

U.S. INVADES PALAU, MOROTAI

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WASHINGTON—Heading for the President's weekly news conference, the crowd in the White House was really the word. Somewhere on foot, one of necessity—either that depends half his time on the steps waiting for the light to go.

CROSSING Lafayette square, a shocking incident occurs. A kind-faced old lady, with a bag in her hand, is making a dash for a squirrel. She is to give him a nut. The squirrel, after several exhibition dashes back to the nearest tree, finally approaches her and she finally proffers daintily. Then, in plain sight of the White House just across Pennsylvania avenue, she CARRIES IT AND BURIES IT—clearly making provision for tomorrow's living life reeking and happily today and tomorrow to social society, the WPA and all the kind agencies hereabouts have been provided to take care of tomorrow at the taxpayer's expense.

HEY ought to train these park squirrels better. They're set on examples of rugged individualism that clash jarringly with the present-day Washington scene.

HE tension around the White House premises has eased somewhat. A few months ago an unfamiliar visitor was assumed to be an enemy spy and more or less dared to get it could.

Now the cop at the gate takes your name, checks it against a list and asks you to produce identification—driver's license, fishing license, lodge membership card or something of the sort. For some odd reason, a fishing license seems to allay a gatekeeper's suspicion the most completely. Then he passes the card of day casually with you and passes you on.

Following the regular routine, you are checked twice more. First the list of the day's created callers, but all in no feeling that the FBI is eyeing you through hidden peepholes and you make a false step it will be just too bad.

It is obvious at once upon entering the room where the reporters wait that nothing big is going to be sprung today. Attendance is relatively small. One of the big-name correspondents is present. The press associations have sent only their second-string legmen. Visiting women make up a considerable part of the assembly.

The signal is given, and we begin to read from his prepared list. There is something about carly, which he regards as something to be dropped into the ash-tray. There is some routine stuff about the present state of the war. The Germans, it seems, have destroyed about 90 per cent of all public utilities and took most of the food and fuel with them as they retreated. We and the British are providing what must be had to keep the people going—not a free gift, you understand, but with a bill to be presented to the Italian government. And so on.

WITH this out of the way, the fun begins. The reporters start asking pointedly about Dewey's Philippines speech the night before. He read it, one wants to know, FDR replies in a bored voice that he read about half of it and a member of his family (Continued on Page Two)

Fall of Brest Reported Near

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Suggesting the fall of Brest was near, the German radio said today that the Nazi commander had reached its climax with all fortifications destroyed and the garrison fighting "to the last with only a few guns."

"Fires rage at Brest," the broadcast message from Lt. Gen. Hermann B. Ramecke said, "all ships in the harbor have been destroyed. All installations have been destroyed. The invaders will find only ruins."

In the eastern part of the fortress, several nests of resistance are holding out. All approaches to the center of the town have been mined. The Americans succeeded in overrunning a German strongpoint in this part of the town."

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PHILIPPINES MENACED BY NEW ASSAULTS

Nimitz, MacArthur
Coordinate
Action

By CHARLES H. McMURTRY
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 15 (AP)—American assault forces converging on the Philippines from the south and east landed on the fortress-like Palau, Morotai and Mindanao today (Manila time) on the heels of the most crushing aerial bombardment the island archipelago ever received.

Marines and army assault forces from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Central Pacific command landed on unnamed islands of the Palau group, 600 miles east of Mindanao island in the Philippines, while Gen. Douglas MacArthur's landing troops made a surprise landing on Morotai, 300 miles south of Mindanao.

Peleliu Island

(Tokyo radio said the Palau landing was on Peleliu island, southernmost of the group with the most accessible to small landing craft. The broadcast claimed the "enemy was repulsed" after 2500 Americans were killed in the first two and a half hours of fighting.)

Both commanders, now operating their forces as a coordinated team squeezing Japan's prize conquest of the Pacific war, announced the invasions a few hours after they were accomplished, indicating initial success and confidence in the outcome.

Aid Not Possible

Japan's ability to send immediate aid to the invaded islands was knocked out by the crushing aerial battle of the Philippines which in four days of U. S. carrier plane attacks wiped out 501 Japanese planes and 173 surface craft.

Seaborne aircraft had scarcely returned to their flatops when Adm. William F. Halsey's bristling fleet opened up a terrific barrage on Palau with everything in the book, including rockets and the big guns of America's newest and most heavily armed battleships. Assault forces splashed ashore against the strongly defended, reef-encircled islands.

