

# BLACKOUT ON INFORMATION CLOAKS PUSH

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in the siege of Brest on the Brittany peninsula, where a dihard garrison still was holding out.

It was announced that third army prisoners of war had mounted to 78,000. Enemy wounded were estimated at 64,500 and enemy dead at 19,500.

Behind the British spearheads operating in Belgium and Holland, Canadians fought their way to within three miles of Boulogne on the rocket coast of France. Other British forces were closing in on Calais and Dunkerque to wipe out the last hold of the nazis on the channel ports.

**Near Rotterdam**

To the north a British flying column which captured Brussels and Antwerp in a 48-hour border-to-border sweep across Belgium was reported to have raced through Breda, five miles inside Holland, and to be pushing down the last 28 miles to the important port of Rotterdam.

Breda with a population of 80,792 is the twentieth city of The Netherlands.

**Arc Stiffens**

Behind the advances German forces estimated all the way from 50,000 to 100,000 men were caught in a cauldron along the channel coast—a Dunkerque in reverse. The Germans had stiffened in a thin arc around the last nazi-held channelports.

Supreme headquarters announced that in the area of Mons, Belgium, where the U. S. first army has been operating, a large pocket of Germans has been wiped out, 9000 prisoners have been taken and 40 tanks and 1500 motor vehicles captured or destroyed.

This Siegfried line was under actual or impending assault at both ends. The reports, none of them confirmed, of the three American crossings of the German frontier located the operations at Aachen, 70 miles east of Brussels; Perle at the junction of the German-French-Luxembourg border, and a point some where on the northeast frontier of Luxembourg.

## HEARING FOR AIR SERVICES SET HERE

November 1 has been set as the date for the consolidated west coast hearing for airlines seeking to extend services in this area, including those who want to serve Klamath Falls, according to Charles Stark, secretary of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

The hearing will be held in San Francisco.

Of major interest here will be the cases of United Airlines and Western Airlines, both of which propose main line service through Klamath.

The chamber of commerce has submitted briefs supporting extension of main line service to this city, but has taken no sides between lines.

## Mass Evacuation Returns 1126 Allied Flyers



(NEA Telephoto)

Gen. Nathan F. Twining (right), commanding general of U. S. 15th Air Force, welcomes first of 1126 American and British airmen at Italy base after fleets of Flying Fortresses made spectacular mass evacuation of the airmen, who had been shot down and interned in Romania during the last year. Most of the men survivors of the 3000 Allied airmen shot down over the Ploesti oilfields.

## NAZI RESISTANCE GROWS IN ITALY

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along the ridge running south from Abissina to Misano.

**Nazis Counterattack**

The Germans hurled heavy tanks and fresh infantry contingents against the Canadians in a determined effort to retake Misano, which they lost September 3, but after a bloody fight the Canadians swept the area clear of the enemy.

West of Florence, the fifth army scored gains of almost five miles, reaching the Serchio river and the outskirts of Lucca, a provincial capital of 82,000 and a junction of six important roads.

Full occupation of Pisano in the central sector also gave the Americans possession of key terrain east of Pisa and south of Lucca.

**Resistance Strengthens**

North and east of Florence, the British encountered growing resistance, especially heavy artillery fire. They made new gains, however.

In the important Conca bridgehead fight, the Germans threw in tanks of the 26th panzer division, a new unit.

The Canadian drive to deepen the bridgehead gained more than a mile, while British troops advanced after hard fighting to within half a mile of Coriano.

The MAAF sent 1800 planes—Flying Fortresses, Liberators, medium bombers, light bombers and fighter bombers—into the onslaught against communications of northern Italy yesterday.

## Portland Reports Increase In Pupils

PORTLAND, Sept. 5 (AP)—Nearly 1500 more students registered the first day of school than were enrolled a year ago when the fall term opened in Portland.

First day enrollment was 45,200 and numbers were expected to mount through the week, with 50,000 likely when fall term registrations are complete.

## Medfordite Dies After Slugging

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 5 (AP)—Slugged by an escaping California convict, District Attorney George W. Neilson said, Ira Clyde Carman, 45, of Medford, succumbed in a hospital here today.

The convict, Fred Bailey, 27, was recaptured in Yreka, Calif., and was returned here, ending a spectacular chase through northern California and southern Oregon which started when Bailey left a prison camp at Hill, Calif., Sunday.

Neilson said Bailey had signed a confession. He added that he was preparing a murder charge.

## REDS CROSS NAREW IN PRUSSIAN PUSH

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ion route to Hungary and southwest of Lomza between Warsaw and East Prussia's southern border were being exploited with new attacks against fierce resistance, front dispatches said.

