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AIR ARMY WINS OBJECTIVES IN HOLLAND

Americans Extend Gains On All Pacific Islands

House Pressing On Beachheads Toward Recess For Over The Election

Reconversion And Property Bills Up; Free News Talked

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The House, aiming at a congressional recess to begin by Friday night, today tackled post-war reconversion and surplus property bills, which have been tied up by Senate and House differences.

The leadership called up the two points in the reconversion bill which have caused the most trouble, and employment compensation for Federal employees and travel expenses for war workers returning to their original homes.

The House also planned to approve this afternoon the measure creating machinery to dispose of the anticipated \$100 billions in surplus war property.

These "board" vs. "director" schools of thought in the reconversion committee resolved their differences by providing for a three-man board, which is to have authority to appoint a director.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today set up a five-member sub-committee to put the finishing touches on a resolution calling for an unfettered international exchange of independent news as a means of promoting world peace.

The subcommittee is headed by Senator Majority Leader Borah. Chairman Connally prepared to submit the final results to the Senate as soon as the committee agrees on wording and Senator Borah said he knows of no opposition to prompt action.

Secretary of State Hull, replying to a question as to his thought on the subject of international news freedom, said in a statement yesterday:

"The whole question of freedom of information has been under study in the Department of State for some time. I have consistently supported the cause of freedom of news, and I would support any practical measure to give international recognition to this principle."

Allied Assaults Upon Gothic Line Gain but Little

Rome, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Powerful assaults by both the fifth and eighth armies against heavily fortified German lines in northern Italy made scant progress yesterday and fierce fighting continued to rage along a broad front, Allied headquarters announced today.

On the Adriatic coast Canadian and British troops fought their way toward to reach the northwestern corner of Rimini air fields.

On their left a bloody battle was being waged for two villages and surrounding high ground dominating the air fields from the west.

German paratroopers, strongly supported by big Tiger tanks, fiercely contested every British attempt to gain ground.

Beachheads Are Joined On Angaur

Kept D-Day Secret



DECORATION by the British Government of Maj. Charles Edouard Gernay has brought to light a story of how Gernay, with Sgt. Major Emile Couture, came upon details of the Normandy invasion plans which had been discarded—but not destroyed—after the former Churchill-Roosevelt conference in the Hotel Chateau Frontenac in Quebec. Exact details were on notes found when the two men were inspecting the rooms. They kept the secret and reported the find. (International)

Bitter Resistance Offered by Japs In Peliliu Sector

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Swift extension of beachheads on Angaur Island and Marine gains against heavy Japanese opposition on Peliliu, reported last night by the Navy, paved the American conquest of the strategic southern Palaus.

The 81st Wildcat Army division held the northeast part of Angaur a few hours after infantrymen went ashore Sunday, a Pacific fleet communiqué reported. The doughboys landed on the north and northeast sectors of the island. Their beachheads were joined quickly, against light opposition.

The first Marine division advanced approximately one-third of a mile Saturday on Peliliu, six miles to the east, against stubborn Jap resistance. The enemy used artillery and mortar in considerable numbers. The Marines holding the island's southern perimeter were pushing northwestward beyond the Peliliu airfield, capture of which was announced Friday. The advance in three days of fighting caused from a comparatively short distance on the left to 4,500 yards on the right.

Alled aircraft continued aerial cover and hammered airbases on Jalazaland Island, with a record of 200 tons of bombs. Other planes sank a 3,000-ton transport and destroyed two coastal vessels.

Hitler & Co. Are Marked On Allied Lists

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today that Hitler and his criminal associates, already on the Allied list of Axis criminals who will be tried after victory. They are the last persons who would be overlooked, he told a news conference in reply to a question about published reports that the Nazi leaders have been left off the war criminal lists because they are government officials. Ascertaining that was not accurate, he said reports were put out, Hull said the Allied war criminals commission in London has been working steadily on its list and has made fair progress.

ALLIES TO START NAZI DESTRUCTION

New York, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A spokesman for General Eisenhower, in a broadcast to the people of western and southwestern Germany, said today that an Allied military government had been set up in occupied territory of the Reich and would begin the job of destroying Nazism.

