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## Byrnes Asks Work Spread After V-Day

Reports That Plans Well Advanced For Vast Industrial Conversion  
WANTS BANS LIFTED Urges Cut In War Production, Shift To Output Of Home Front Goods

## PETAIN'S 'FRENCH STATE' ABOLISHED

All Its Major Laws Erased And France Remains A Republic

## Dewey Forecasts Early End Of War With Nazis

By GARDNER BRIDGE  
LANSING, Mich., Sept. 9.—(AP)—An early end to the German war was predicted today by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who made it clear that the administration's agreement to keep him informed of foreign policy matters covered discussions of postwar security and sanctions against the Axis and military strategy.

## Maqui Heroine



Sixteen Yank paratroopers, who dropped ten miles from their assigned zone in France on D-Day, owe their lives to Isabel Townsend Pell, 43, New York socialite, a member of the French underground for the past four years. The adventurous American woman led the Yanks to safety through strong enemy positions. (International)

## WHITMORE GOING TO THOMASVILLE

## Well-Known Minister Accepts Pastorate Of First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. J. Harry Whitmore, D. D., who served as pastor of the Church of the Covenant for 17 years, will move this week to Thomasville, where he will assume the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church. He will preach his first service there October 1.

## GERMANS BATTLE TO HOLD RIMINI

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# U. S. Battles For Moselle Bridgehead As Nazis Strike From Siegfried Line; Resources Only 30 Miles From Turkey

## WARSHIPS TURN GUNS ON PALAUS

MacArthur's Troops Seize Soepiori Island, Just West Of Biak

By OLEN CLEMENTS  
Associated Press War Editor  
Warships turned their big guns on the Palau islands in what may be the beginning of the long expected three-way amphibious attack on Japanese bases there and at Yap and Halmahera, needed by American troops before they retake the Philippines.

At least one amphibious move toward Halmahera was made Thursday when General MacArthur's troops seized Soepiori island just west of Biak in Geelvink Bay.

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## SEIZE BLACK SEA PORT OF BURGAS

Moscow Announces End Of The Short-Lived War Against Bulgaria

By W. W. HERCHER  
LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Russian forces sweeping 100 miles into Bulgaria yesterday occupied the big Black Sea port of Burgas, only 30 miles from the Turkish frontier, as Moscow announced the end of its short-lived war with Bulgaria.

Marines of the Black Sea fleet under Admiral E. S. Otkyarsky, Sevastopol hero, aided in the seizure of Burgas, 52 miles south of Bulgaria's other main seaport, Varna, taken Friday.

## STORM EXPECTED TO STRIKE TEXAS

## 'Disturbance' Slated To Hit Between Galveston And Port Arthur

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A tropical "disturbance" moving in from the Gulf of Mexico is expected by Weather Bureau observers to strike the Texas Coast Sunday morning between Galveston and Port Arthur.

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## Allies' Southern Armies Within 25 Miles Of Important Belfort

By SID FEDER  
ROME, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Two Allied columns coming up from Southern France struck today to within 25 miles of the sentinel city of Belfort, whose fortifications bar the way through a mountain gap into the plains before Germany's frontier on the Rhine, 30 miles east of the fortress.

## Annual Community Chest Drive Will Be Held Sept. 25 - Oct. 12

## F. D. R. PREPARES FOR QUEBEC MEET

## Gathers Information For Important Conference With Churchill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt rushed preparations for his Quebec victory conference with Prime Minister Churchill today, gathering from cabinet members and diplomats advice and information on a wide range of European political and economic subjects.

## DRIVE AGAINST NON-PERMIT FOOD PLACES PLANNED HERE

Food handling establishments operating here without benefit of a permit from the Consolidated Board of Health are "too numerous" and a drive to discover them will be instituted immediately, Sanitarian W. C. Haas warned yesterday.

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## GOAL IS \$164,838

## Chairman Stewart Confident Campaign Will Be Highly Successful

September 25 to October 12 have been set as the dates of the annual campaign of the Community Chest of Wilmington and New Hanover county, it was announced last night by Ronald Stewart, campaign chairman.

## RESORT LETS TWO REPAIR CONTRACTS

## Cline Will Resurface Streets And Younts Will Repair Boardwalks

The Town of Wrightsville Beach has awarded contracts of two firms to two firms to resurface streets and repair boardwalks damaged by the tropical storm on August 1, Town Clerk R. L. Benson reported yesterday.

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## SHOWDOWN FIGHT FOR REICH NEAR

## British Second Army Hammers Out Second Crossing Of Albert Canal

By HOWARD COWAN  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Picked troops of the U. S. Third Army fought in a storm of artillery fire tonight to hold a bridgehead on the Moselle south of the French city of Metz as the Germans salaked from their menaced Sigfried line to give battle to three Allied armies closing for the showdown struggle for the Reich.

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## A U. S. SUPERFORTRESS BASE IN WESTERN CHINA, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A small number of Japanese planes attacked two B-29 Superfortress bases last night following yesterday's record-breaking superfortress raid on Anshan, Manchuria, but the enemy failed even to hit the runways.

The Superfortresses which attacked Anshan, in the greatest force yet employed, overwhelmed the Manchurian industrial center's air defenses, including new twin-engine Japanese fighters. Seven Japanese interceptors were destroyed, and 11 were damaged in the sporadic Japanese efforts to beat off the raiders.