

FIRST ARMY SURROUNDS AACHEN

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HODGES GIVES GERMANS DAY TO SURRENDER

Troops Mass Along 25 Mile Front For Breakthrough

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Oct. 10 (AP)—The U. S. first army completely surrounded Aachen today and delivered to the German garrison there an ultimatum to surrender within 24 hours or be conquered by ruthless attack. Doughboys had sealed off the Siegfried line city with a wall of troops, tanks and guns, and already were building up a 25-mile front six to 10 miles inside the reach for a breakthrough punch toward the Rhine.

The U. S. commander told defenders holed up in Aachen that unless the city was "promptly and completely surrendered unconditionally, American army ground and air forces will proceed ruthlessly with air and artillery bombardment to reduce it to submission."

Aachen is "now completely surrounded" by first army men, his ultimatum said.

Chop Escape Lane
Earlier today the two jaws of a doughboy vise had chopped the German escape lane northeast of the city to only a mile in width, and choked it off with curtains of machinegun fire.

Canadian troops to the northwest meanwhile shoved forward in drives intended to clear perhaps 15,000 Germans from the Schelde estuary—a prime necessity to open the big port of Antwerp to allied supplies for the battle of Germany.

Landing Force Advances
Amphibious forces which landed yesterday on the south shore of the Schelde advanced 2½ miles and the Berlin radio said new forces had landed today. The Canadians in the bridgehead over the Leopold canal struck forward after throwing back 30 Nazi counterattacks in four days.

The bottling of Aachen's "fight to the death" defenders came as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. third army snapped a German bulge in the Nancy-Metz sector back in a straight line.

Pocket Eliminated
Elimination of this Nazi pocket was reported by Associated Press Correspondent Edward D. Ball, who said Patton's Yanks had moved up into new positions extending from Fresnes-en-Saulnois, 15 miles north and east of Nancy, to Cheminot, 18 miles due north of Nancy.

German-born Man Commits Suicide
JUNEAU, Alaska, Oct. 10 (AP)—Taunted by his associates regarding his German nationality, Fred Gesto, 70, leaped from the third floor bathroom window of a Juneau hospital yesterday. He died from a compound head fracture an hour later.

A native of Germany, Gesto had resided in Wasilla for the past 25 years until coming here about 13 days ago. He was taken to the hospital for observation three days ago when he pleaded with a patrolman to be permitted to commit suicide.

Dispatch Reveals Sinking Of Jap Navy Near Coast Of Korea--352 Years Ago
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 10 (AP)—Started by correspondents learned a history lesson the emotional way yesterday.

Serious-faced Adm. Chester W. Nimitz kept them tensed on their chairs at the end of a press conference by reading a "communique" which described sensational naval victories over Japanese fleet units off Korea.

Heavy Losses
He told how "powerful allied naval forces" had attacked part of the Japanese fleet at Fusan, Korea, inflicting heavy losses, and later destroyed another sizeable Nipponese force.

At the end, he smiled and added: "This communique, incidentally, is dated late June, 1592."

The correspondents relaxed with a sigh and laughed when Nimitz was laying the foundation for a statement in which he pointed out that the Japanese navy had been defeated at Saipan in past wars. His presentation was so solemn and the text so convincing that most of the correspondents thought he was referring to a current action. The joke was carefully hidden until he announced the date.

(A story written in the same chronological order was convincing, too, when it was received by the San Francisco

Planes Attack Jap Ships Near Ryukyu; Garakayo Invaded

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 10 (AP)—Sweeping the Ryukyu islands some 200 miles south of Japan and only 500 miles from the China coast, carrier planes of the third fleet sank or damaged 58 ships and small craft and destroyed 89 planes yesterday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The planes attacked in great force and achieved complete surprise, Admiral Nimitz said.

In the first American strike into the islands, commanding the sea approaches between Poochoo and Shanghai, Admiral William F. Halsey's planes attacked every naval and merchant ship they sank 12 ships, including a destroyer, probably sank 14 and damaged 12. They also sank or damaged 20 luggers and other small craft.

They destroyed more than 75 Japanese airplanes on the ground and shot 14 down in combat.

American plane losses were light, and none of the surface ships was damaged.

