

SOVIETS FLANK NAZI CITADEL; TAKE KORELYI

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are abandoning their Kuban bridgehead in the Caucasus.

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (AP)—The red army has reached the Dnieper in force, and other soviet units northwest of Smolensk have reached the village of Tarsenki, only three miles from the border of White Russia, soviet dispatches said today.

(The German high command said the Russians already were making heavy thrusts in efforts to cross the Dnieper, but declared they were repulsed.)

Evacuating

(Although the German high command failed to bear out the report, the Berlin radio said the Germans also were systematically evacuating heavy equipment, installations and civilians from their bridgehead across the Kerch straits in the Caucasus.)

With the red army only nine miles from Smolensk, after capturing Luzanovo, the Germans were in immediate danger of losing their central front citadel, which they have held since the early days of their smash toward Moscow.

GUERRILLAS DRIVE AT ADRIATIC PORTS

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front between Bistrica (Fiestritz) and Ljubljana.

Flume Shelled

The British Broadcasting corporation, quoting a broadcast by the Algiers radio, said that Flume was being shelled by partisan artillery set up in Susak, a mile and a half away across the frontier.

In a broadcast heard by The Associated Press, however, the Budapest radio quoted a Zagreb dispatch to the effect that the Germans had captured Susak.

The partisans reported engaged around Trieste and Flume apparently were operating under command of the Montenegrin guerrilla chieftain Josip Broz, familiarly known as "Tito," but the forces of Gen. Draja Mihailovic were said to be fighting further south in the interior.

Coordination

News of the fighting recalled recent Cairo dispatches indicating that allied senior officers had gone to Yugoslavia to attempt to coordinate the activities of "Tito" and Mihailovic with allied strategic plans.

Yugoslavs here, however, said that while there evidently was some cooperation between the two guerrilla armies they were not operating under a joint command or with unified plans.

Eastern Population Versus Distances Big Road Problem

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all highways were topics for the afternoon meeting.

Lake, Modoc Visit

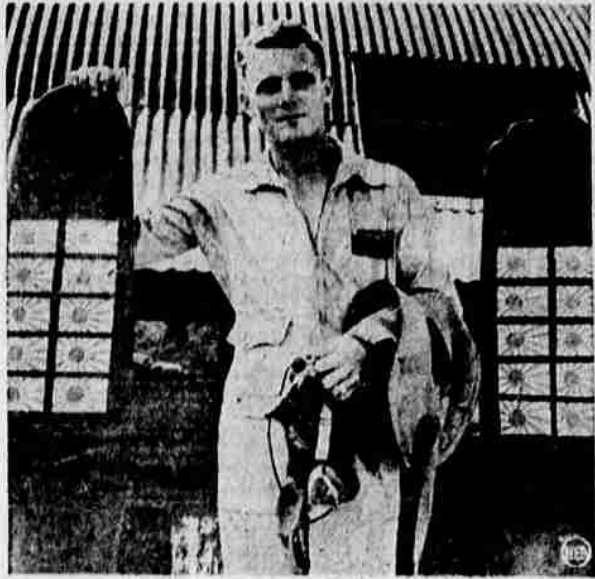
Representatives of Lake and Modoc counties paid a visit to the conference meeting room at the opening this morning, but said they were interested only in seeing the California commission, apparently with regard to the road between Lakeview and Alturas. They had a conference slated with C. H. Purcell, director of public works and ex-officio chairman of the California commission.

Present at the conference were C. S. Reynolds, Tacoma, Washington commissioner; Chairman Holman, Seattle; Fred L. Wolfe, Newport, Washington commissioner; Purcell, Sacramento; Baldock, Salem; L. I. Hewes, chief of the western regional public roads administration, San Francisco; Fred Grumm, assistant state highway engineer, California; A. C. Carleton, attorney, California commission; George W. Cook, secretary, California commission; G. T. McCoy, state highway engineer, California.

H. D. Farnier, PRA, Portland; W. H. Lynch, district engineer, PRA, Washington; C. B. McCulloch, assistant state engineer, Oregon; Merle Chessman, Astoria, Oregon commissioner; H. B. Galskyer, secretary, Oregon; H. G. Smith, construction engineer, Oregon; Ed A. Anderson, Ellensburg, Washington commissioner; O. R. Dinsmore, Olympia, Washington highway director; A. W. Schaupp, Klamath Falls, Ore., commissioner, and J. M. Devers, Salem, attorney for Oregon commission.

