

# WANKS POUND DEFIANT AACHEN

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
SIGNIFICANT news comes from the Pacific. Our great fleet, which Nimitz led the other day is "strong" to go anywhere sails up to the Ryukyu islands, only 500 miles from Japan, sinks or damages 58 Jap ships and retires 89 Jap planes and surface ships with no damage to its surface ships and "light loss" of planes. The Jap fleet didn't come out within range of our planes. The Ryukyus, with their probably numerous airfields, are a great asset on the flank of any American attack on Formosa. It must be a matter of time before we must attack before we attempt a landing on the coast of China. (Nimitz told us a few days ago we would land in China.)

Germany we give a 24-hour ultimatum to surrender. The ultimatum expires without an answer. We proceed today with the destruction of the city. Presumably it means that as an advance we will destroy one of the German cities in a path if they refuse surrender. It means also, presumably, that the German people will stand by to sacrifice Germany's life one by one in order to protect their own lives a few weeks ago.

The Russians reach the Baltic near Memel, thus cutting off all the Germans left in the Baltic states. They are ominously close to the borders of east Prussia on both east and south. In Yugoslavia they cut the mainline railroad by which the Germans in Greece and northern Yugoslavia can hope to escape. The Germans are driving steadily across Hungary. The time is steadily nearing when the Nazis will be pushed behind their own fortress walls all the way around, compelled to live on their own fat, with no satellites or serfs to depend on.

British have had quite a time now to supply and enforce their second army, now safely past Aachen. American first army can go north to back up the British their Nijmegen salient, where they are already across the Rhine. Most part of the fighting to free Aachen, which is the key to the western supply problem.

Behind a screen of complete secrecy, Churchill and Stalin are conferring in Moscow. It is permitted to leak out to the press that the conference is "fruitful." We can guess what their talk is about. They are settling between them, or trying to, the ticklish question of what will be Britain's and what will be Russia's spheres of influence in the Europe of after the war. Let us hope they come to a settlement that will be mutually satisfactory and workable. In the settlement between Britain and Russia lies our best hope for peace in the years to come.

We have permitted ourselves to jump thoughtlessly to the conclusion that after this the British empire will be white and tottering on its foundations. This writer has a notion that this is a delusion. A year ago Prime Minister Chamberlain declared that after this the five great powers of Europe (France, Italy, Germany) will have disappeared. He spoke in a gloomy tone. As if this would be a family Britain might not be able to survive. Consider this fact: in the 100 years of the past, these three great powers of Europe have been the fiercest competitors. They've done that to do to Britain? It can be quite to a good thing. It will be a good thing if Britain will be able to survive.

## Klamath Citizens to Vote On Vet's Memorial Park

(Second Article of a Series)  
A second measure to appear on the special city election ballot, number 7, goes under the title of an amendment submitted by the voters by the common council. It is to amend the charter of the city of Klamath Falls by adding thereto a council of five members to be elected by a tax of 2 mills on each dollar's worth of taxable property in said city, each year from 1945 to 1949, both years inclusive, to acquire through purchase or by donation, all of the land in the area to be known as the Veterans Memorial Park lying between Center street and the river and Main street and the Ewings.

# Herald and News

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## Third Fleet Defies Jap Ships, Airforce In Raids on Ryukyu

By The Associated Press  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 11 (AP)—In the boldest naval stroke of the Pacific war, struck 200 miles south of Japan, the free-roving American third fleet defied both Nippon's home fleet and airforce by pouring carrier planes in overpowering strength against the Ryukyu islands.

## POSTWAR MILITARY TRAINING FAVORED

Peacetime universal military training was favored by the directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce on a split vote today that followed a lively discussion, the action being taken in connection with a referendum sent out by the United States chamber of commerce. The chamber's legislative committee recommended a "No" vote on universal military training for the United States, suggesting the enlargement of such institutions as West Point and Annapolis, establishment of a large non-commissioned officers' training program, and maintenance of an adequate standing army through voluntary enlistments.

## Cpl. Ambrogetti Dies in Europe

Cpl. Walter Joseph Ambrogetti was killed in action in the European theater on September 17, according to official word received here Tuesday by his mother, Mrs. Oscar Pedersen. Cpl. Ambrogetti was born in Klamath Falls on March 5, 1923, and attended city schools. When he entered the service on September 24, 1943, he was a lumber handler at Sprague River. He was serving as a tail-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress at the time of his death.

