

JERRIES EVACUATE NAPLES

By FRANK JENKINS
A BERLIN dispatch to a Stockholm newspaper this morning says the Germans are evacuating Naples. This is indirectly confirmed by the statement from our side that our planes are bombing German truck columns moving NORTHWARD from the city.

THE thing to remember is that Naples is only a way point on our ticket. Our DESTINATION in Europe is destruction of Germany's ability and WILL to fight.

THE Russians, emplaced in the suburbs of Kiev on the east bank of the Dnieper, are shelling the Germans on the west bank, about 100 yards away.

The west bank of the Dnieper at Kiev has high, rock banks in which long-ago monks hewed cells that are now being used by the defending Germans as machine gun nests.

It is not yet known whether the Germans have destroyed the bridges at Kiev.

THE thing to watch at the moment is whether the Germans are able to hold the line of the Dnieper, to which they have fallen back.

RAF bombers hit Bochum, in Germany, again last night. Details are scarce. Eight bombers were lost—which might indicate either a small bomber force or light losses.

IN the South Pacific, Australian troops are within 600 yards of Finschhafen. Our planes blow up a big Jap ammunition dump at Wewak. BETTER JAP PILOTS are noted at Wewak in the past few days.

THE war news, you will note, isn't very exciting today. Just hard fighting, and lots of it. We can't have big victories every day.

In these lulls, we always have the feeling that something BIG is brewing—which is sometimes true and sometimes not.

ON the home front, War Secretary Stimson adds to the Marshall mystery with a statement that says nothing but adds to our curiosity.

SENATOR LODGE, of Massachusetts, is back from a tour of the war fronts with a poor opinion of the news we're getting.

He says: "Our fighting men are mad because of the FALSE OPTIMISM of our news," and adds that this false optimism is a "general condition of our news reporting, our communiques, our radio commentaries and our commentaries."

IT is true that the communiques are uniformly encouraging, conveying the impression (without saying so in so many words) that our side has the situation nicely under control. This writer who has been reading communiques ever since the war began, has been constantly impressed by that obvious fact.

Why it is true, only the military men who issue the communiques know.

THE headlines, taken as a whole are distinctly on the optimistic side.

Why? Human nature enters in here. The primary purpose of big headlines, especially in the larger metropolitan cities, is to SELL PAPERS. Shrewd circulation managers discovered long ago that hopeful headlines will sell more papers than gloomy ones.

EVEN you, hard-headed and realistic though you may be, probably buy a paper with a hopeful headline more readily than one with a headline that unsettles and FRIGHTENS you.

THE radio commentators and newscasters are likewise apt to present an optimistic picture of the progress of the war.

Again the answer is that the HOPEFUL broadcasters, who make it look like our side has the situation well in hand, FIND SPONSORS more easily than their fellows who present a pessimistic picture.

THIS writer, as an explainer and sometimes a simplifier of the news, has urged constantly that you SWALLOW NOTHING WHOLE—that you read everything, listen to everything, check one version against another and then DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS by the simple process of putting two and two together to make four.

If you will do that, with reasonable thoroughness and thoughtfulness, you will arrive in the course of time at a fairly accurate understanding of what has happened.

THIS writer, incidentally, has the feeling that the public distrusts ALL the news and BELIEVES NOBODY—with the possible exception of Churchill. That is unfortunate.

Soviets Shell Kiev



End of a Nazi Sub

Churning the sea, a Nazi submarine begins to settle by the stern, the bow rising as crew members (faintly visible) cower against the conning tower (circle). This is one of three sub definitely sunk by a Gruman Avenger bomber flying from an escort carrier on convoy duty in the Atlantic. It was piloted by Lieut. Robert Pershing Williams with Radioman Morris C. Grinstead, Radioman and Turret Gunner Melvin H. Feden, Sailors Carl, as his crew. Associated Press photo from U. S. navy.

Wewak Ammunition Dump Fired by American Bombs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 30 (AP)—A huge store of ammunition which the Japanese painstakingly had transported overseas for use against General MacArthur's advancing New Guinea troops was exploded Tuesday at Wewak by Liberator bombers in the greatest pyrotechnic display ever seen in the Southwest Pacific.

