Minneapolis tonight at 7:15 PWT in support of Dewey and Bricker.

Sen. Truman, Blue network, 6:55 to 7 p. m. today.

Tuesday: Quentin Reynolds, 8:55 p. m. to 9 over NBC.

Friday: Gov. Dewey, 6 to 6:30 p. m., NBC.

GERMANS IN PO THREATENED BY YANKEE THRUST

5th Army Troops Capture Monte Capella Dominating Florence-Imola Road

Rome, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—American 5th army troops captured Monte Capella, a peak dominating the Florence-Imola highway, in a thrust today which threatened to cut off German forces being driven up the Po valley by the British 8th army in the Adriatic sector.

The Americans also repulsed the fourth German counter-attack in as many days at previously-captured Monte Battaglia, two miles east of Monte Cappella, and clung to the heights after bitter fighting.

The Germans were reluctant to yield the two peaks, both about a dozen miles from Imola, large-size town on Via Emilia, airline highway extending from Rimini to Bologna and chief escape route for the enemy troops facing Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese's 8th army on the coast.

Get Air Support
Good weather permitted aerial support for the 5th army infantry for the first time in nearly a week. Allied aircraft assisted in breaking up the German counter-attack, and also efficiently bombed German troop concentrations and artillery positions.

British 8th army troops have completely cleared the Germans from Savignano, 10 miles inland from the Adriatic on the Rimini-Bologna highway, and leading troops crossing the Fiumicino river in the Savignano sector found Germans in strength occupying the north bank. Several clashes occurred.

TWO NAVY FLIERS IN DIVE TO DEATH

Astoria, Ore., Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—The pilot and gunner of a medium-sized navy plane dived to their death in the Columbia river at the scene of the navy's dive bombing practice range just east of Astoria, Sunday, it was announced today by the navy.

Ensign G. F. Glynn, the pilot, and F. Macina, aviation radioman third class, were both from Chicago and close personal friends. The plane was demolished when it plunged into the river.

The bodies of Glynn and Macina had not been recovered.

Bricker Quotes Truman as Witness of New Deal Waste

Bowling Green, Ky., Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, Republican vice presidential candidate, today quoted Sen. Harry S. Truman, Mo., his Democratic opponent, as chief witness to his charges that the new deal was guilty of bungling, waste, dictation and mismanagement.

Invading this border state, which gave its electoral vote to President Roosevelt three times, to appeal for the election of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and "a Republican congress," Bricker, in a speech prepared for delivery at Fountain Square here said the Republican campaign this year is directed "against the record of the new deal."

It is directed, he asserted, "against the bungling, against the waste, against the dictation and against the mismanagement of the new deal." He asked the reason for the "waste and confusion."

CHINA SPOKESMEN ACCUSE ALLIES OF WITHHOLDING HELP

U. S. and Britain Given Only Token Assistance in War With Japan—Is Assertion

Chungking, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—Chinese official spokesmen, stung by the loss of the U. S. 14th air force's fourth major base in eastern China, charged bitterly today that the United States and Great Britain have failed to provide more than a pitiful amount of "token" assistance to China in the war against Japan.

Since Pearl Harbor, a spokesman for the Chinese military council said, the amount of American supplies delivered to the Chinese army "would not be sufficient to sustain a single British or American army division in combat for one week."

The statement was made in direct answer to Prime Minister Winston Churchill's assertion in the house of commons last week that China had suffered severe military reverses despite "lavish American help."

He asserted that the only real aid given the Chinese armies in eastern China came from the U. S. 14th air force, whose efforts he praised highly.

Even that air support, the spokesman charged, "was so small that it would hardly be credited if it could be disclosed."

Tanchuk Abandoned
His words were pointed up by a 14th air force announcement that American airmen had abandoned their base at Tanchuk, in southeastern Kwangsi province, after blowing up everything of military value that could not be removed.

The Japanese Domei news agency claimed the capture of Tanchuk, but there was no immediate confirmation of the enemy report.

Japanese troops advancing across eastern China in a general offensive aimed at splitting the country and rolling back the forward attack bases of American airpower, previously had forced the 14th air force to give up its huge air station at Kweilin, in addition to bases at Hengyang and Lingling.

HIGH COURT CONVENES FOR BRIEF CEREMONY

Washington, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—The booming voice of Marshal Thomas E. Waggaman today declared the supreme court in session for its 1944-45 term.

The court chamber was crowded with government dignitaries, lawyers members of the armed forces and public spectators for the brief ceremony at noon. After the admission of attorneys to the bar, the tribunal recessed until next Monday.

Arnhem Hero Escapes



(Acme Radio-Telephone)
Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commanding general of the First Allied Airborne Army (U. S.), Maj. Gen. K. N. Crawford, director of air, British War Office, and Maj. Gen. R. E. Urquhart, commander of British Paratroopers Force in Holland, following latter's return from the Holland front. General Urquhart commanded the First British Airborne Division in its epic stand at Arnhem and escaped from the Germans after being captured by them north of Lek, Holland. U. S. Army photo.