Especially good service at a banquet requires one good waiter to every eight guests.

No. 1 Yank Ace in Pacific



The ace of the South Pacific is U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant Ken A. Walsh, above, of Brooklyn and Washington, D. C., who now has been shot down twice, both times at sea near enemy territory.

PLANES STYMIE EVACUATION OF NAZIS BY AIR

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north another 10 miles to occupy Altamura.

While Gen. Clark launched his climactic offensive against burning, dynamite-wrecked Naples, Italian refugees said residents of the once great port were battling German troops in the streets and firing at the enemy from the windows of their homes.

German firing squads were reported executing civilian "rebels" and Italian army officers and soldiers who refused to collaborate, even as Nazi demolition crews destroyed the city of 925,000 population.

V-Mail Ballots Considered for Men Overseas

By DONALD HYNDMAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—Preliminary steps to enable several million members of the armed services to cast absentee ballots in the 1944 state primaries and the presidential election were taken in congress today.

Chairman Green (D-R.I.) announced he had asked Secretary of War Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox to give the senate elections committee their views on a pending plan to permit overseas service men and women to use a simplified V-mail ballot.

As soon as the Stimson and Knox statements are received, Green said he would open hearings on the proposal, which he sponsored with Senator Lucas (D-Ill.).

Predicting many practical difficulties would be encountered, due to varying state election laws and the complexities of distributing and assembling ballots cast in the far corners of the globe, Senator Hatch (D-N.M.) said he thought congressional members of both parties "are agreed that we must do everything possible to let every eligible service man vote."

Public Hearings Set on General Tax Legislation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) announced today the house ways and means committee would open public hearings Monday, October 4 on new general revenue legislation, in response to the administration's request for additional billions to finance the war.

"It is extremely important," he said, "that the revenue bill be passed before the end of this year to avoid retroactive taxation."

Four Killed In Plane Crash On Mt. Shasta Slope

RENO, Nev., Sept. 24 (AP)—Four men were killed and one parachuted to safety when a huge air transport ship crashed and burned on the south slope of Mt. Shasta in northern California late last night, the air transport command at the Reno army air base announced today.

The plane was on a routine training flight to Seattle, the base public relations office said. Names of the plane's occupants will be released after the next of kin have been notified.

Ralph De Palma, as early as 1910, used independently sprung wheels on one of his racing automobiles.

PATROLS BEAT WAY TOWARD FINSCHHAFEN

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ed enemy positions beyond the beachhead. Bombers dropped 21 tons of explosives on Finschhafen. Attack planes fired 48,000 rounds of ammunition.

Bombing

Eighty-five miles northeast, the Japanese air units at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, were prevented from interfering. For four hours there, big American bombers blasted with 73 tons of bombs and attack planes poured out 15,000 rounds of bullets.

Not until mid-morning did any Japanese planes appear. Two were shot down from high altitude. At noon, as the ships were withdrawing, between 20 and 30 Japanese bombers arrived with an escort of upwards of 40 fighters.

Air Raid

The warships filled the sky with puffs of anti-aircraft fire. American fighters piled into the enemy formations. Forty Japanese planes were downed for certain. Five more were believed destroyed. Only three allied planes were lost and the pilot of one was saved.

Not a ship was damaged by the enemy. Not a passenger was injured. Headquarters emphasized that in today's communique.

While Australian soldiers and American paratroopers hunted down 600 Japanese who fled into the jungles above captured Lae, headquarters reported today a preliminary count of more than 6300 enemy soldiers slain since July 1 in the Lae-Salamaua sector. Six thousand more were estimated previously to have been killed there before July 1.

More Expected

"Final estimates will be very much greater," the communique stated.

Allied air action reported in the communique included a 23-ton raid on an airbase on Ambon, 600 miles north of Australia; downing of six enemy fighters in a raid on the Kai islands; sinking of an enemy cargo ship off Kavieng, New Ireland; destruction of nine barges and setting afire of a cargo ship near Choiseul island in the Solomons; wiping out of eight grounded planes at the Kahili airbase, Bougainville; and bagging of two enemy fighters over Buka.

