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Congress Is Ready To Adjourn After Doing Postwar Job

Preparations For Reconversion Are Virtually Finished

Washington, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Congress claimed victory today in its race against time to prepare for the collapse of Germany, polishing off the last of four major pieces of legislation marking out the road to peace.

Leaders said the law-makers probably will recess late this week and return home until after the November election.

Chairman George of the Senate postwar committee said "we have done everything we can now to prepare for the collapse of Germany," and added "we have drawn a general program for the release of wartime economic controls and a return to our free enterprise system and the American way of life. We shall supplement and improve this program to meet developments, and as additional facts are clear to us."

House action today on a bill creating an overall reconversion program, most of which has been whipped into shape since Allied troops began storming across France.

This program embraces:

1. Creation of an office of war mobilization and reconversion.
2. Machinery for the disposal of \$10 billion of war-accumulated government property under the supervision of a three-member board.
3. A system of terminating war contracts.

The GI Bill of Rights, providing benefits for war veterans.

Calls For Relief To Keep Factories Active Long Time

Montreal, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Reports presented to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration conference here indicate the long relief demands of Europe will keep factories in the United States, Britain and Canada busy for at least twelve months after the collapse of Germany.

Some of the principal needs are outlined as follows:

Footwear, 78,000,000 pairs of shoes, and repair material for 18,000,000 more.

Clothing—requirements for the first six months will equal 60 percent of the woolen goods turned out by the mills of the United States, Britain and Canada, eight percent of the cotton goods, and 29 percent of the knit goods.

Food machinery—126,000 tons.

UNRRA experts say the United States, Britain and Canada must be the major sources of supply until Europe's factories are running again. But this, they point out, does not mean these three countries must foot the whole bill.

Ickes, U. M. W. Make Faces Across Road

Cincinnati, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes of the Interior demanded to know of John L. Lewis today whether you as president of the United Mine Workers of America propose to live up to your role of abiding by your contract, and the U. M. W. convention, in reply, Ickes' remarks "an insult to every mine worker in the nation."

Expressing resentment at the insult, the convention said "we have an unbroken record of 54 years of meticulous observance and punctilious regard for the sanctity of contracts. Your statement that the mine workers could produce more coal is based on absolute ignorance of mining practice, and is a display of personal malice unbecoming a cabinet officer. May we inquire whether that statement was cleared through Sidney?"

Legion Asks Universal Training And Big Navy

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The American Legion today urged immediate enactment of a universal military training law. A resolution adopted at the organization's annual convention suggested that Congress approve legislation providing that every qualified young American should receive twelve months of army or navy training, "at an age least apt to disrupt his normal education and business life."

It recommended that such a statute become effective when the selective service act expires, and that the

Inside Information



SITTING at a table in Metz, France, Warrant Officer Frank F. Doughy, Royal Oaks, Michigan, looks over some of the abundant Nazi propaganda that was being led to Russian captives attending an officers' school in that city. (International)

45-Ft. Peak Is Expected In Roanoke

Weldon Flood Not To Reach Peaks of That Hit in 1940

Weldon, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The Roanoke river, already 14 feet above flood stage, is expected to reach 15 feet or more at Weldon by Thursday night, weather officials said.

Residents of low lying areas along the river, which is swollen by heavy rains of the past two days, were warned again today to take every precaution and to be prepared to evacuate to high or ground, if necessary.

A report issued by the Virginia Highway Department this morning said that U. S. Highway 601 at South Boston, Va., will be closed about six or seven o'clock this evening. Also U. S. Highway 15 at Clarksville and U. S. 1 between Nottoway and South Hill are expected to be closed at nine or 10 o'clock tonight.

Officials of the Southern Railway in Raleigh said their trains were still out between Greensboro and Charlottesville and that they were operating on detour routes.

Present indications led to a belief that the record 53-foot mark reached in the disastrous flood of 1930 would not be repeated this year.

CREST IN JAMES RIVER AT RICHMOND LIKELY TONIGHT

Richmond, Va., Sept. 20.—(AP)—A 26-foot flood on the James river, one of the worst in years, was expected to reach Richmond tonight.