French Break Into Defense Of Boulogne

With the Canadian First Army, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Canadian shock troops broke through the defenses of the French part of Boulogne today and turned themselves across the harbor and Liane river from the north, capturing hundreds of prisoners.

The infantry now is moving toward positions to the south of the port, which is 110 miles northwest of Paris.

The heavily bombed defense system in the long bypassed part is being carried into isolated pockets which may no longer have communication links. The English coast is visible from the upper part of the city, overlooking its line supply network.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy and light rain and cool in interior; showers and mild along the coast today, tonight and Tuesday.

YANK COLUMN ADVANCES THROUGH GERMAN WOODS



Retribution stalks into Hitler land with American in triumph on the march through Aachen Stadt Forest a few miles beyond the point where they crossed the German border from Belgium. This is the first picture to be received of our forces within the enemy's country. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Steady Flow Of Troops Pouring In

U. S. Spearheads At Aachen Hold Firm Against Assaults

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The Paris radio asserted tonight that Allied airborne troops have occupied Pielgr, Nimegen and Eindhoven in Holland—all points at which the Germans said the troops had landed.

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A continuous stream of sky-borne reinforcements and supplies was reported flowing into Holland today and supreme headquarters announced that the first Allied air army had won round number one in the battle to lay open the flat lands of northern Germany for an invasion around the Siegfried line.

U. S. Gen. Dempsey's British second army plunged forward at its bridgehead across the Schelde-Meuse canal, its coordinated offensive aimed at linking up with the bridgeheads established by the air troops.

Spearheads of the first United States army, which had pierced the Siegfried line below Aachen, held on grimly to their positions 20 to 25 miles from the Rhine city of Cologne, turning back waves of screaming German "psychological" attacks.

Twenty thousand Germans surrendered in a body in a mid-France pocket below the Loire river.

U. S. Gen. Patton's third army along the Moselle in eastern France pushed eastward into the Vosges mountains from Nancy and westward behind the fortress city of Metz after throwing back repeated German counter attacks.

The seventh army from the Meuse-Rhin region threw the Germans out of Luxembourg, 17 miles due west of Belfort, in the gap leading to the upper Rhine valley of Germany, and were slugging their way toward Montbeliard, down the route 15 miles to Belfort from the south. The Paris radio said without confirmation that the seventh army had entered Belfort, 20 miles from the Rhine.

Below Switzerland, Lt. Gen. Patch's seventh army drove northwest eleven miles from captives Madone and reached a town less than five miles from the border.

Announcing only that the airborne armies in Holland were going well, General Eisenhower kept a security blackout on the blow, which might break the back of German resistance, strained by the piling up demands of many fronts.

But the Germans said unbroken streams of Allied sky trains were carrying reinforcements and supplies into the original lands made by Lt. Gen. Breton's winged striking force.

"One of the greatest airborne operations in military history," as it was described by Breton, was said by the Germans to be centered at Nijmegen, only about three from the Dutch-German border, and 12 miles northwest of Kleve, where the Siegfried line is reported to end.

Finland To Declare War On Germany After Air Landings

Nazis Destroying Everything During Their Retirement

Stockholm, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A formal Finnish declaration of war appeared imminent today as Finnish fury mounted against German troops who wantonly burned villages and farms as they withdrew from northern Finland. The Finnish cabinet met last night in Helsinki, where the press asserted that a state of war already exists with Germany, and that there were strong indications that action could be expected momentarily.

A declaration of war against Germany is one of the demands Russia is said to have made from Finland as the price of peace.

Two Finnish brigades and Russian troops are fighting the Germans in northern Finland. Villages and farms were reported left in flames by withdrawing Germans in two districts south of the Arctic circle near the Russian frontier.

The Russians were said to be demanding the right to occupy the northern half of Finland.

GERMAN WARSHIPS SEEN IN ALAND ISLANDS VICINITY

Stockholm, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Stockholm newspaper reported today that several German destroyers and cruisers had been observed yesterday in the vicinity of the strategic Aland islands in the Sea of Bothnia, off the Finnish southwest coast.

At the same time, advices from the Swedish coast said gunfire had been heard from the sea, suggesting the possibility that the islands—which the Finns have fortified strongly, might be under attack.

