

## Americans Reach River On Front Of 16 Miles

### Advance On Rome Being Continued

Montgomery's Army In East Presses on Six Nazi Divisions

Allied Headquarters in Algiers, Oct. 8—(AP)—Battling in heavy rain and mud, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army has forged ahead and reached the Volturno river, the German defense line north of Naples, on a 16-mile front from Capua to the sea. Allied headquarters announced today.

Captured in the advance were Capua, on the south side of the river, where there is an important crossing, and Castel Volturno at the river mouth, 97 airline miles from Rome.

Capua, the main town on the Mazzoni plain on which the first phase of General Clark's battle for Rome is being waged, is 17 miles north of Naples and 106 straight-line miles southeast of the Italian capital. It was taken in a ten-mile advance along the Via Casalina, one of the two main roads from Naples to Rome. The other is the Appian Way, nearer the coast.

On the right, where the British Eighth Army was fighting another battle on the approaches to the side door to the Italian capital, General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces beat back more fierce German counterattacks, took the offensive and occupied an important high area above Terni along the Adriatic.

Six German divisions were now fighting along the Italian front in fierce action.

The Germans threw tanks, including sixty-ton Tigers, and infantry into the Stab at Montgomery's flanking force which held an area approximately 120 miles east and slightly north of Rome and threatened Pescara, the coastal terminus of a broad highway across the Apennines to the capital city on the banks of the Tiber.

In the mountainous backbone in the center of the peninsula, Allied forces maintained steady pressure against the Germans and continued to force them back.

Allied bombers maintained their sweeps over the battlefields, despite bad weather which somewhat curtailed activities, but found relatively few targets compared with the preceding day when a heavy toll was taken of a German armored division being rushed through the mountains to oppose Montgomery.

Nevertheless eleven vehicles were destroyed along with one of the Germans' big Mark VI tanks.

American Lightnings made their first sweep into Greece three days ago, it was announced, on the same day that American Liberators of the Northwest African air force carried out another bombing attack on the airfield near Athens.

In advancing to the Volturno, Clark's Fifth Army occupied all the towns south of the river.

The Germans in withdrawing over the river left many determined nests of resistance behind them, but these were wiped out in the relentless drive of Americans, supported by British armor.

## Negro Slayer Is Executed

Raleigh, Oct. 8—(AP)—William Henry Poole, 29-year-old Negro, died in the State's gas chamber today for the slaying last January 1 of Andrew Jackson Sawyer, white sailor, in Elizabeth City.

Poole, small statured, was composed as he entered the tiny chamber, and watched with interest the fixing of the straps and mask.

He admitted to Prison Chaplain J. A. Watts that he fired the shot that killed Sawyer, but said he did not know the shell he used contained black shot, since he bought it from somebody else.

State's evidence showed the shooting followed a street brawl, that Poole went home, procured his gun, and waited for a group of men that numbered Sawyer, a Pasquotank county man. When the men passed, Poole fired.

He told Watts he only meant "to sting them on the leg" and he did not wait to see the results of his ambush attack. "Those men," he said, "had cursed me and thrown bottles at me."

Poole was pronounced dead twelve minutes after the pellets were dropped into the acid.

### FIRST LADY IN HULA SKIRT



TWO SMILING SOUTH SEA ISLAND NATIVES stand beside Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as she poses in a hula dancer's skirt during her recent trip to the Pacific area. The photo is from an Australian newspaper. The original print was not distributed in the U. S. (International Soundphoto)

## 3 German Cities Bombed; London Raided By Nazis

London, Oct. 8—(AP)—Raging over a great area of southern Germany last night, a powerful Royal Air Forces bomber fleet pounded three important German cities—Stuttgart, Friedrichshafen and Munich—while a much weaker force of German bombers, hit London and southeast England with the sharpest retaliatory blow in many months, the British announced today.

Heavy cloud formations prevented full observation of the results of the RAF operations, an air ministry spokesman said, but the German radio announced that "extensive damage" was inflicted on Stuttgart, where the junction of eight main line railways rivals its industries in importance as bombing targets.

The air ministry said that the

Germans were able to push through to London only 15 of 60 raiders which crossed the English coast before midnight and dropped slightly more than 33 tons of bombs on the capital city.

Besides blasting the three important German cities, British planes laid mines in enemy waters, and the air ministry said that seven aircraft were missing from the night's extensive operations.

The London alert lasted approximately two hours and was one of the largest since May, 1942. The raiders came over in two waves—exceedingly small by comparison with the great Allied armadas which have been blasting steadily at the Reich for many months.

British officials described the attack as a propaganda raid.