This new blow, following by a day the destruction of more than 60 enemy planes and seven ships at Wewak, was reported today in a communique which also announced that hard fighting Australians have inched through bitter Japanese resistance to within 600 yards of the main jetty at Finschhafen.

Flak Opposition
The Japanese utilized 40 fighter planes and concentrated batteries of anti-aircraft guns in an effort to prevent further destruction of Wewak, where approximately 500 of their aircraft have been wiped out in little more than a month.

But the raiders shot down eight interceptors, added 145 tons of bombs to the 106 tons dropped Monday and departed intact while smoke from the munitions blast covered the whole Wewak peninsula. The fighting caliber of the opposing pilots led returning fliers to believe they were crack navy airmen rushed in from Rabaul.

Big Fire
The resultant flames after the storage depot was hit could be seen for 80 miles. A large fuel dump and several supply dumps also were destroyed.

Nearer the ground fighting at Finschhafen, Liberators caused landslide obstructions with 1000-pound bombs on the coastal road south of Madang.

Near Finschhafen
The Finschhafen garrison, in addition to falling back from some prepared positions scattered through plantation and jungle on the northern outskirts of the missionary village, also were menaced by a force moving along the coast from Lae. The defenders were dive-bombed and shelled by artillery.

In the Solomons, 35 Liberators and Lightnings hit Japan's Kahlil airbase on Bougainville with 600 bombs after which nearly 100 Torpedo and Dive bombers worked over nearby gun positions.

The program, reported in preparation last week, was outlined in greater detail to a group of members of the congressional taxing committees yesterday and will be submitted formally to the house ways and means committee Monday.

It proposes a new refundable tax understood to have been suggested by President Roosevelt, who was reported to have overruled objections of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to this form of compulsory savings.

Dehydration Plant To Begin Operating
The South Sixth plant of the newly organized Klamath Dehydration company will start operation on potatoes between November 1 and 15, it was disclosed to the Kiwanis club today by G. W. Byers, one of the owners and plant manager.

RUSSIANS POKE INTO SUBURBS; KRICHEV FALLS

Gomel Drive Pushes on Six to Eight Miles

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Russian forces plunging on toward Vitebsk in northern White Russia have captured Krichev, rail junction about 60 miles east of Mogilev and midway between fallen Roslavl and Mogilev, Moscow announced tonight.

More than 170 villages also were overrun during the westward thrust, the Russian announcement said.

Soviets Rush On
Other Soviet columns, pushing on from six to eight miles in the drive on Gomel, Dnieper river fortification between Simolensk and Kiev, occupied more than 50 additional villages, including the district center of the Gomel region, Svetilovli, the Russians said. Gomel, and that city's fall appeared imminent.

The swift advance into northern White Russia constituted a potential threat to German-held Poland, 100 miles further west, and Riga, capital of Latvia on the shores of the Baltic.

By EDDIE GILMORE
MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (AP)—Red army guns shelled the Germans on the high cliffs of Kiev from numerous positions in the suburbs of the eastern bank of the Dnieper today.

In Suburbs
The Russians were in possession of the entire eastern suburbs of the city, some of which lie less than 100 yards across the river. They were at the railway and highway bridges on the eastern side of the village of Posdnyaki, Predmostnaya Sloboda and Trukhanov Island, all in Kiev's front yard.

These are just across the river. (Continued on Page Two)

Gas Rationing To Be Probed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—A full-scale investigation of gasoline rationing was announced today by Chairman Lea (D-Calif.) of the house interstate committee.

Lea announced the inquiry, with hearings tentatively set for mid-October, after a conference with congressmen who yesterday protested an anticipated cut in rations outside the eastern states.

Maritime Academy Dedicated Today

GREAT NECK, N. Y., Sept. 30 (AP)—Hailed by President Roosevelt as a "momentous forward stride in the nation's planned program of maritime progress," a \$6,900,000 academy was dedicated here today to serve the U. S. merchant marine as West Point and Annapolis serve the army and navy.