THREE NEW CASES OF POLIO LISTED

Raleigh, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Three new cases of infantile paralysis were reported today to the State Health Department, bringing the total since June 1 to 706. New cases, one each, were reported from Buncombe, Davidson and Haywood counties.

Stock Prices Change Little

New York, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Leading stocks shuffled over the slightest uneven route in today's market, with few spots of strength or weakness in evidence.

Modest improvement was registered for American Telephone, Sears Roebuck, Goodrich and DuPont. Backward were U. S. Steel, Chrysler and General Motors.

Bremen Port And Industrial Areas Targets of Raids

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The German radio indicated a series of big new air blows were falling on the Reich today from both the north and south in the wake of yesterday's spectacular airborne landings in Holland, and last night's RAF attacks on the big German port of Bremen.

The Nazi radio warning service said two heavy bomber formations were approaching the northeastern German province of Pomerania, which is crowded with industrial factories.

Late yesterday a small force of RAF Lancasters attacked a German ammunition dump in Holland, not far from the scene of Allied airborne landings.

Many big fires were reported in Bremen after the Mosquito raid. The overnight operations, which also included attacks on enemy air fields, were completed without loss of a single RAF plane. Two Nazi fighters were shot down.

Yesterday thousands of Allied aircraft hunted out the German air force and hunted out the German air force and hunted out the German air force and hunted out the German air force.

Details of the landing operation and its progress remained classified in secrecy.

Japs Have Almost Split China With Drive in Interior

Chungking, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The Japanese today have only a 110-mile gap to close to achieve their objective of splitting China in half.

The gap lies 70 miles east of Kweilin, where the Americans have destroyed their tortuously built air bases.

The high command announced, however, that the Chinese have recaptured the important Burma road base of Lanchow. The Yunnanese were withdrawing to a town 15 miles southwest.

When the 110-mile gap is closed, the Japanese will have a line—no matter how vulnerable—stretching from Manchuria to the South China Sea.

Sweden Prodded About Relations With Nazi Regime

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today an exchange has been going on for some time with Sweden on her position with regard to Germany, and that the United States is giving close attention to the matter.

His assertion was in response to a news conference question about published reports that this government, Britain and Russia had sent notes to Sweden asking that neutral to review her relations with Germany.

SENATORS OPPOSE INSURANCE CONTROL

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved by a vote of 11 to 6 the bill to exempt the insurance business from the Federal anti-trust laws.

There were indications, however, that the bill would not be called up on the Senate floor until after the election recess that may begin late this week.

Reds Preparing Assault On All German Centers

Moscow, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The mounting Russian offensive in the region of Jelgava 25 miles southwest of the Latvian capital of Riga, has smothered violent German counter attacks, marked by ruthless use of large numbers of Nazi tanks and self-propelled guns, front dispatches said today.

Berlin broadcasts declared the Russians had advanced to within 14 miles of Riga in a three-day offensive. The drive was aimed at crushing the German armies in Latvia and Estonia, estimated at 200,000 men.

Moscow reports said the Red army was building up the last preparations for the coming assault on every Nazi-held position on the eastern front.

The Soviet sponsored Free Germany committee, in a broadcast recorded by Federal monitors, called upon German troops in Estonia and Latvia to lay down their arms or turn them

against Nazi SS units who might attempt to force them to continue the battle.

The Russian war bulletin did not mention the battle for Viasna, where Polish and Red army troops were last reported probing for bridgeheads across the Vistula river.

General Bor's communiqué said its radio units in Warsaw had been receiving supplies from Soviet planes since September 13.

Capture of more localities in the drive on Transylvania was disclosed by the Soviet communiqué. Heavy air attacks on key rail points accompanied the Red army's drive on Hungary.

Although Germany's defeat is in sight, the Communist party newspaper Pravda declared in an editorial that the Red army must be reinforced with more and more reserves to win ultimate and complete victory.

ATLANTIC CITY PIER AFTER HURRICANE PASSED



THIS VIEW OF THE WRECKED Heinz Ocean Pier and part of the shattered boardwalk at Atlantic City, N. J., was taken after the hurricane had struck the summer resort and furiously destroyed property and utilities. All along the eastern seaboard, the gale is said to have caused damage estimated at \$30,000,000. (International)