Danville reported today there was no damage to property in that city from the flood on the Dan river and that the river was falling after reaching a 12-foot crest.

The crest at Richmond was expected at about 9 p. m. Weather Bureau officials said a previous prediction of a crest of 27 feet was probably a little high, because the waters are flattening out somewhat after the peak level had passed Columbia.

program of military instruction be integrated with the academic education of the young men. The delegates also called for American retention of control of such army and navy bases as may be deemed necessary for national security. The convention declared the Navy "should be maintained in strength to meet successfully any probable combination of hostile fleets," and opposed the "loss of control to other nations or the scrapping of any of our first line ships."

NEW REICH INVASION IS NEAR

Germans Falling Back In Baltic

Fall Of Riga Is Expected Any Moment

3,000 Communities Swept Up by Reds Past Three Days

Moscow, Sept. 20.—(AP)—A massive Baltic drive, first phase of a supreme Russian autumn offensive, rolled the Germans back steadily today over the Latvian front, immediately menacing Riga and threatening to bring its fall at any moment.

Front dispatches said advanced tank and motorized infantry units had pushed deep into the city's defenses. The official communique announced an approach to within six miles as the Red army edged in from three sides and brought artillery to bear.

In four days the Russian Baltic armies have captured nearly 3,000 communities in their smashing attack, which promises to clear all the Germans shortly from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and pave the way for the remaining steps of the autumn offensive, expected to be bigger than anything to date.

The drive with which the Red army is attacking on the Baltic front seems indicative of the war Marshal Stalin's forces finally will tear into the Nazis in every sector. The present northern campaign appears aimed at driving out, killing or capturing the last German in the Baltic regions before the first snow.

The heaviest Russian attack in Latvia occurred southeast of Riga, with forces smashing forward 25 miles on a 70-mile front, sending the Germans reeling back into the Latvian capital.

The closest approach to Riga actually disclosed came with capture of Kocava, six miles south of the city. A Soviet communique said the Germans there had been ordered "not to retreat a single step," but they lost more than 3,000 men. In five days of the drive from the Germans have lost 570 tanks and 300 planes.

On the Estonia-Latvia frontier, the third Baltic army captured 60 to 80 miles east of the Gulf of Riga, in a drive that threatened to divide the German armies in Estonia from those to the south. The Germans attempted a counter-attack below Riga, but the Soviet communique said the attack was repulsed.

U. S. Troops Break Gothic Line 6 Miles

Rome, Sept. 20.—(AP)—American troops have breached the Gothic line on a front of six miles north of Florence and struck within three miles of the important road center of Falerone, headquarters announced today.

Storming deep mountain slopes, American troops penetrated well into the heart of the Gothic defenses, 22 miles northeast of Florence. Front line dispatches to the United States Army newspaper Stars and Stripes said the gains through the mountains cost us an uncomfortable number of losses.

The official announcement said that, although no large scale breakthrough is apparent, the fifth army penetrated against defenses which are stronger than any yet encountered in Italy.

On the east coast units of the British eighth army battered to within rifle range of Rimini, gateway to the Po valley. On the flank of the Americans, Brazilian, South African and British infantry also scaled mountain strongholds and came to grips with the enemy at close quarters.

"The capture of the most important hill features within the past 48 hours threatens the whole enemy position," it was commented officially at this army headquarters.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy to cloudy and moderately warm, with scattered showers and afternoon thunderstorms today and Thursday. Tonight clear to partly cloudy and mild.

AS AIRBORNE FIGHTERS SET OUT FOR HOLLAND



SECONDS BEFORE THEIR TAKE-OFF for the new front in Holland, these Allied officers and men were pictured in their C-47 transport plane on an airfield in England. Trained and confident, equipped with all the tools of war, they present a grim reminder to the Nazis that we can hit at will through the sky. Carried in more than a thousand transport and gliders, the initial forces of Gen. Brenton's airborne army seized positions menacing the northern flank of the Siegfried Line. Later reports had them heavily reinforced by air and moving to attack. U. S. Army Air Forces Radiophoto. (International Southphoto)

Nazi Supply Line To West Is Hammered

London, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Continuing their campaign to smash the principal railway centers feeding German forces defending the Reich's western frontier, RAF heavy bombers last night hammered the main lines of Cologne-Gladbach and Rhodt, just behind the Siegfried line north of the Aachen battlefield.