British Commandos Liberate Greek Islands Near Mainland

London, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—British broadcasts reported today that British commandos had struck what may be the first blow of an allied campaign in Greece by liberating three Greek islands, one of them only six miles from the mainland.

REDS ADVANCING MILE PER HOUR IN YUGOSLAVIA

Moscow, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—The red army, advancing nearly a mile an hour across Yugoslavia, slashed to within 40 miles of the Belgrade-Athens railway today in a drive threatening that main artery of escape for perhaps 200,000 Germans in the southern Balkans.

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army penetrated the suburbs of the mining town of Zajecar and reached to within approximately 45 miles of the big railway hub of Nis in its rapid advance.

Malinovsky's forces were expected to link up with Marshal Tito's partisan army within the next few days, if they have not already done so.

Severance of the Belgrade-Athens railway would leave the German garrisons in southern Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece and the Aegean islands only secondary railways and highways over which to escape to the north.

Malinovsky's forces broke out of their 58-mile-long bridgehead at Negotin, 29 miles south of the on the south bank of the Danube Romanian border town of Turnu Severin, yesterday and thrust 24 miles down the Timok river valley a few miles west of the Bulgarian border.

Rooney and Bride Forego Honeymoon

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—Blonde and beautiful Mrs. Mickey Rooney, 17-year-old bride of Pvt. Mickey Rooney of Impish Andy Hardy movie fame, was at home with her parents here today, while her husband of two days went through his army paces at Camp Sibert, near Gadsden, Ala.

The honeymoon of the Rooneys was as brief as their whirlwind week-long courtship, ending last night as Rooney's three-day pass expired.

A soldier requires 40 times as much wool as a civilian, and it takes 26 sheep to provide that wool for one year.

GO OVER TOP ON BROAD FRONT IN AACHEN SECTION

Attack Follows Two-Hour Bombardment By Hundreds of Planes and Guns

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—The American 1st army stormed the Siegfried line on a broad front north of Aachen today, smashing across the Dusseldorf-Aachen railroad and the Wurm river in the first phase of the biggest assault since the capture of St. Lo in Normandy.

Attacking after a two-hour bombardment by hundreds of planes and big guns, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' assault forces battered forward more than a mile through the Siegfried pillboxes.

Toward Merksstein
United Press Correspondent Henry T. Gorrell reported from the 1st army front that the American forces were advancing in the general direction of the German towns of Merksstein, 7 miles north of Aachen and two miles beyond the border, and Herzogenrath, near the border two miles below Merksstein.

"As this is being written," Gorrell reported, "Yank infantrymen are tackling with bayonets a human wall comprising hundreds of foxholes occupied by crack German reserves. Seen from the air, this wall of foxholes behind the Siegfried fortifications resembles a Braille board."

Crossing Not Told
First advice did not specify where the Aachen-Dusseldorf railroad and the Wurm river were crossed. The railroad angles northeastward from Aachen into the Rhineland, and the river winds in a general northwest-southeast direction above Aachen.

Four hundred medium bombers following up more than 100 dive-bombers took advantage of the first break of the weather in many days to kick off the big attack aimed at the Rhineland above the branches knocked in the first wall of Siegfried fortifications east of Aachen.

Massed artillery in the frontier area joined in the saturation bombardment, and the avalanche of bombs left many of the German defenders dead at their posts. The array of big guns included eight-inch howitzers firing from Holland.

Gains Recorded
By noon, an hour after the infantry went over the top, the gains approximated two kilometers, or nearly one and a third miles.

The inhabitants of the picturesque little town of Heerlen, in the Dutch "appendix" near the German frontier, were treated to the most spectacular display yet seen by the Hollanders as the bombers dropped thousands of pounds of high explosives on the heavily-manned Siegfried pillboxes.

Up to late afternoon, supreme headquarters had received no official account of the 1st army offensive. Pending receipt of word from Hodges, headquarters spokesmen warned against interpreting reports of the attack as an all-out drive toward the Rhine until the full pattern of operations unfolded.

They pointed out that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's strategy always called for throwing in as many diversions as possible, masking the main thrust in an effort to confuse the movement of German reserves.

British Also Busy
Above the 1st army offensive sector, the British 2nd army was swinging eastward toward Venlo, border town 40 miles north of Aachen.

United Press Correspondent Ronald Clark said the drive west of Venlo toward the Maas (Meuse) was meeting considerable resistance from German forces including a number of tanks.

"It appears the Germans still are fighting a stiff rear guard action to gain time to fight on the Maas," Clark said.

In other sectors of the 2nd army front, German counter-thrusts dwindled and the fighting slackened generally. Northeast of Antwerp troops of the Canadian 1st army were moving slowly and unspectacularly thru the area of the Dutch border north of Merxplas.

SMITH'S CONDITION REPORTED UNCHANGED

New York, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—The condition of former Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York, critically ill at the Rockefeller institute hospital, was reported "unchanged" today after 24 hours of "real improvement."