

VALLEYS TAKE KEY RHINE BRIDGE

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Weather News

September 21, 1944	
Max. (Sept. 20)	80 Min. 50
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Stream year to date	10.82
Normal	12.75 Last year 18.27
Forecast: Showers.	

Pacific Yanks Hold Three of Palau Islands

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

At least three of the Japanese-mandated Palau islands are securely held by American invasion forces today.

Capture of a fourth, Peleliu, is imminent. Soldiers and marines have taken Angaur, southernmost of the Palau group; Ngarmok, south of Peleliu, and an unnamed island off Peleliu's northern coast.

"The enemy resistance is bitter, but slow progress is being made" in the sixth day of fighting on Peleliu, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday. Marines had killed 7645 Japanese, or three-fourths of the defending garrison.

RUSSIANS RACE OVER ESTONIA; NEAR CAPITAL

LONDON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Russian troops have completely cleared the 30-mile wide isthmus between Lake Peipus and the Gulf of Finland and now are within 55 miles of the Estonian capital of Tallinn, Moscow announced tonight.

The broadest Russian communiqué said soviet forces advanced 20 miles in 24 hours and captured the key railway junction of Rakvere, east of Tallinn.

Two columns of Marshal Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad army have joined north of Lake Peipus for a combined assault on the Estonian capital, it was disclosed.

Rahika Taken

One wing of Govorov's forces thrusting west from Narva has captured Rahika, less than 65 miles east of Tallinn, a Russian war bulletin disclosed last night, and presumably was even closer today.

Govorov's second wing was spearheading north from Tartu. (London estimated this force was less than 50 miles from Tallinn on the southeast.)

Cardinals Clinch National Pennant

BOSTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals clinched the National league pennant today by defeating the Boston Braves, 5 to 4, in the first game of a doubleheader.

The Braves drove Morton Cooper from the mound in four innings, but Harry Brecheen held them to three hits in the remaining frames.

Frankie Drews, Braves second baseman, suffered a slight concussion when hit by one of Cooper's pitches in the fourth inning and was obliged to retire from the game.

Pearl Harbor Issue Brings Sharp Political Discussion

By E. S. EASTERLY
BALTIMORE, Sept. 21 (AP)—Governor John W. Bricker declared today that he would expose the facts of the Pearl Harbor tragedy as quickly as possible "if ever it is in my power."

The Ohio governor, who has accused the national administration of withholding details of events preceding the attack, declared there was nothing in them now which would injure the war effort.

"Withholding the facts," he remarked, "is injuring the war effort."

A court martial of Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, who figured in the Pearl Harbor disaster, has been postponed on the ground of "military necessity."

Republican demands for a congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor disaster were called "pure political bunk" by Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) said today he has no intention of calling the rules committee together to consider resolutions demanding an inquiry.

Sabath disclosed his stand as Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military committee turned a deaf ear to a request for a joint military-naval committee investigation and as verbal repercussions from the Jap sneak attack continued to echo through the halls of congress.

"It's politics, pure political bunk," Sabath said in an interview concerning a resolution introduced earlier this week by Rep. Harness (R-Ind.), proposing creation of a special committee to determine who, if anyone, was negligent at Pearl Harbor. Harness says he wants it shown whether persons "in high places" were negligent.