Two important railway lines, one coming from Aachen and the other from Cologne, met at Rhodt before running into Muenchen-Gladbach, two miles away. These they connect with the main route.

The six-minute described the raid as concentrated and said large fires were started. Five planes were lost.

There were indications the offensive was being continued in daylight today. The German radio warning service, reported shortly after 6 a. m. that Allied raiders were over Bavaria.

Seven German communications centers were pounded yesterday by almost 2,000 Allied planes, including 700 Flying Fortresses. Ten heavy bombers and nine fighters were lost in these raids.

Crete Blockaded To Avert Escape Of Nazis There

Rome, Sept. 20.—(AP)—A strong Allied blockade has been thrown around Crete to prevent escape of the German garrison and enemy forces there, it was being subjected to a succession of sea and air attacks, an official announcement said today.

Carrier-based planes from an Allied naval task force operating in the Aegean destroyed eleven German motor vehicles, damaged many more, and wrecked a Nazi plane on the ground, in an attack on Crete three days ago. The next day planes knocked out at least 25 more vehicles.

Germans Concede Soviet Crossings Of Vistula River

London, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The German communique acknowledged today that Russian troops had crossed the wide Vistula river at Warsaw, but insisted that Red troops on the west bank were "cut off."

"At Warsaw, the enemy, under cover of fog screens, attempted to cross the Vistula river at several places," the communique said. "The attempts were failed and several fighting groups which had reached the western banks were cut off. Northeast of the town repeated Soviet attacks collapsed in German fire."

The Vistula is swift and 400 to 600 yards wide at Warsaw. The Red army has a bridgehead thirty miles south, but Moscow has said nothing of a crossing to the north.

New American Raid Upon Vital Islands Recorded By Japan

Struggle Toward Philippines Roars Into New Violence

New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)

The Tokyo radio announced today that about 200 American bombers and fighters had attacked Horor island in the central Palau again yesterday and declared 50 Liberators had reached Chuik in the Bonin Islands, 500 miles south of Tokyo.

Yesterday Tokyo announced that Horor had been attacked by about 100 carrier-borne planes on Monday.

RAIDERS FOR PHILIPPINES MOVES INTO NEW PHASE

Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The first big raid on the Philippines since the late invasion of Morota and the Palau, indicated today the "battle of the approaches" has roared into a new phase on the south.

To the east, one of two invasions in the Palau virtually was completed, and an official report from the invasion scene placed the operation on the point of falling.

At Morota, within 200 miles of the southern Philippines, today's report implied that newly acquired air base already is throwing punches at the primary objective of General MacArthur.

In a communique last night at Pearl Harbor, Admiral Nimitz announced that 21st division troops held two-thirds of Angaur, southernmost of the Palau, and had isolated remnants of the small Japanese garrison.

On heavily defended Peleliu island, Marine captors of the prized airfield were credited in official reports with controlling most of the east coast, but found the going tough against Japanese pillboxes in the center and on the west.

Cutter Speeding Needed Supplies To Outer Banks

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 20.—(AP)—The Coast Guard cutter Pamlico, which since Saturday has been supply fresh water, medicine and food to the hurricane-stricken villages of the Cape Hatteras bank, today speeded to New Bern for additional water and food stores, coast guard officers here announced.

"Amphibious docks" are helping to bring supplies to the villages which have received assistance from the Pamlico in every emergency since the vessel was built in 1907.

Coast Guard shore units also are reported aiding the damaged villages. Moving their homes back to original sites is the major problem for residents of the banks.

No Doubt Of 1944 Peace, 'Monty' Says

Siegfried Line Is Being Outflanked Across Flat Lands

London, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Massive forces of British army and airborne troops straddled the lower Rhine in Holland five miles from Germany today, in position for a great new invasion of the Reich around the upper end of the Siegfried line.