**First Coordination**

Russian and Romanian divisions, officially operating in coordination for the first time, pushed forward against a combined German and Hungarian force. They were heading for the Mures-River valley, which runs westward into Hungary.

One supporting column veered southwestward toward Sibiu, which controls the northern exit of the Turnu pass through the Transylvanian Alps.

## RUSSIANS DECLARE WAR ON BULGARIA

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ed, are forced to retreat on all fronts.

**Nazi Fate Decided**

Germany's loss of Italy, France, Romania and Finland was cited.

"The fate of Germany is decided," the note declared. "The war is completely lost by Germany."

The note continued that "despite this, the Bulgarian government even now refuses to break with Germany, is carrying out a policy of so-called neutrality by virtue of which she continues to render direct aid to Germany against the soviet union, saving her retreating forces from the pursuit of the red army and giving them bases on Bulgarian territory to create a new center of resistance on the part of Germany against the forces of the anti-German coalition by land as well as by sea."

**Traditionally Friendly**

Moscow said only a break with Germany would save Bulgaria, traditional Balkan friend of Russia, from disaster. Bulgaria and Russia previously had maintained diplomatic relations throughout the war. Hitler never succeeding in obtaining Bulgarian troops for his war in the east.

Bulgaria entered Hitler's axis primarily to avoid a fight with Germany, her World War I ally, and to further her dream of a "greater Bulgaria" at the expense of her Balkan neighbors.

She signed on Hitler's dotted line in April, 1941.

## NAZIS GIVEN KNOWLEDGE BY KENT, REPORT

HYANNIS, Mass., Sept. 5 (AP)—Joseph P. Kennedy, former U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, said today that Germany had an "exact and complete" knowledge of England's position in the war from its start to October, 1940, through Tyler Kent, American London embassy code clerk.

Kennedy said in a telephoned interview that Winston Churchill, then first lord of the admiralty, had supplied full data on England's manpower, army and navy installations and preparedness, as well as disposition of forces, for transmission to President Roosevelt, and that after Kent's arrest, he learned that Kent had made copies of 1500 documents "which we assumed he sent to Germany."

Kennedy said the manner of Kent's communication with the nazis was not learned until after Kent's arrest when, during the search of his rooms, a telephone call for Kent came from the Italian embassy in London. Kent was tried under the British official secrets act and was sentenced to serve seven years in prison.

"Italy, you remember," he said, "did not go to war until after Kent's arrest."

Kennedy denied there was any truth in an assertion of John McRovern, independent laborite member of the British parliament, who had been quoted in dispatches as saying he had been told that Kent and Capt. A. H. R. Ramsay, a member of commons, were imprisoned to prevent disclosure of a reported pre-war understanding between President Roosevelt and Churchill. This was described as a pledge that if Britain entered the war, the United States would aid her.

Kennedy said that Kent was simply a code clerk, and "was not a mediator between Roosevelt and Churchill."

The former ambassador asserted that he learned of the Kent affair when a Scotland Yard man called upon him and told him the story.

Kennedy said he was greatly upset when the Scotland Yard man revealed they had been "on Kent's trail for a long time."

"That opened the question of whether Kent had been giving the Germans copies of our dispatches since October, 1939," Kennedy said.

One automotive concern is planning a four-cylinder post-war automobile to sell for \$500.

Five thousand new school buses were made available in 1944.

## Prelude to Pacific Push Knocks Out 30 Jap Vessels

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sown at a cost of seven planes. Not a warship was reported so much as damaged.

Japan's carefully husbanded airforce made only a few scattered appearances and nothing bigger than a submarine chaser was spotted of the enemy fleet.

Five cargo ships and a tanker definitely were sunk, a cargo ship and three submarine chasers probably sunk and three subchasers were damaged in the Bonin and Volcano groups.

**Freighters Sunk**

Twelve freighters were sunk or severely damaged off Mindanao. A freighter was sunk near Halmahera, another de-

stroyed or badly smashed off Talaud. Three freighters were sent down at Celebes.

In addition to these 30, a landing craft and six barges were sunk and a Sampan damaged in the Bonin-Volcano strikes and nine barges were destroyed or damaged off Dutch New Guinea.

Eighty-five Japanese planes were accounted for in the Bonin-Volcano action—11 shot down, 35 definitely destroyed on ground and at anchor, 29 probably destroyed and 10 damaged. At least three, perhaps seven, were shot down at Celebes and 15 more wiped out as "sitting ducks."

The actions were spaced between August 30 and September 3, West Longitude (U. S. date) time.

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