## New Planning Board Of State Assumes Duties

Governor Addresses Group Which Is to Study Peace Status

Raleigh, Oct. 8—(AP)—Governor Broughton outlined the duties of the new State Planning Board at an organization meeting today and recommended that it "keep its eyes on the stars and its feet on the ground."

The board is particularly concerned with making postwar plans for North Carolina, to lead in the development of its resources and industrial possibilities, and to make recommendations for the State's general betterment.

Governor Broughton told the board, of which George Ivey of Charlotte is chairman, that one of its first duties would be to determine whether its work would justify its supervision by a full-time staff to be supervised by an executive director. The governor said he and the Council of State had authority to allocate funds for that purpose "on a reasonable basis."

The governor also suggested that the board call upon State departments for any information or reports it desired, that it or its representatives hold conferences with municipalities that have set up planning boards and to confer with officials of those municipalities, which have made no such plans, that it pay careful attention to Federal plans, studies and recommendations, and that, among other things, it determine the availability of hydro-electric power after the war.

The board, he added, would also want to confer with representatives of organized labor and its recommendations in handling the postwar unemployment problem and Negro leadership.

## Allies Seize Aegean Spot From Nazis

Cairo, Oct. 8—(AP)—Allied occupation of the island of Sinis, only about twenty miles north of German occupied Rhodes in the Dodecanese, was disclosed in a Middle Eastern communique today, which said a German attack on the island had been beaten off with heavy casualties to the enemy.

Prisoners were taken during the attack, the communique said.

The announcement said Allied light naval forces also destroyed a German convoy and escorts in the Aegean sea yesterday. The communique did not disclose the size of the forces involved in the action.

## Stocks Show Modest Gains

New York, Oct. 8—(AP)—The stock market swung into a modest and specialized recovery joint today. Among reviving issues were U. S. Steel, General Motors, Chrysler, Goodrich, U. S. Rubber, Montgomery Ward, Sears Roebuck, Eastern Airlines, American Airlines, Westinghouse, Anaconda, Allied Chemical, Texas Company, and General Elec-

## Demand For Sales Tax Increasing

Congress' Sentiment Defies Administration Opposition to Plan

Washington, Oct. 8—(AP)—Despite determined administration opposition, talk of a ten percent Federal retail sales tax, calculated to funnel around \$6,000,000,000 into the Treasury grew louder today.

One veteran lawmaker, whose judgment on tax matters is highly respected, said he believes a majority of his colleagues on Capitol Hill consider this form of levy the most accessible vehicle for gathering in new billions to finance the war, but they are not yet sure how their constituents back home feel about it.

Those who have taken definite positions for the tax include Representative Taber (R., N. Y.), ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee, and Senator Byrd (D., Va.), member of the Senate Finance Committee.

The sales tax boarded into the forefront of discussions on possible substitutes for the administration's \$10,500,000,000 new revenue program, which called for heavy rates on individual and corporate incomes and on such luxury items as liquor and tobacco. Congress is in no mood to accept the administration's plan, especially as it relates to heavier burdens on individual incomes.

## Hitler Attempts To Boost Morale With Home Front

London, Oct. 8—(AP)—Adolf Hitler told Nazi leaders gathered at his headquarters yesterday that the German people must not be permitted to lose morale, for if they did the war would be lost.

In a patent attempt to whip up flagging spirits on the home front, he was quoted by the Berlin radio today as saying:

"Weapons alone will not tilt the scales, unless human will backs them."

"The party has never allowed itself to be discouraged by setbacks. If power of action, hard resoluteness and extreme readiness to help provide the German people again today with moral backing and support, particularly in the difficult hours of air attacks."

"If the German people preserve this morale, which many have shown on the battlefields and at home, the war can never be lost, but must and will bring a great German victory."

## Interest To Increase In Postwar Era

Babson Speculates On Possible Changes In Economic Customs

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New York City, Oct. 8.—From the December, 1941, low in 19 rate for 2.40 per cent as the average rate for top-notch commercial loans to bank customers, interest rates have been gradually creeping upward. In August, 1942, the average bank rate was 2.48 per cent. By June of this year rates were up to 2.76 per cent. Commercial loans is averaging 3 per cent. Rates for prime commercial paper now average 3.4 per cent. These are up over the average for 1941 but unchanged from the average for 1942. I believe that after the War all interest rates will be higher.

Present Rates Too Low

Up to the time of the New Deal, economists considered the actual hard-earned savings of individuals as the primary source of capital. In the post-war era, such accumulations were financed by our railroads, public utilities and other great enterprises. The rate of interest depended upon the amount of such capital available at any given time and the faith of the owners thereof that it would promptly be paid back when due with money of equal value. In other words, upon the old law of supply and demand we depended for interest rates. Now under our "managed currency" system the picture temporarily is changed.