Garakayo Invaded
Invasion of Garakayo, tenth of the Palau group of island stepping stones to the Philippines brought under fire of American guns, was announced last night by Pacific commanders who also reported the first big neutralizing raid on Zamboanga, important southern Philippines coast city.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said yesterday units of the 81st infantry division landed Sunday on Garakayo and quickly secured a beachhead. They drove forward against light opposition.

North of Peleliu
Garakayo is 24 miles north of Peleliu, where American forces have been fighting since September 14 and are wiping out the last resistance. The importance of the Garakayo invasion apparently was to eliminate shore batteries that may have shelled Americans on Peleliu.

Babelthau, largest of the Palaus, was attacked anew by marine planes which bombed fuel dumps and warehouses.



Lt. Robert T. Leslie, above, was killed in action in the Mediterranean theater, it was reported here.

ROBERT T. LESLIE KILLED IN ACTION

2nd Lt. Robert Taber Leslie, 27, U. S. army air corps pilot and former KUHS track star, was killed in action over Italy on October 1, according to word received by the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice G. Leslie, 811 Rose, Monday night.

Lt. Leslie's wife, the former Virginia Hall, and their 21-year-old son, Robert Timothy, were given the tragic news from the war department at their home in Arcadia, Calif., late yesterday.

Lived Here
Born in Klamath Falls on April 5, 1917, Leslie spent virtually all of his life here. He went through the grades at Fairview, and was graduated from KUHS where his record in the 100-yard dash held jointly with Bobby Gray, still stands in track history. Leslie had one year at UCLA and then transferred to Oregon State college where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta. He was graduated in 1940. He starred in athletics at OSC (Continued on Page Two)

SOVIET UNITS POUND GERMAN BALTIC POSTS

Big Guns Hammer At Besieged Port of Memel

By DANIEL DELUCE
MOSCOW, Oct. 10 (AP)—A storm of Russian artillery fire broke today on besieged Memel, German-held port on the Baltic, while to the southward two Soviet armies wheeled and hurled their full weight into a drive on the East Prussian fortress city of Tilsit.

Other Soviet forces reached the Baltic sea today south of the Latvian port of Liepaja, Moscow announced tonight.

Liepaja is 55 miles north of Memel and, with the latter, is one of the two major objectives of the Russian offensive in Lithuania.

Cut Escape Route
By reaching the sea between the two cities, Soviet forces have cut across the land escape route of an estimated 150,000 German troops in the Baltics.

The great Baltic offensive of General Ivan C. Bagramian and Ivan Cherniakhovsky, ripping apart the German coastal flank protecting the heart of East Prussia, matched in spectacular success the sweep of General Rodion Malinovsky's forces into northern Hungary.

50 Miles From Budapest
There, after cutting the railway retreat routes behind the German and Hungarian forces in (Continued on Page Two)

Three Klamath Men Wounded
The names of three Klamath Falls men, wounded in action, were announced Tuesday by the war department. They are: Pvt. James A. Hale, U. S. marine corps reserve, husband of Mrs. James A. Hale, 725 St. Francis.

Tech. 4th Gr. Bill Sykes, U. S. army, husband of Mrs. Vera Le Sueur Sykes, care of Dr. E. M. Marsha, 220 N. 7th.

Pvt. John H. Kellum, U. S. army, husband of Mrs. Delpha R. Kellum, route 3, box 1140-B, city.

Details of their wounds were not given in the Tuesday communication.



Allied forces today occupied Corinth, on the south end of the Isthmus linking Peloponnesus with the Greek mainland. Adriatic units were reported attacking Sarande, supply base for the Nazi garrison on Corfu. Dispatches indicate that British and Greek troops are continuing their drive from Corinth, and it is believed the drive may lead to Athens.

CORINTH OCCUPIED BY ALLIED FORCES

ROME, Oct. 10 (AP)—British and Greek forces have occupied Corinth, it was announced today.

British forward units entered Corinth without opposition. Two hundred and fifty members of the collaborating Greek "security battalions" surrendered there yesterday morning. No Germans were met in the city, which is at the south end of the Isthmus linking the Peloponnesus and the Greek mainland.

Attack Sarande
Meanwhile, the allied land forces of the Adriatic began attacking Sarande, the little southern Albanian port which is a supply base for the Nazi garrison on the island of Corfu.