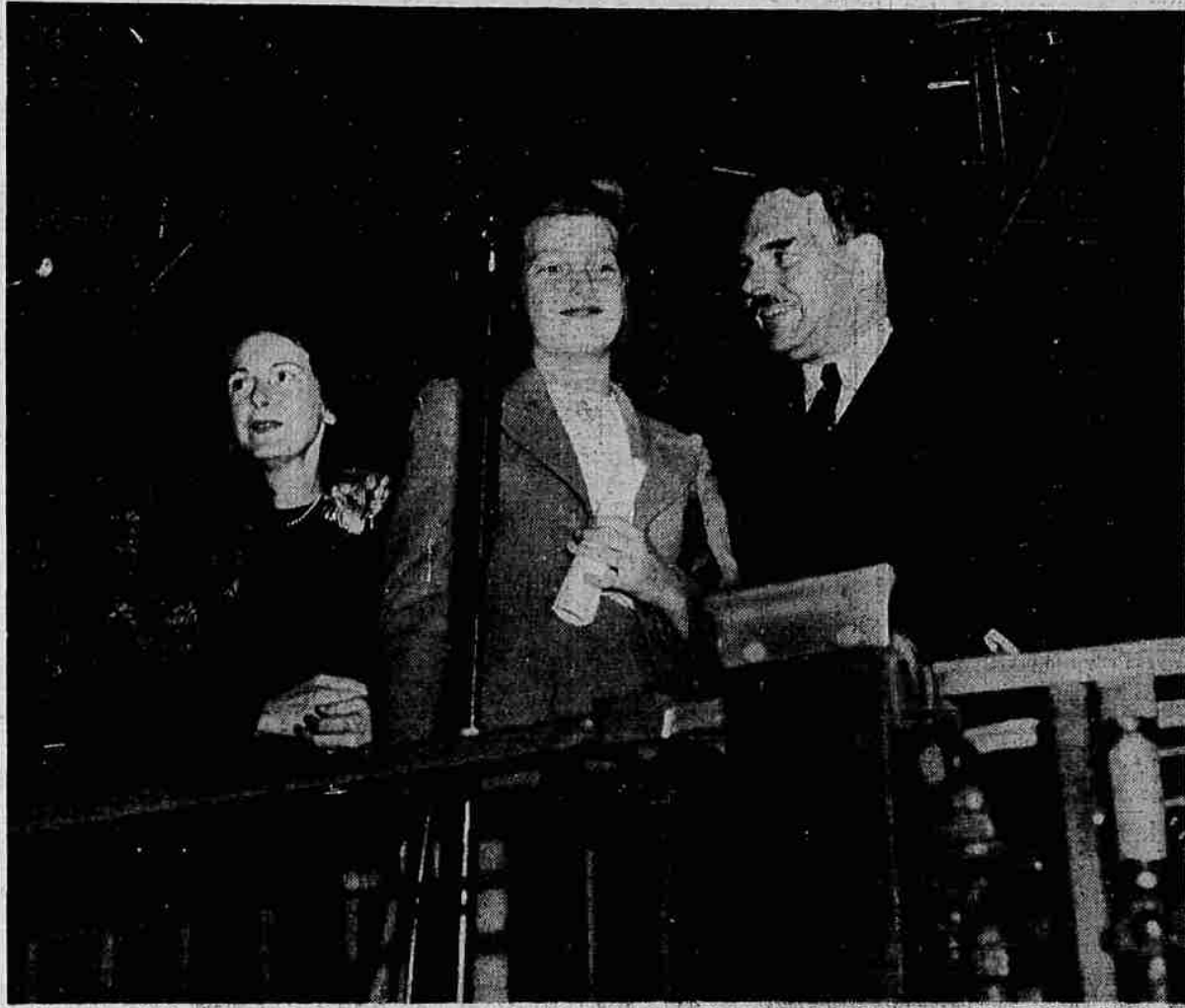
The resolution was referred to the rules committee, and unless Sabath is overruled by his group, it will gather dust there until forgotten.

"They knew there wasn't time to consider it before the recess we expect to start this week," Sabath declared. "They're just making a gesture for political reasons."

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
1. Western front: 305 miles (from near Arnhem).
2. Russian front: 312 miles (from outside Pultusk).
3. Italian front: 580 miles (from 25 miles below Bologna).

Klamath Girl Meets the Dewey Family



Governor and Mrs. Thomas E. Dewey were presented with a sample of Klamath's pulchritude along with orchids, wild plums, gladioli and peaches as their special stopped here last night. Sally Mueller, center, daughter of Mrs. Helen Mueller, extended greetings to the Deweys and the cameraman catches an appreciative gleam in the eyes of the republican candidate for the presidency. Said Sally: "Mrs. Dewey was sweet, and he looks like a movie actor!" Sally represented the Klamath Krater and was given the most exciting assignment of the year.

OREGON BANK LOSES \$1000 IN ROBBERY

PENDELTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—State police and Grant county officers were searching the timbered country 15 miles east of Seneca today for the bandit who stole \$1000 from the Prairie City bank early yesterday afternoon, Sgt. W. H. Roach, Pendleton state patrolman, is reported this morning.

Discovery of the robber's car in that vicinity about 7 o'clock last night indicates that he may have taken to the hills, hoping to hide out until the hunt dies down, Roach said.

The car, stolen in Vancouver, Wash., was found abandoned in sparsely settled mountain country toward which the bandit was reported heading after the holdup.

Seneca is on the main highway almost mid-way between Canyon City and Burns in the middle of eastern Oregon.

E. P. Truesdell, Pendleton East Oregonian correspondent at Canyon City, said late yesterday that the thief and another man were seen by a forest ranger in the heavily timbered Logan valley south of Prairie City a few hours after the crime.