Because of the large current supply of money, rates for commercial bank loans, for commercial paper and

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## Soviets Cross Dnieper In Surprise Offensive

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY ON JOB



A UNIQUE GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary is being celebrated above by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Avery, 73, of Long Beach, Cal. They're finishing sandwiches before eating their anniversary cake at the aircraft plant where they are employed. The couple said they were too busy aiding in the war program for a special party. (International)

## Widen Three Bridgeheads Around Kiev

Further Crossings Of Great River Are Now Being Prepared

Moscow, Oct. 8—(AP)—The Red Army, pressing its new surprise autumn offensive all the way from White Russia to the Black Sea, was reported today extending its three bridgeheads west of the Dnieper river, particularly the one below Kiev which threatened to cave in Germany's entire eastern front.

Front line dispatches to the army newspaper Red Star said the major crossing of the Dnieper south of Pereyaslav, 50 miles below the Ukrainian capital city of Kiev, which may prove to be one of the decisive operations of the war, caught the enemy by surprise and was carried out in four hours under the cover of darkness.

Russian forces which formed the wedge in the Germans' vaulted Dnieper line were reported already to have organized at basic points, consolidated ground and enlarged the bridgehead for further crossings.

Dozens of population places already have been captured on the west bank of the Dnieper at the central crossing and at the two others north of Kiev near the confluence near the Pripiet and Dnieper rivers, and southeast of Kremenchuk between that captured city and Dnepropetrovsk, the dispatches said.

The announcement of the crossings was taken here to mean that the Red army positions beyond the Dnieper now are secure and that the battle is underway for the complete liquidation of the Germans' main defense line and occupation of Kiev. The suburbs of Kiev on the east bank of the river and a city-island in the Dnieper were captured previously.

## Germans Pledge Greatest Submarine War Yet Made

London, Oct. 8—(AP)—Admiral Karl Doenitz, supreme commander of the German navy, declared in a Berlin broadcast today that submarines are Germany's greatest threat to the Allies and promised a new naval war "greater than anything witnessed so far."

"It is my firm and fanatical intention to carry on the war against the enemy's tonnage to the highest level of perfection and with all means at our disposal," he said in a war summary broadcast by the German news agency DNB.

"With new weapons and new devices, German U-boats will engage the enemy in all the seas," he asserted, adding that "in the long run this type of warfare may be of decisive significance."

## Japanese Are Giving Up Central Solomons Area

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Barge Traffic Ended Toward Kolombangara; Ground Fire Ceases

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Oct. 8—(AP)—The Japanese are giving up the central Solomons, pounded into retreat by continuous American air bombardments which left them short of ammunition and sank many of the loaded barges in which they tried to get away.

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said today the enemy apparently had already abandoned all of southern Kolombangara, including the principal airbase at Vila, and is trying to get out of the northern part of the island through a tight sea and air blockade.

A headquarters spokesman reported that all barge traffic between Kolombangara and Choiseul to the north virtually had ceased, indicating the Japanese either had quit the island or had given up attempts to remove stragglers who have pushed on foot to the northern shores.

(Since the morning of October 1, no anti-aircraft fire from the Vila field has been encountered by American planes.)

The Vila Japanese, for weeks compressed between American forces to the north on Vella Lavella and to the south on New Georgia, suffered losses, not only in their barge retreat but also during the daily attacks by American torpedo bombers and dive bombers on their airbase defenses.

The information gave significance to a statement last night by King Peter, who told his people "the day of deliverance is not far off."

A dispatch to Stockholm from Nazi-controlled Budapest last night said a Czechoslovakian brigade equipped and trained by the British in the Middle East had landed in Yugoslavia to cooperate with partisan forces.

If the report is true, the brigade constitutes the first Allied forces in the Balkans since Greece fell in April, 1941.

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Alger, Oct. 8—(AP)—In an effort to eliminate remnants of collaboration from posts of influence in a post-war France, a systematic purge of Vichyites began in North Africa by the French Committee of National Liberation has been extended to Corsica, and negotiations are being made to follow up the drive in metropolitan France when the time is ripe.

The purge, which General Charles De Gaulle insists must be carried out, is under the direction of Francois de Menthon, commissioner of justice, who came out of France two months ago after serving as a member of the under-cover council on French soil.

Although the committee wants to remove and perhaps punish persons in authority who went "too far" along Vichy's road, the purge will not involve an indiscriminate jailing of heads, De Menthon explained today, asserting that it is realized that there may be some in Vichy who did no more than their duty.

"We distinguish between those who merely obeyed orders and those who were enthusiastic in helping the Germans," he said. "These last ones are the ones we want to purge."

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