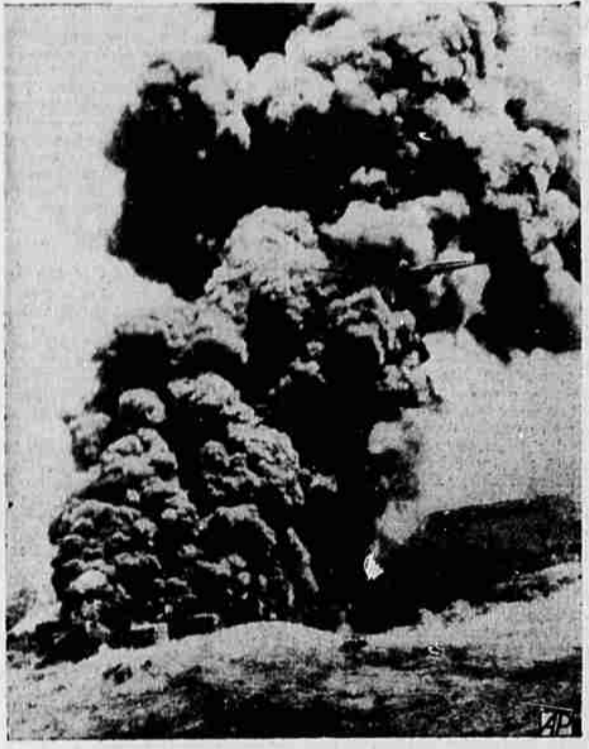
## Navy Identifies Sailor's Body

The navy Wednesday identified the young sailor found dead Saturday night near the Southern Pacific tracks at Mt. Hebron, Calif., as S 2/c Eurastus H. Lacy. Nearest of kin has been notified and the body will be shipped to Larned, Kas. An inquest will be held, navy officials stated, and until that time no statement is forthcoming from the naval air station where Lacy was stationed for the past five months. He was en route to a new assignment at the time of his death.

## Air Raid Scare Caused By Wheel

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, Oct. 11 (AP)—This island town in the Irish sea had a brief air raid scare tonight when a 20-ton flywheel in a powerhouse suddenly disintegrated, hurling chunks of steel over the landscape within a radius of a half mile. No casualties were reported.

## Plane Flies Through Smoke



An A-20 Havoc of the Fifth army air force flies away from the dense, billowing smoke it created by blowing up an oil storage tank at Boela, on the island of Ceram, Netherlands East Indies. These tanks supplied a heavy percentage of fuel oil and gasoline requirements for the Japanese. (AP wirephoto from army air forces.)

## Labor Controversies Keep 5000 Workers Idle in U. S.

By The Associated Press  
More than 5,000 workers were idle in the nation today as the result of labor controversies, and a union leader in Cleveland, O., threatened to call sympathy strikes in 64 midwest war plants unless a dispute at the Cleveland Graphite Bronze company is placed before an arbitration panel. Matthew L. Smith, national secretary of the Mechanics Educational Society of America, declared 68,000 MESA members would walk out at 10 a. m. tomorrow (Thursday) if the Cleveland dispute involving the discharge of one employee is not presented for arbitration. At Quincy, Mass., a two-day strike of 4,000 workers at the Bethlehem Steel company's Fore River shipyard continued amid conferences called in an effort to settle the dispute. A statement issued by union representatives said the strike was called because "We, the workers, recognize there is inefficiency, delay and mismanagement. Production is not at its peak. Full cooperation with the navy department is impossible." Company representatives disputed the charge and said "The record of the Fore River plant speaks for itself."

## BRITONS CAPTURE PORT OF SARANDE

By NOLAN NORGAARD  
ROME, Oct. 11 (AP)—British troops in Albania have captured the port of Sarande (Porto Edda), isolating the German garrison on the island of Corfu, it was announced today. An official announcement from allied headquarters said also that "patrolling is active" in Greece, but there was no indication whether the land forces of the Adriatic have moved beyond captured Corinth toward Athens. Herd Fight  
Sarande, supply port for the Germans on Corfu, was captured after a hard battle, it was said. About 500 prisoners were taken. With the port in British hands there appeared little possibility that the Germans on Corfu, last reported to total a regiment, would be able to escape to the mainland. Mopping up operations continued around the town of Gjiashide. Both air and naval operations (Continued on Page Two)

## Wage Demands to Be Sent to FDR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—The war labor board voted eight to four today to turn over to President Roosevelt without recommendation the question of changing the government's wage ceilings centered in the Little Steel formula. With the four labor members dissenting, the board decided to send to the White House a factual report on wages in relation to living costs, leaving to the president to decide whether a change in wage policy would contribute to inflation.