Robombs Again Smack London

LONDON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Flying bombs zoomed over London and the southern counties last night for the fourth successive night as the Germans continued sporadic attacks apparently aimed at keeping Britain's lights from coming on again.

Casualties included several children recently returned from the safety of country districts.

"This is a grim and unhappy lesson," said one man whose house was badly damaged. "My house was empty except for myself, but several of my neighbors were at home when a bomb fell."

In one section at least two people were killed and four others were seriously injured when a row of homes was destroyed.

Greeks Imperil Adriatic City

ROME, Sept. 21 (AP)—Greek troops of the eighth army fought to within 2000 yards of Rimini on the Italian Adriatic coast yesterday but rain slowed down the fifth army's offensive after American forces had captured heights dominating Firenzuola, an important junction on the road to Bologna.

Headquarters described fighting on both ends of the front as intense and declared the Germans were "clinging desperately" to their defensive positions.

The enemy's hold on Rimini and the gateway to the Po valley was jeopardized by the Canadians, who broke through German defenses southwest of the port and advanced to San Lorenzo, less than two miles south-west of Rimini.

Chiloquin Man Wounded, Report

Pvt. Truman P. Hall, son of Mrs. Marie E. Hall of Box 225, Chiloquin, was listed as wounded in action in the European theater.

Details of the action were not given by the war department which made the official announcement Thursday.

Dewey Tells West to "Go to It" in Brief Appearance Here; Completion of Central Valleys Project Gets His Approval at S.F.

Radiantly smiling Thomas E. Dewey made a 10-minute appearance on the rear platform of his special train here last night, telling a cheering crowd that all the west needs is a "national government that says go to it and there will be jobs and opportunity for all."

With Mrs. Dewey beside him, the republican presidential candidate received a shouting ovation from the crowd of about 2000 persons which braved a light rain to greet the special train on an "unscheduled stop" here.

The crowd waited patiently while the train was held for about 20 minutes on a service stop. It then moved up to a point where Dewey's car was in the center of the station area, and the candidate came out of the rear door, smiling and waving, with Mrs. Dewey preceding him.

No Trace of Strain
Frank Z. Howard, chairman of the republican central committee, stepped on the platform as Governor Dewey's secretary stepped off. He introduced the republican candidate amid cheers and turned the microphone over to Dewey who appeared dapper, at ease and without trace of the strain of a speaking campaign. There was no evidence in the appearance of either Governor or Mrs. Dewey that they had survived what newsmen called "a severe shakeup" in the southern Washington train wreck.

Dewey called for a cabinet that "wholly represents the people of the United States and does not forget large sections of the country."

"There is no need," Dewey continued, "for a government that tells every citizen what to do from the time he drinks his milk."

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16-Year-Old Sally Of Klamath Wishes She Could Vote

Editor's Note: Sally Mueller, 16-year-old Klamath high school girl, appeared momentarily on the rear platform of Governor Dewey's special train last night. A reporter on the Klamath high school paper, she drew the exciting assignment of trying to interview Dewey. She didn't get a chance to ask him any questions, but she got to shake his hand on the platform. Here she tells her impressions.

By SALLY MUELLER
I can't vote. Gee, I'm only 16. But if I could vote next November, I'd vote for Thomas E. Dewey.

He looked just like a president should look to me. This is the first presidential candidate I've ever seen. I've seen lots of pictures of Governor Dewey but I think he's lots better looking than his pictures. To me he looked tall but he really wasn't when I stepped up on the rear of his special car.

Was I thrilled! Never so thrilled in my life. It seemed like he'd never come out of his car. But finally he did. And I got the biggest thrill of my life. Seeing the governor of New York and the future president of the United States. You see, I'm a republican. And I can tell my grandchildren that I met the president!

It seemed to me he looked like a movie actor. Sort of. From pictures I'd seen, he didn't seem to have smiled much. But last night he smiled all the time and he seemed to have a good sense of humor.

He just said "hello" to me I think. His wife said "How are you?" I was so excited I can't remember exactly what they did say. Mrs. Dewey was awfully pretty and looked to me just what a "first lady" should look like. All-in-all I certainly wasn't disappointed with the Deweys.

When Mr. Dewey gets in the White House he's going to be the best looking president we've ever had.

Gee, I wish I could vote!

Death Decreed to Roman Chief

ROME, Sept. 21 (AP)—Pietro Caruso, Rome's police chief during four months of German occupation, was sentenced to death tonight.

