

MAC TO CUT OCCUPATION FORCE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS much is clear as to Berlin: It dwarfs your interest in ruined cities. After you've seen it, you've seen everything. In the bombed strategic areas of Germany's other great cities, there will be islands in the total destruction—maybe a building here, maybe as much as a block somewhere else. In Berlin's center, there is NOTHING—literally nothing habitable. All is smashed.

IT must be remembered that Berlin was not only bombed, by day and by night, for years. At the end it was defended to the last ditch by the fanatical nazis. Artillery added its stupendous destructive power to the planes that had so long roared venomously overhead.

Germans held out in suicide groups in buildings. These buildings had to be battered down by Russian guns. In the end, the defending nazis had to be rooted out one at a time, like the Japs in their caves. The result was wreckage on a scale never before seen in the world.

Bombing alone can smash a city thoroughly enough, but when the artillery goes to work it does something in the way of complete damage that bombs falling from the sky can't accomplish.

BERLIN was never a lovely city in the sense that Paris is lovely. But in its vastness, in its magnificence, in its stolid solidity it was impressive. It is impressive no longer. It makes you think of nothing so much as the carcass of a dead horse, with the vultures roosting on it.

This much must be said for the Germans as city builders: They had some conception of the merit of wide streets and the effectiveness of open spaces. Unter den Linden, running at the Brandenburg gate into the Axis, which in its turn becomes at the Sedan monument the Bismarckstrasse, bordered by the Tiergarten park, with the domed reichstag buildings in the background on one side, was such an opening.

It is an open desert now. The trees of the Tiergarten are torn and smashed. Huge oaks have been ripped off by shells. Others have been uprooted and toppled by bomb blasts. The Tiergarten resembles the pictures of Pacific islands after our pre-landing bombing and shelling. The great buildings that once looked down on this open spot in the city's center lie in wreckage.

ODDLY enough, both the Brandenburg gate and the Sedan monument are practically unscathed (they offered no refuge to defending Germans, and the Russians were too busy to destroy for the mere sake of destruction).

The winged figure of victory that caps the Sedan monument seemed symbolically westward, to catch the first glimpse of the Germans returning from the smashing of France. She was thus spared the sight of the Russians approaching from the east to complete the smashing of Germany.

IN the years-long bombing of Berlin at night, even the residence districts were unbelievably wrecked. There are, of course, islands—here and there a lucky house, and occasionally a whole block or even a whole street. In a city as big as Berlin—BEFORE atom bombing—you couldn't batter down every house. But an amazingly complete job was done.

The great barracks-like Telefunken factory was largely spared, and is now American headquarters. The Olympic stadium was left almost unscathed and the British are now using it as headquarters.

It looks almost like design, but undoubtedly wasn't. When we were bombing Berlin we weren't saving up buildings for the quartering of our troops.

IT might have been different at Frankfurt, where the huge, modern office-building headquarters of I. G. Farbenindustrie (the chemical trust) was saved intact and now provides an ideal headquarters layout for our army of occupation.

We were pretty well along by the time we tackled Frankfurt for blood, and it isn't at all improbable that we saved up this huge structure for our later uses.

If so, it was a smart trick. How we'd have housed our sprawling headquarters establishment otherwise is hard to say.

Tardieu, French Ex-Premier, Dies

MARSEILLE, Sept. 17 (AP)—Andre Tardieu, former premier of France, died Saturday night at his home at Menthon on the Riviera. He was 68.

Tardieu was prominent in letters and journalism as well as in politics. He served in four governments before becoming premier in 1929. His own cabinet fell in less than four months.

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CIO Agrees To Return To Job At Big Lakes

A ray of hope shone today on Klamath's strike-bound lumber industry when it was revealed by Vernon Chase, local IWA-CIO head, that an agreement had been reached with management of the Big Lakes Box company at a meeting held Sunday afternoon and the work stoppage there might end Thursday.

A total of 84 men have been on strike in Big Lakes logging operations and Chase stated that Thursday, September 20, had been set as a tentative date for the return to work.