## Rejection Wire Given to Vinson

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—James C. Petrillo's telegram rejecting President Roosevelt's plea that he lift his musicians union ban on making recordings was referred to Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson by the White House today without comment. Petrillo telegraphed Mr. Roosevelt that he could not permit members of the AFL American Federation of Musicians to make records or transcriptions for the two companies to whom the ban applied unless they sign contracts similar to those entered into with other recording firms. The wire was in reply to a request from Mr. Roosevelt that the ban be lifted. Representatives of the Alpbany chamber of commerce, who called the meeting in order to plead for the name change, said the Berliners' decision was final. Berlin residents earlier filed a petition against the change, charging that they had never been consulted. The plan was sponsored by Carl Curlee, Alpbany chamber secretary, and an eastern committee to commemorate the razed Greek village of Distomo. He praised the military might gathered by the United States

## Soviets Take Cluj, Szeged; Circle Memel

LONDON, Oct. 11 (AP)—Soviet troops have captured Cluj, capital of Transylvania, and Szeged, second city of Hungary. Premier-Marshals Stalin announced tonight. Szeged is 95 miles southeast of Budapest, and Cluj lies 220 miles southeast of the Hungarian capital. Both prizes fell to Russian-Romanian forces. Stalin said in a broadcast order of the day: Twenty salvos from 224 Moscow guns were ordered to salute the double triumph. The Berlin radio said soviet armies had surrounded the East Prussian port of Memel, reaching the Baltic sea north and south of the city. Earlier, the enemy said that the Russians had launched two heavy attacks north of Warsaw and that the German army had abandoned its frontier bastion of Taurage, just across the border in Lithuania from East Prussia.

## ITALY TO RECEIVE U. S. MONETARY AID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—Italy is being permitted to accumulate dollar balances with which to buy essential civilian goods in this nation through purchases by U. S. army troops in Italy, exports to the United States and gifts from Americans. President Roosevelt announced yesterday that the dollar equivalent of the American-printed lire issued to U. S. troops fighting in Italy will be turned over to the Italian government. In addition, the dollar proceeds of gifts made by Americans to persons in Italy and of any products exported by Italy to this country will be made available to Italy, he said. Saying "It is to our interests that Italy be able to contribute as fully as possible to the winning of final victory," Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement that "the dollars... will be used by the Italian government to pay for essential civilian supplies purchased in this country for use in liberated Italy."

## Anderson Freed Of Rape Charge

William Anderson, 40, was acquitted by a circuit court jury of four women and eight men yesterday after his trial on charges of the statutory rape of his 15-year-old niece by marriage. The verdict was returned after about 20 minutes of deliberation and two ballots, it was reported. Anderson was arrested late last year when the girl accused him of performing the illegal act on November 4. After his release from the county jail on payment of \$1,000 bail, he failed to appear in court and the bail was forfeited. Judge D. R. Vandenberg issued a bench warrant for his arrest, and he was brought back here to await trial. Testimony of Anderson and his wife, Mae, was in conflict throughout the trial with that of the girl. The girl had been living with the Andersons, and it was claimed by the defense that she had accused Anderson of having relations with her because he had frequently punished her. Her mother testified on the stand that the girl had made similar claims involving other men.

## Stalin Emphasizes Allied, Russian Ties at Banquet

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW, Oct. 11 (AP)—Talks between Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and their aides moved forward today on a new note of harmony sounded at a state banquet yesterday at which the soviet leader warmly praised British and American contributions to victory and toasted postwar allied collaboration. Twice during the elaborate three and one-half hour luncheon in the Sverdlovka palace, Stalin rose to emphasize the ties binding Russia and her western allies. The first time, he solemnly emphasized the need for postwar cooperation in the interests of international security, declaring that "peace loving nations are never prepared but aggressor nations always seem ready." This, he said, must be in the future be avoided. Aided by Allies  
Later, after other speakers had acclaimed the red army's triumphs, Stalin asserted that Russia could not have done what she has done without the aid of the allies. He praised the military might gathered by the United States

Weather News	
Oct. 11, 1942	
Max. (Oct. 10)	69 Min. 42
Precipitation last 24 hours	20
Stream year to date	20
Normal	.32 Last year .02
Forecast: Showers.	