Guerrillas Force German Retreat in North Italy

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—A patriot communique broadcast today from somewhere in Yugoslavia said that guerrilla forces had forced German troops to retreat "at many places" near the northeastern Italian city of Gorizia and at Ljubljana, in Yugoslavia.

The war bulletin, recorded here by Reuters, made no mention of how far the irregulars had swept past Gorizia, 25 miles west of the Yugoslav border and 30 miles northwest of Trieste, but the London Daily Mail, quoting German radio accounts, said the guerrillas had penetrated 100 miles into northern Italy to the Venice area.

This account declared that fighting was in progress along a 125-mile front between Venice and Trieste to the northeast and northward toward the Austrian border in the Dolemite foothills.

In Balkan News



Following British capture of strategic Foggia in Italy, the Germans announced they had landed forces on the island of Corfu off west coast of Greece, and claimed to have seized the Yugoslav harbor city of Split which previously had been seized by Yugoslav guerrillas.

BRITISH ACTIVE ON POSTWAR PLAN

Criticism Expected From Inspection Group

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—A critical report on British commercial and diplomatic activities may be laid before the senate in executive session by members of a five-man inspection committee which just returned from a 40,000 mile trip to the world's battlefronts.

While committee members declined to discuss publicly this phase of their extensive inquiries in the war zones, there were indications they feel that American diplomacy and economic activity are falling far behind that of the British.

Post War Plans
The gist of their complaint, it was said authoritatively, is that British postwar policies already are functioning in a practical way while American representatives are at a loss to know what this nation's attitude will be on many important world questions when the fighting is over.

As a result, the committee members were said to have found that the British stand to reap postwar benefits from many American lend-lease contributions to other countries.

Repressed Irritation
Some indication of this repressed irritation at British activities was given by Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) when he told a press conference yesterday that the news of American military activities was being played down by British news services and the British radio.

Similarly, Senator Brewster (R-Me.) said he thought the time had come to obtain more oil from the British holdings in the Persian gulf area instead of continuing the heavy drain on American supplies.

"I am told that the British refinery at Abadan, Iran, which they say is the largest in the world, could increase its output 40 per cent," Brewster said. "I hope that we can get a greater proportion of our oil there instead of drawing so heavily on our diminishing supplies."

English War Correspondents Killed in Italy

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Three British war correspondents with the American fifth army have been killed near Naples, it was announced today. They were listed as A. B. Austin of the London Daily Herald, Stewart G. Sale of Reuters News Service and William J. Mundas of the Sydney Morning Herald and the London News Chronicle.

The British news men were with the leading units of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's armor advancing upon Nocera, and it was after they had seen enemy opposition wiped out on the outskirts of the town that they were killed.

Klamath Bond Drive Rolls on Three Million

Klamath's Third War Loan drive rolled beyond the third million today as the Elks bond committee pressed a sustained drive far beyond the \$2,518,000 quota.

County War Finance Chairman A. M. Collier and Elks Bond Chairman E. B. Hall announced the total at noon today at \$3,003,743, and sales were continuing on an active basis.

National Total Hit
Along with this local news came national announcement that the country had gone over the \$15,000,000,000 quota set for the Third loan. Klamath preceded the nation by two days in reaching its quota, and is well out ahead of the Oregon average.

The treasury department announced nationally that sales of Friday and Saturday count on the Third War Loan, and Hall urged Klamath to lengthen the lead over the quota. Bond-buyers were doing it at the financial houses and the Elks bond headquarters.

The county is now certain to go half a million dollars over the quota, and may exceed that by a substantial margin.

Collier said Klamath E bond sales had hit \$459,218, and indications were strong that they would pass \$500,000. E bond sales far exceed those of any other month in local bond history.

Hall said the Elks' drive will definitely wind up Saturday morning. Elks bond headquarters will remain open Saturday, but will be permanently closed after the business day Saturday.

Bochum, last attacked on June 25, is the center of Ruhr coke and steel industry.

A heavy night raid on June 12, devastated 130 acres in the center of the city, which has a population of 320,000. Three large steel works, including branches of the Krupp Combine are situated there, as well as many important coke, coal, iron, tin, zinc and chemical works.