"Landings are continuing. Enemy defenses are being heavily bombed and shelled at close range," Admiral Nimitz announced nine hours after the start of the invasions.

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Dewey Praised, FDR Condemned At UMW Confab

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15 (AP)—The United Mine Workers' convention adopted today a resolution condemning President Roosevelt and praising Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York after scarcely a half hour's debate. The resolution did not in so many words endorse the republican presidential nominee.

President John L. Lewis suggested termination of debate after seven delegates had discussed the resolution, five in praise of President Roosevelt and two opposing him.

Yank Ring Of Steel Encircles Aachen

Early Risers Nab the Cream of the Football Tickets



Football fans were lined up long before the opening time at the Klamath chamber of commerce today, when football seat tickets for the KUHS grid season went on sale. This picture shows some of the early birds clinching the choice seats.

Reds, Poles Storm Into Warsaw; Germans Report New Soviet Offensives

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (AP)—Russian and Polish troops were believed storming into Warsaw proper today across the broad and swift Vistula from the captured industrial suburb of Praga.

(The German communiqué reported yet another great Russian offensive with 40 divisions of up

to 600,000 men in "the northern sector of the eastern front"—possibly in Finland. Today was the deadline for the withdrawal of seven German divisions in north Finland. The Germans did not further identify the locale of the offensive, which might be below East Prussia or in the Baltic states around Riga, rather than Finland.)

Bridges Standing

Front dispatches said four Vistula bridges still were standing. A red fleet reporter asserted:

"I can see as clearly as the palm of my hand the bridges across the Vistula and the outline of Warsaw." Pravda said Russian batteries had been warned not to fire at the bridges (Continued on Page Two)

FDR, CHURCHILL CONFAB TO CLOSE

By W. L. BEALE, Jr.
QUEBEC, Sept. 15 (AP)—The second Quebec conference will close tomorrow, but the quick pace of the war in Europe may hold President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in personal contact for further conversations.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, made known that the discussions in the Citadel were in their "closing phases" and added:

"You may say that the president and Mr. Churchill will definitely conclude tomorrow their conference in Quebec."

"Does your use of 'Quebec' mean they may talk elsewhere?" Early was asked.

"I can't answer," he replied.

To Continue

Even after tomorrow's official wind-up, Early said, military staffs will continue their meetings in the Chateau Frontenac. While Early and Robin Cruikshank of the British information ministry were holding their last (Continued on Page Two)

Liberation Report False

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—The British radio said today that "it is learned in London that the report of the liberation of La Rochelle by the FFI (French Forces of the Interior) is incorrect."

La Rochelle is an Atlantic coast port 90 miles north of Bordeaux.

"The report was issued by the Marseille radio and quoted by the BBC," said the British broadcast as recorded by the office of war information.

Light Frosts Hit Klamath

Potato crops throughout the county were pretty well frozen down in the frost last night, according to agricultural reports. There were not many reports from farmers as to damage done because frosts are expected at this time of the year. However, small gardens throughout the county were probably widely affected by the cold night.

Official minimum at the naval air station was 31 degrees.

EARLY BIRD GETS TICKET THIS TIME

Sitting on the 50-yard line for all of the season's high school football games was worth getting up at 4 a. m. to Joe Lake, who purchased the first reserved seat Friday morning, when tickets went on sale at 8:30 at the chamber of commerce.

Lake was at the door by 4:10, and his sleeper runner-up arrived 20 minutes later. This is the fourth successive year that Lake has had first choice of seats in the reserved section.

Other football fans were lined up from the chamber of commerce to the Elks lodge when the doors opened, according to Charles Stark, chamber secretary, and all but 12 of the 504 seats in the two reserved sections were sold out by 11 o'clock, with over \$18,000 dollars taken in.

Since there is such a large demand for season reserved tickets, part of another section has now been set aside, and 99 more seats may be reserved for the entire season.

Equipment Moved From Jap Capital

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Japanese Domei agency said today that the equipment of "several thousand" business concerns would be moved from Tokyo to other areas "in the very near future" as part of a continuing program to decentralize the Japanese capital as a precaution against air raids.

The wireless dispatch was recorded by the federal communications commission.