HURRICANE'S DYING BLAST HITS CAROLINA

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 17 (AP)—The tropical storm that swept southern Florida with an estimated \$50,000,000 property damage has moved across the coast to South Carolina with the center near Parris Island, the U. S. weather bureau in Miami reported at 7:30 a. m. (PWT) today.

The storm appeared to be losing its fury as it headed north, and the weather bureau said hurricane warnings would be lowered at noon today south of Cape Hatteras to Brunswick, Ga.

"Storm is now centered over land about 30 miles west of Charleston, S. C., moving almost due northward," the advisory said.

Lakeview Hotel Gets New Owners

LAKEVIEW—One of the biggest real estate deals in Lake county was closed this month when Les Passmore of Lakeview and his brother-in-law, Jerauld Jacobson purchased Hunters Hot Springs hotel and property. Included in the sale was the hotel, duplex apartment, garages, houses and everything connected with the property, which was owned by the Hunter estate, Favell & Utley Realty company, and Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Kelly. The new owners took possession the first of the month, and Passmore will be alone in the operation of the hotel until Jacobson receives a discharge from the navy.

The dining room, which was recently reopened, will continue under the management and ownership of Mrs. Cleoda Vossen and Phil Neas.

Hunters Hot Springs hotel was originally built in 1927 for Dr. H. E. Kelly by the late H. A. Hunter, whose properties in Lake county are managed by the Favell-Utley Realty company. The curative properties of the minerals in the hot springs have been known for many years and patients come from distant points to be treated for various illnesses. Boiling mineral springs also furnish hot water to heat the hotel and adjacent buildings, and one of the pools is located around a 70-foot geyser that has been spouting boiling water since 1923.

200,000 Idle In Nation As Labor Disputes Continue

By The Associated Press

Labor troubles across the nation made more than 200,000 workers idle today.

More than 74,000 were out in Michigan alone as industrial storm clouds gathered over Detroit, the nation's automobile manufacturing center, with management and labor girded for a showdown battle.

Work stoppages halted the productivity of 22,630 in Ohio, followed by Pennsylvania, 17,120; Wisconsin, 7,875; Illinois, 5,574; New Jersey, 3,900, and Iowa 2,850.

Other Disputes In addition there were various other disputes, headed by Westinghouse Electric company's 47,000 idle, that were scattered across 12 states to account for the balance.

The situation by states: Michigan: The strike and lay-offs in the Ford Motor company and supplying plants gave the state the distinction of standing

at the head of the list. Some 58,800 were idle because of lay-offs in the Ford plant itself while 45,000 remained on strike at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel company. The balance of the state total was scattered between the Hudson Motor corporation, the Murray corporation, and the patternmakers.

Meanwhile the threat of a strike hung over the heads of both the General Motors corporation and the Chrysler corporation, and the CIO United Auto Workers prepared for strike votes to enforce demands for a 30 per cent wage increase.

UAW also planned a strike vote among the laid-off Ford workers, and will seek membership authorization at meetings in Detroit September 20-30.

Goodrich Taps List Ohio: Goodrich Rubber company stood atop the idle list with 15,780 out. Second was the General Motors Packard electric

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Protection Asked A delegation of Weyerhaeuser AFL machinists today requested the sheriff's office here to contact Governor Earl Snell and ask him to provide law enforcement protection at the CIO picket line at the entrance to the sprawling Weyerhaeuser mill.

The machinists have been unable to enter the plant since last Friday when the bolstered picket line of CIO unionists presented a formidable front at the gate. At this time Sheriff Lloyd Low told the machinists that in view of the difference in numerical strength between the CIO and his office, it would be impossible for him to open the road.

Modoc Point Fires Under Control

The two large grass fires which joined near Modoc Point Saturday were under control today, according to word from the Klamath Indian agency, but fire crews were out watching the fire to see that it does not flare up again. The blazes threatened for a time to burn into a stand of timber before they were brought under control.

Another fire which started north of the Williamson river Sunday evening burned dangerously near two farm houses but was stopped before it did any damage. The blaze was thought to have been started by a carelessly thrown cigarette.