The attack started at 4 a. m. yesterday and allied troops quickly penetrated to the western outskirts of the town after overcoming opposition.

Another unit silenced an enemy battery and took the cemetery (Continued on Page Nine)

Plan for American Entry Into World Union Heads Toward Stormy Debates

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—Government plans to put the United States into a world organization backed by force headed for a storm of national debate today, with President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull apparently seeking to prevent possible disagreement on any single issue from wrecking the whole enterprise.

This strategy is considered responsible for the determination of officials to refrain now from bringing into the debate the question of whether Congress should have to give its approval each time the world organization calls for American men, guns, ships and planes to suppress a threatening aggressor.

In Accord With Laws
An authoritative analysis at the state department of the Dumbarton Oaks security plan, revealed yesterday, shows that it falls to call for any such strong commitment on the part of the United States. It provides instead only for the promise to undertake to supply forces in accord with constitutional processes.

Since responsible diplomatic officials are known to favor a (Continued on Page Two)

KLAMATH TO VOTE ON POLICE FUND

(Ed. Note: This is the first of a series of articles discussing the four measures to appear on the city ballot at the special election to be held in conjunction with the general election November 7.)

First of the four measures to appear on the ballot, Nos. 100 and 101, (yes and no), is commonly known as the police emergency fund measure.

On the ballot the voter will find the following: "The repeal of chapter 16 of the charter of Klamath Falls, save and except levies heretofore made thereunder." This is the title of the issue.

Involves Tax
This measure involves the 4 mill tax originally levied for bond purposes. Some years ago on disbanding of the city band, this was voted to be continued for the purpose of the emergency police fund to be used for police manpower, police recruitment (Continued on Page Two)

Churchill, Stalin Confer On Postwar European Plans

By DANIEL De LUCE
MOSCOW, Oct. 10 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill talked with Marshal Stalin for three hours in the Kremlin last night and conferred today with the British diplomatic and military staff before starting a second meeting with the Russian premier.

W. Averell Harriman, United States ambassador, was kept fully informed by the British delegation, although he was not present at the Kremlin last night.

Endorsed Views
Churchill was understood to be presenting his views on questions in Europe and elsewhere which were said to have been fully endorsed before he left the Quebec conference with President Roosevelt.

The latest indications were that his visit would last throughout this week.

The British presence in Moscow coincided with two important statements in the Russian press. One expressed flat opposition to altering the principal of a unanimous vote by the four major allied powers on the international security council, in case of aggression. The other statement disclosed a Russian plan for developing oil resources in the northern part of Iran.

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Harvest Worker Demand Grows

The demand by growers for help in the spud harvest is great and there is an urgent need for people who can give their time over weekends or through the week. There is an opportunity for pickers, especially in the Bonanza area, as many growers are without help. Anyone who can give a day or more should register with the farm labor office immediately.

The turnout of townspeople for the harvest is about half what it has been in previous years and, as the harvest is greater, the labor shortage is acute.

Holder of Congressional Medal on Duty at Barracks

One of this war's first and greatest heroes, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Lt. Mitchell Paige, 28, of Dravosburg, Pa., is now stationed at the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks.

Lt. Paige, then a platoon sergeant, was in command of a machine gun section on Guadalcanal, October 26, 1942, when he single-handedly broke up a Japanese attack on the marines' position.

Fought Alone
Then, his citation states, "Alone, he moved from gun to gun under continuous heavy enemy fire." Manning a gun by himself until it was destroyed, he moved to another and maintained a withering fire against the advancing Japs until reinforcements arrived.

"Then, forming a new line, he dauntlessly and aggressively led a bayonet charge, driving the enemy back and preventing a breakthrough in our lines."

Twice Cited
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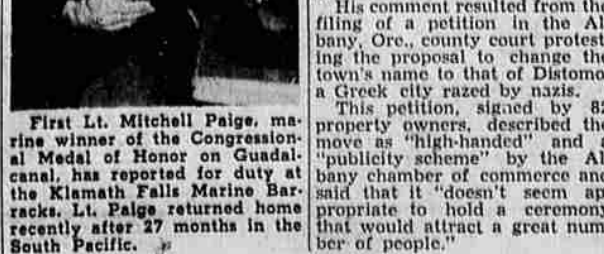
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Day's News

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