Death, Destruction Left In Wake of Tropical Storm

By The Associated Press
Damage totaling at least \$30,000,000 was reported today as the northwest states surveyed destruction inflicted last night by a hurricane which caused 21 deaths in five states.

As civilian and military emergency units worked to clear the debris and aid stricken coastal communities, the howling tropical storm headed through the Canadian province of New Brunswick.

It was expected to skirt the edge of Prince Edward island and pass up the gulf of St. Lawrence into the open Atlantic.

Resorts Damaged

New Jersey shore resorts were damaged in excess of \$20,000,000, according to unofficial reports, while New England counted more than \$10,000,000 destruction.

Of the 21 deaths, 11 were in New York City and Long Island, four in Connecticut, three in Massachusetts, two in New Jersey, and one in Maine.

Electrocutions numbered eight, traffic accidents accounted for three, drownings two and miscellaneous caused eight.

Heavy Rains
Gales of 80 to 100 miles an hour whipped heavy rains, rip-

Doughboys Capture Nancy, Maastricht In Smashes At Line

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Powerful United States armies grasped the Germans' kingpin city of Aachen in an encircling ring of steel today and captured Nancy and Maastricht, strongholds at opposite ends of their 180-mile front.

Doughboys drove 10 miles into Germany in a Siegfried line-busting offensive which had pierced the first zone of that fortified system at two places and deeply dented it at a third.

The U. S. first army moved its tanks, infantry and self-propelled guns around Aachen, historic passageway of Europe's contending armies. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' offensive was proving the Nazis' vaunted Siegfried line to be an obsolete collection of easily-cracked concrete pillboxes—at least in this sector.

"Aachen is surrounded and within American grasp," said a dispatch from the front. American troops stood on the tops of the Germans' ventilated caves on Aachen's outskirts and forced the enemy to move like moles. They were within 40 miles of the Rhine.

The 10-mile penetration of Adolf Hitler's realm was just above the German city of Trier, east of Luxembourg, where a two-mile advance into the Siegfried line was announced yesterday.

This apparently moved the Americans past Trier, one of the strongest centers of the Siegfried line, well on the way to Wittlich, 20 miles to the northwest, and within 80 miles of Coblenz on the Rhine. Trier is five miles from the Luxembourg border.

Eysden Falls

Eysden, Dutch border village, fell into the sweep which took the Yankees through Maastricht.

Stolberg, five miles east of Aachen and seven miles from the border, and Lammersdorf, 12 miles southeast of Aachen, fell in operations in the Rhineland border area.

In eastern France, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army captured Epinal, 40 miles northwest of Belfort, which is menaced by the seventh army which (Continued on Page Two)

Chinese Troops Link Forces With Gen. Stilwell

CHUNGKING, Sept. 15 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops from China have linked up with Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces in Burma and the Chinese have broken into Wenchow, Chekiang province seaport 225 miles south of Shanghai, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

Reverses were reported in hard fighting over many widely-separated fronts, however.

The Japanese, driving out of Hohong province in the southern province of Kwang tung captured Limkong where five high-level progress on an 80 mile front toward Kweilin, strategic center in Kwangsi province, South China. They reached the outer defenses of Paoching, 63 miles west of Hengyang, and drove to within 65 miles of Kweilin.

Four Killed in Munitions Blast

HASTINGS, Nebr., Sept. 15 (AP)—Three negro sailors and one coast guardsman were killed this morning when a large amount of ammunition exploded at the Hastings naval ordnance depot, the Hastings Daily Tribune said this afternoon.

The newspaper said it learned on reliable authority 21 persons were injured.

The blast dug a crater 500 feet long and 25 feet deep in the transfer station in the south part of the depot.

Bridges Blown Up by Germans

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Berlin radio said today that the Germans blew up the bridges across the Vistula river between Praga and Warsaw.

The broadcast asserted that the Germans evacuated the east suburb of the Polish capital "according to plan" and Russian attempts to interfere with the German disengagement were repelled.



The 380 freshmen at KUHS were taking a beating today at the annual rook initiation sponsored by the traditions committee at the high school. Dressed in gunnysacks with only one arm free, the frosh were well painted with lipstick and smelled strongly of the onion they were forced to wear around their necks and eat on command of an upperclassman. Shown here are a group of the freshmen watching Ruby Lee Davis and Bill Harper taking bites of the onion with a little persuasion from one of the traditions committee members standing by the cameraman.