The new fires brought another warning from forest officials at Klamath Agency who have been plagued for the past several weeks with a wave of man-caused fires. Grass and brush is extremely dry at this time of year and a fire started by a cigarette could prove serious.

Blue Ribbon Aspirants Crowd 4-H Livestock Show

Klamath Rotary club 4-H junior livestock show proceeded into the second day of activity at the fairgrounds today, to a farmyard symphony of bawling calves, bleating sheep and cackling poultry.

Livestock being groomed for judging was pronounced better than average by L. A. West, superintendent of the show for the past 10 years. In spite of labor shortages on farms due to war, West said cattle seemed in better shape than during the last three years, and more beef is being shown.

Back to Normal He said that stock shown compares favorably with pre-war years, and although the 1945 show lacks the decorated booths and music of peacetimes, it is a long stride back to normal.

Dairy animal and showman-

Little Ones And Big Ones Vie For Blue Ribbons



David Romtvedt's sheep stuck its snout-face into the lineup of calves exhibited by Virginia Masten, Wayne Bergloff, Betty Brandjesky, Gene Reiling, Helen Sullivan, Ruth Haynes, Jean Tucker, Mary Louise Haynes, Donna Dixon, Burt Mack and Annie Romtvedt. These are not in the order named as the animals changed places too often trying to get the best spot for the camera eye.

REDS ASK US FOR 6 BILLION LOAN

MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (AP)—Generalissimo Stalin met a group of United States congressmen for an hour today and was understood to have expressed a desire for a \$6,000,000,000 loan from the United States.

The premier told the group, studying postwar planning in Europe that Russia needs economic assistance, particularly from the United States.

(A British delegation headed by Lord Keynes and Lord Halifax are conferring in Washington with U. S. officials, seeking a \$3,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 grant in aid, rather than a loan.)

Stalin said the soviet union faces a number of years of hard building to restore the damages of war and to raise the standard of living in Russia.

Stalin talked separately with

EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press

Melvin S. Cummings, 1st Lt., Klamath Falls, Arrives on Thomas Barry due at New York September 18.

Edward C. Hall, Cpl., 1604 Mitchell, Klamath Falls, Arrives on Lachaug Victory due at Boston September 16.

Clarence R. Bertrand, T/S, 3949 Shasta Way, Klamath Falls, Arrives on E. B. Alexander due at New York September 16.

Bert Brown, PFC, Klamath Falls, Arrives on E. B. Alexander due at New York September 16.

Elza V. McCourry, PFC, route 2, Klamath Falls, Arrives on Kemp Battle due at Boston September 18.

Bernard C. Tucker, S/Sgt., Yreka, Arrives on Torrens due at New York September 12.

Joseph W. Colts, T/S, Lakeview, Arrives on Torrens due at New York September 12.

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Reginald F. Sergeant, PFC, Modoc Point, Arrives on Aquatania due at New York September 14.

Patrick J. Patko, PFC, Bly, Arrives on Aquatania due at New York September 14.

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45 NAZIS PLEAD GUILTY TO CRIMES

LUENEBERG, Germany, Sept. 17 (AP)—Josef Kramer, the "beast of Belsen" concentration camp, and 44 other SS henchmen pleaded innocent before a British military court today when they went on trial for war crimes and conspiracy to commit mass murder.

The court overruled defense counsel pleas for separate trials of 27 defendants, and for a separate trial of 12 defendants who also are charged with crimes at the Auschwitz gas chamber horror camp.

Kramer, the sullen commandant at Belsen, smiled in the glare of photographers' flash bulbs as the trial got under way. But one of the 21 female SS guards, blond Herta Ehlert, collapsed as the prisoners stood in a box facing the court. She was revived quickly and was helped to a seat by another woman SS member, cold-faced Irma Grese, who served three years at the ill-famed camps at Ravensbruck and Auschwitz, Poland, before going to Belsen. The accused originally numbered 48, but three were removed from the list on medical grounds.