He will be shot in the back.

Roberto Occhietto, Caruso's co-defendant and secretary, was condemned to 30 years' imprisonment for collaboration with the Germans.

Caruso was accused of turning over to the Germans 50 hostages for execution, seizing Italian citizens for labor battalions, violating the Vatican's extra territoriality at St. Paul's church and authorizing his secretary and others to attend a German school for sabotage.

At the beginning of the trial, one of the key witnesses, Jaller Donata Carretta, was seized by a Rome mob and beaten to death.

Axis Claims Vargas Captive

Buenos Aires, Sept. 21 (AP)—The pro-axis newspaper Momento Argentino today quoted the Berlin radio as announcing that President Getulio Vargas of Brazil had been overthrown by Brazilian fascists and imprisoned. (There was no confirmation of this report from Brazil.)

The Associated Press bureau in Rio de Janeiro, apprised of the Buenos Aires dispatch, said police and foreign office activities in the Brazilian capital were normal this afternoon. Official comment on the Buenos Aires report was being sought.

Klamath Hospitality Hit By High Rents, Says Gage

Daniel Gage, district OPA rent control chief, said at a Kiwanis club luncheon today that he is sure "Klamath Falls will not want to see its fine record of hospitality jeopardized by skyrocketing rents."

Gage is here to handle the preliminaries to OPA rent control which starts October 1, and will roll back rentals to October 1, 1943.

In order to protect both the landlord and the tenant, the rent regulations provide generally that all rented premises must be registered. Gage stated, Two

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Congress adjourned late today for an electioneering holiday, after an eight weeks session in which it passed a program designed to cushion the impact of the war's end on the nation's economy. The lawmakers will meet again November 14.

types of regulations have been issued by the OPA. The housing regulation applies to houses, apartments, flats, and tenements. The hotel and rooming house regulation applies to all rooms in hotels, boarding and rooming houses, and to auto and trailer camps.

Gage went on to say that a landlord could raise his rents by petition on various grounds. Substantial alterations to the premises is one and substantial increase in services or furnishings is another. Also rents based on personal obligations between landlord and tenant and in a case where there has been an increase in the number of occupants of the property. These are a few of the grounds upon which a landlord may petition.

"We find our share of two-bit chiselers," he said. "People who throw in a used davenport or chair and then attempt to raise rents on improvement grounds." (Continued on Page Twelve)

THRUST FOILS DESTRUCTION OF BIG SPAN

Troops Move To End Pressure On Sky Men At Arnhem

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Sept. 21 (AP)—British armor and American parachute troops have captured the Nijmegen bridge across the main branch of the Rhine in Holland, saving the important span from German destruction and paving the way into Germany.

Today the allied forces swung across the bridge toward Arnhem, where surrounded sky troops had been battling grimly for control of the last river crossings before Germany. German broadcasts tonight said the cutoff airborne forces had been relieved by troops of the British second army. The Germans claimed—with no allied confirmation—that 2800 of the British first airborne division had been captured.

Tank Struggle Rages
With the northern end of their historic Rhine river defense line punctured except for its last watercourse by the sweeping threat, the Germans scraped up a large part of their remaining armor and hurled it into battle along the Moselle, 200 miles to the south. There the U. S. third army was engaged in its greatest series of tank battles since the invasion of France.

Fighting through rugged hills and forests northwest of Nancy, veteran American tankmen destroyed 105 Nazi tanks, field dispatches stated, as the German struggled desperately to save at least their northern Rhine line.

Despite the ferociousness of the German effort, however, French troops of the third army drove close to Flin, five miles north of Bacarrat and 20 miles southeast of Nancy.

Taken Intact
The Nijmegen bridge, a mile and half long concrete structure, was seized intact by British armor striking swiftly from the south and American elements of the first allied air-borne army which hit from the north.

The British tanks then crossed the Waal, the Rhine's largest arm, and streamed northward to the relief of the beleaguered air-borne pocket at Arnhem, key to the Emmerich gateway to the Ruhr and northern Germany. Arnhem on the Neder Ryn, is eight miles north of Nijmegen. Some Germans were reported still holding out in Nijmegen itself, however.

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators flew to bomb Coblenz and Mainz, central Rhine distribution points behind the front as the fighting flared to a decisive stage with the allied armies a month ahead of the timetable.

The Germans counterattacked by land and bombing from the air in a desperate attempt to (Continued on Page Twelve)

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