British second army under three divisions, long cut-off well across eastern Holland in 48 hours. It merged with parachute-glitter soldiers dropped near Maastricht on the Rhine. The British were apparently battling to link with still other sky troops ten miles farther north on the upper branch of the river near Arnhem.

The Siegfried line was being outflanked. The path was opening for an offensive across the flat lands of northern Germany. Nazis in southern Holland were menaced with entrapment.

Americans struck fierce German resistance in the invasion of Germany in their offensive in the Nancy-Metz line and toward the Belgian line farther south. Big doughboy columns had thrust 20 miles beyond Nancy toward Strasbourg.

With the big supply port of Brest on Brittany peninsula in United States hands, Canadians battled into the channel port of Boulogne. An unconfirmed Alger dispatch said the Boulogne garrison had surrendered.

Allied war planes battered at a German rush of reinforcements into the Netherlands and other points along the front.

With the British push under way, Field Marshal Montgomery, in overall command of ground armies on the northern front, declared there was "no doubt" the war against Hitler would end this year.

The British drive enveloped Eindhoven, and stabbed on 45 miles farther north, joining men of the first Allied airborne army at or near Nijmegen.

German resistance tightened considerably. Heinrich Himmler was reported to have visited German units in Holland, urging stiffest resistance, but the two Allied armies were steadily enlarging their areas.

Germans acknowledged a retreat across the Schelde. Perhaps the greatest stealing of Nazi resistance was along the west wall defenses from north of Aachen to Trier. The United States first army was on or across the Reich frontier almost everywhere along an 80-mile front.

German civilians were defying Hitler orders to evacuate the Rhineland.

U. S. And Britain Soon To Recognize De Gaulle Regime

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources indicated today that the United States and Britain soon may recognize the national committee of General Charles De Gaulle as a provisional government.

General De Gaulle now calls his government of France, but it is unlikely that Britain and this country will go beyond provisional recognition until elections can be held in France and a regular government established.

Americans Hold All of Brest Now; Nazis Rewarded

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Steel town Brest, France's fourth port, was held by Americans today after a bitter six weeks siege, and now it is to be converted into a great new base for supplies to the German invasion front 500 miles to the east.

"All organized resistance" by the strong, stubborn garrison that had pledged Hitler to hold out to death ceased last night, supreme headquarters said.

A German broadcast that Hitler had awarded one of the highest German decorations to the German commander at Brest, indicating the value the German high command placed on his stand, delaying by weeks the Allied seizure of the port.

NEAR HALF MILLION GERMANS CAPTURED

London, Sept. 20.—(AP)—More than 463,336 German prisoners have been captured since the landing in France June 6. This total does not include the thousands bagged at Brest or at Cotentin-Boulogne.

Possibly 12,000 may be added to the total by the final count of the Brest garrison.

Finns Start Long Climb Toward A New Existence

London, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Strip of her richest industrial territory and burdened with heavy cash reparations as the price of peace, Finland was dedicated today to building up a new national existence with the opportunities left to her.

Of immediate concern was the probably bloody task of removing German troops remaining in the country—one of the conditions imposed in the 23-point armistice agreement reached in Moscow yesterday with Soviet Russia and Great Britain.

"It is a serious matter that we have to disarm German troops in Finland and hand them over to the Allies," said Acting Prime Minister Von Born in broadcasting details of the armistice to the Finnish people, "and this, although we have to prepare hastily for the Finnish army to return to a peacetime footing."

An appendix to the agreement published today said withdrawal of Finnish troops behind the new state frontier and advance of the Russians up to it would begin at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

The London Times, declaring the Finns "have obtained conditions much less onerous than those offered in March of this year," said that through Moscow's successive arrangements with Romania, Bulgaria and Finland, any "suspicion of a plot designed to bring the chaos of eastern Europe under Russian sway is exposed as lacking foundation."

Stockholm reports yesterday said Finnish troops had moved against Nazi forces in northern Finland. Von Born said the south as far as Oulu already was clear. The Germans, if they desire, can withdraw into northern Norway.