Shinotsuka formerly was president of the army officers' school, the "West Point" of Japan.

He was a classmate of Hideki Tojo, the war time dictator.

Both were graduated from the officers' school in 1905.

The general left no explanation for his suicide. He took his own life in his home in Tokyo.

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NAVY RELEASE OF 839,000 MEN SEEN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—The navy promised senators today it will put 764,000 enlisted men and 75,000 officers back in civilian clothes by Christmas.

This pledge was made by Vice Admiral Louis E. Denfield, chief of personnel, as the senate military committee resumed its inquiry into why service discharges aren't coming faster.

Previously Under Secretary Gates told the senators the "situation in the Pacific is not sufficiently stable and secure to justify the early return of all naval forces and the activities which support them."

Moves Swiftly Denfield said that demobilization is moving as swiftly as military needs, transportation and separate facilities will permit.

"I wish to make it clear," he said, "that I am not here indicating any desire or intent to schedule demobilization to fit any luxurious ideas or to fit our convenience."

"I am sure you will agree that we have a clear-cut responsibility not to strip our ships and our

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Truman Backs Jobless Pay As Congress Plans Fight

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—President Truman swung his influence in congress today in behalf of broadened unemployment compensation legislation.

The capitol also heard a promise from the navy that 764,000 enlisted men and 75,000 officers will be released from service by Christmas.

The jobless aid bill, scheduled for action in the senate tomorrow, has been the target of verbal brickbats from some senators, but Mr. Truman made it plain to congressional leaders at a White House conference this morning that he wants the broadest possible bill enacted.

Senator Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) told reporters Mr. Truman emphasized he still wanted his original proposal of compensation up to \$25 a week for 26 weeks. Barkley added that "the legislation will have to be fought out on the floor."

Congressional attention was divided between:

1. Taxes—How much to cut present wartime rates? And what to do about those often "frozen" payroll levies?

2. Pearl Harbor—Will the 10-member investigating committee be able to tell its findings in one report, or two conflicting ones?

Here's the story:

Enlistment Inducements—The house military committee beset last month by cries for an end to the draft and speedier discharges, decided on an entirely different task. It reasoned that if enough men could be persuaded to stay in uniform after they have been offered discharges two things would happen:

REGULAR ARMY TO MAINTAIN NIP CONTROL

200,000 Troops Will Guard Disarmed Japan

TOKYO, Sept. 17 (AP)—History's greatest military gamble—the American landing in armed Japan—has paid off so handsomely that occupation forces probably will be cut to not more than 200,000 within six months, General MacArthur said today.

As a result of the successful penetration of this conquered nation, he added in a formal statement, troops will be returned home as rapidly as ships are made available. Regular army forces, he said, probably will be able to maintain unaided the 200,000-man force—"which will permit complete demobilization of our citizen (drafted) Pacific forces."

There was probably no greater gamble taken in history," his statement explained, "than the initial landings," where ground forces were outnumbered 1000 to one by armed Japanese. But, he added, "the stakes were worth it."

Low Estimate MacArthur's estimate of 200,000 occupation troops is just half the number which Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commander of the U. S. eighth army, recently said would be necessary—and Eichelberger's figures were at that time considered low. At the start, some 800,000 men—including air forces—were scheduled to participate.

Only Saturday, however, Eichelberger forecast that the occupation might be "washed up" within a year if it continued as smoothly as it had started.

Unknown Quantity MacArthur's statement said that the unknown quantity at the outset of the occupation was whether a military government would have to be established. This would have involved several million troops, he said; but by working with the existing Japanese government

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Former Prisoner Of Japs Spends Furlough Here

PFC Robert L. Miller, USMC, a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, arrived in Klamath Falls this morning to spend a 30-day furlough with his father, R. O. Miller, 501 N. 11th.

Miller is the first released prisoner from the Japanese homeland to arrive here, as far as can be ascertained. He was held at a prison camp at Osaka and was flown to Oakland, Calif., from Guam.

He stated that he was not at liberty to divulge any information concerning his internment, but added that he was glad to be back on U. S. soil.

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