Congress Quits Dad Draft Row; Cushion Sought

SAM F. ARBOGAST
TON, Sept. 24 (AP)—Congressional outlaws to outlaw automatic deferment on the immediate basis today what a "lost" thousands of government.

Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military affairs committee said it would be futile to press for legislation to prohibit the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. He announced also that his committee would ask Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey to explain next week why an estimated 300,000 draft-age, non-fathers in the federal employ have not been inducted although no official request was made for their deferment.

One of May's sub-committees, headed by Rep. Costello (D-Calif.), said its investigation of government deferment policies indicated that approximately 300,000 federal workers apparently eligible for the draft have not been called for induction.

Command Pictures Appear Soon In National Magazine

Several photographs of Klamath Falls Commandos will appear in the November issue of the American magazine to be on sale by October 5, it was learned here this week.

A photographer employed by that magazine was in Klamath Falls about two months ago taking pictures of the Commando unit here.

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These two individuals have now made their entrance into the mysterious murder case of Actor David G. Bacon. They are Glenn Shum, left, taken into custody by Los Angeles police investigating the murder, and Blakey C. Patterson, a Hibbing, Minn., hospital attendant. Shum was booked on the technical charge of deserting from the Navy and Patterson was jailed on charge of furnishing false information about the case.

STRIKE PARALYZES BUS, RAIL TRAFFIC

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of the lines, estimated that freight movements during the first seven hours of the strike approximated 70 per cent of normal. Not a passenger car, train or bus, however, had moved up to 9:30 a. m. (PWT.)

No Violence

Two mail trains left the main

terminal early this morning, manned by non-striking crews, and freight trains left on schedule from several yards, Wagenbach said. There were no reports of violence.

Preliminary reports from aircraft factories and shipyards which dot this region thickly were that little ill-effect had been suffered so far. Workers were relying on private cars, company trucks and other means of public transportation.

Wage Demands

Spokesmen for the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen said the walkout would continue un-

Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: Arrivals, 4 California, 3 Oregon, 1 diverted; 10 broken, 4 unbroken cars on track; market dull, Klamath Russets No. 1, size A \$3.00.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: Arrivals, 18 California, 6 by truck, 9 Idaho; 14 broken, 23 unbroken cars on track; no sales reported.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24 (AP)—Potatoes, total US shipments 1103; arrivals 126; on track 246; supply moderate; demand slower, market slightly weaker; Idaho Russet Burbanks \$3.50-50; Colorado Long Whites \$3.10; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss Triumphs, Commercial (unwashed) \$2.00-15; washed \$2.50-70; Minnesota and North Dakota Cobblers, Commercial \$2.25; Wisconsin Chippewas and Green Mountains \$2.45-50.

Production Survey Group Created

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that the waste unavoidably present in war, is kept to a minimum.

The four-man committee will be composed of two army and two navy officers, to be named by the joint chiefs of staff.

til their wage demands were met. The strike followed by two months a 24-hour walkout of Los Angeles Railway company employees seeking to enforce wage demands, which have not yet been adjudicated.

Military authorities were watching the situation closely, but there was no immediate confirmation of reports that the government might take over operation of the lines.

\$25,000 SUIT FILED AGAINST CLINIC HERE

A \$25,000 damage suit against Paul W. Sharp and F. Cecil Adams, doing business as the Klamath Medical Clinic, was filed in circuit court this week.

The plaintiff, H. S. Vaden, states in his complaint that he suffered third degree burns resulting in permanent injury to his foot when clinic attendants left the heat lamp shining on the foot too long.

In the complaint, Vaden asks, besides the \$25,000, an additional \$450 for loss of working time plus costs and disbursements.

William P. Lord and Ben Anderson of Portland are attorneys for the plaintiff.

WHEAT

CHICAGO, Sept. 24 (AP)—Buying by commission houses, which was believed to represent distillery purchases, gave the wheat market a strong undertone today. Strength in the broad cereal was reflected in fractional gains for oats and rye.

A car of new oats, grading No. 1 white heavy, sold in the cash market at 84 cents a bushel. Dealers said this was the highest price in 23 years for this grade of oats.

At the close wheat was 1-1/2c higher, December \$1.48-1/2, May \$1.49, oats were up 1-1/2c, December 75c, and rye was 1/2c lower to 1c higher, December \$1.06-1/2.

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