## GERMANS TRY TO REINFORCE DOOMED TOWN

Major Battle East and North of Town Develops

By The Associated Press  
LONDON, Oct. 11 — U. S. artillery opened an all-out assault late today to crush defiant Aachen, and the German command rushed up thousands of troops under a storm of shells and bombs, in an effort to reinforce the virtually-surrounded garrison. A major battle was developing east and north of the frontier stronghold. American batteries massed around the ancient city belloyed out in shattering concert at 3:50 p. m., after almost four hours of preliminary bombardment and dive-bombing attacks. Ultimatum Rejected  
The blows to reduce Aachen began after the Nazi commander rejected a surrender-or-die ultimatum. Enemy reserves nearly a division strong began moving up toward Aachen from roads east. Artillery and planes tore at these columns. Heavy fighting developed north of the city against the upper arm of the first army vise. Another battle raged to the southeast in the Hergen forest. Escape Lane  
The reinforcing column moved toward the mile-wide, bullet-swept escape lane northeast of industrial Aachen. In southwest Holland, meanwhile, German pockets on the lower bank of the Schelde began to pull back to flushing on Walcheren island before a Canadian pincer. Other Canadian units already had cut the road to the (Continued on Page Two)

## Supply Points Hit By Bombers

LONDON, Oct. 11 (AP)—Military targets in the areas of Cologne and Coblenz, key supply points close behind the western front, were attacked today by American Flying Fortresses, escorted by long range Thunderbolts and Mustangs. The attack was carried out by a smaller force than usual, indicating hundreds of heavy bombers possibly were being held in reserve for the assault on Aachen. The German radio reported formations of allied bombers also swinging up across Austria from the south. A communique tonight said five bombers and one fighter were missing from the Cologne-Coblenz operation.

## First Lady Has 60th Birthday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP)—Anna Eleanor Roosevelt marked her 60th birthday today, but made no special plans to celebrate the occasion, save for "probably a birthday cake" on the White House dinner table tonight. The first lady noted that she had not heard recently from her four sons in service, three of whom are in combat zones.

## Kidnapped Child Returned; Police Hold Negro Nurse

DETROIT, Oct. 11 (AP)—Robert James King, four-months-old white child abducted 10 days ago by his newly employed negro nursemaid, has been returned safely to his parents, Paul H. Wencel, chief of detectives, announced today. A woman, identified as the nursemaid, in whose home the child was found is being held. Wencel said she gave her name as Mrs. Eleanor Smith, 33, and that she had sought to delude her husband into believing the child was theirs by altering its complexion with sun tan makeup. Positive identification of the child has been made, Wencel said, through footprints. Identifies Child  
"It's my baby," cried Mrs. Clarence King when she and her husband arrived at police headquarters and saw the child. Mrs. Smith's husband, Eugene, also taken to police headquarters, was released after making a statement. Detectives said they were convinced he had no knowledge of the abduction. Holding Mrs. Smith on an open charge pending further investigation, police said the identification bureau had reported the print of one finger found in the King home corresponded with one of Mrs. Smith's prints. Child Reported Ill  
Detectives went to the Smith home Tuesday accompanied by

## Today On The Western Front

By The Associated Press  
U. S. 1st Army—As promised, began destruction of ancient Aachen by artillery and aerial bombardment at deadline of demand for unconditional surrender of this encircled, German-held city, while other units continued advancing north of there. U. S. 3rd Army—Units were battling Nazis in underground Fort Driant, near Metz, ricocheting bullets off concrete walls, while the fierce struggle for surface positions continued unflinching. U. S. 7th Army—Still attempting to move into Belfort gap, gateway to the southern Rhine valley. French 1st Army—A new fighting element under Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, was operating on the southern sector of the western front. Canadian 1st Army—Infantry widened the Schelde river beachhead to four miles in backdoor attack on 20,000 Germans blocking the approach to Antwerp, while on the channel, allies heavily bombed the holdout port of Dunkerque. British 2nd Army—Held to its positions in the Arnhem area of Holland.