One hundred and fifty miles inland from the Dutch coast, Bochum is situated 11 miles west of Dortmund, amid other frequently bombed cities such as Duisburg, Krefeld and Munchen-Gladbach.

Third Blow
The attack represented the third blow this week at the Nazis' great industrial artery, the Dortmund-Ems canal. The Berlin radio, in a broadcast recorded by The Associated Press here, said the Royal Air Force bombs dropped during the night "damaged the residential quarters of several towns, particularly in Bochum."

Eisenhower, Badoglio Talk Cooperation

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 30 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, allied commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean theater, conferred with Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio on military cooperation aboard a warship at Malta yesterday, an official announcement said today.

The principal topic of discussion was the method for making the most effective Italian military effort against the common enemy, Germany," said the official announcement.

The conference was held aboard the battleship H. M. S. Nelson, the flagship of Vice Admiral A. U. Willis.

Stimson Talks On Marshall's New Assignment

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that any new assignment given Gen. George C. Marshall would be with the idea of putting him where he could do the most good.

Asked at a news conference if he had anything to say on the subject, Stimson replied by reading a formal statement:

"I am in a position to say with absolute confidence that whatever duties General Marshall may hereafter be called upon to perform will be decided by the president in a spirit of entire confidence in General Marshall and with the sole purpose of placing this supremely able officer of the United States army in the position where he can render the best service towards a successful conclusion of this war."

FIFTH ARMY MOVES INTO BURNING PORT

British Shell Harbor As Nazis Flee To North

By ROGER GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
U. S. 5th army troops drove beyond newly-captured Pompei at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius today and dispatches from allied headquarters said the Germans had apparently fled Naples and on to the north after machine-gunning women and children in the streets.

The German-controlled Italian radio said "at this moment the British fleet is bombarding Naples."

Moving In
Simultaneously the Cairo radio declared that 5th army forces were swiftly investing the burning, dynamite-wrecked port.

The Germans said harbor installations at Naples had been destroyed and that "very severe measures were taken against communist riots which are flaring up."

Trucks Bombed
Allied warplanes bombed Nazi truck columns northeast of the city — another indication that German evacuation of the big port was in progress.

A Cairo broadcast said Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's army, well not leave immediately, but will enter training in the first half of their 18th year, most of them remaining here until the end of the present school year.

Several Pelican football players and other athletes are on the list:

William Lloyd Alcorn, James Hough Bennington, Louis Thurston Bickers, Donald Raymond Bigger, Donald Robert Crawford, Cecil Barrow Hendrick, Delbert Dale Morris, Alfred Paul Peterstainer, Richard Allen Pope, and Donald Vanderhoff, all of Klamath Falls, and James Burton Scott, Lakeview.

Three were accepted, but being over 18 will go through selective service.

Pelican Grid Players Sworn In as Cadets

Eleven youths, accepted for aviation cadets, were sworn in at the Klamath army Thursday morning. These youths, all under 18 years of age, will not leave immediately, but will enter training in the first half of their 18th year, most of them remaining here until the end of the present school year.

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Congress Squabbles While Drafting of Fathers Begins

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—With congress still debating the wisdom of it, the draft of fathers for military service starts tomorrow and an Associated Press survey indicates an overwhelming majority of states will start inducting fathers immediately in order to meet their quotas.

Local boards have been under orders to avoid, insofar as possible, induction of pre-war fathers until October 1. Selective service authorities contend that 448,000 fathers must go into uniform between now and the first of the year to meet the demands of the armed forces.

Father Call
Draft officials of 34 states, including most of the south, said they definitely expect to call pre-Pearl Harbor fathers in October. Only 10 states reported that they could postpone it until after November 1.

The war department, which has insisted that there should be no blanket deferments for any group such as fathers, indicated a willingness to act on criticisms of lawmakers who have bucked the father draft idea. General staff men, meeting with a group of senators, discussed plans to deny government employment to any able-bodied draft-age non-father unless he is considered indispensable, and to bar from Washington desk duty any commissioned officer in that same draft category.

Many in Uniform
Actually many fathers already are in uniform. Draft headquarters says some pre-Pearl Harbor dads were inducted for these reasons: