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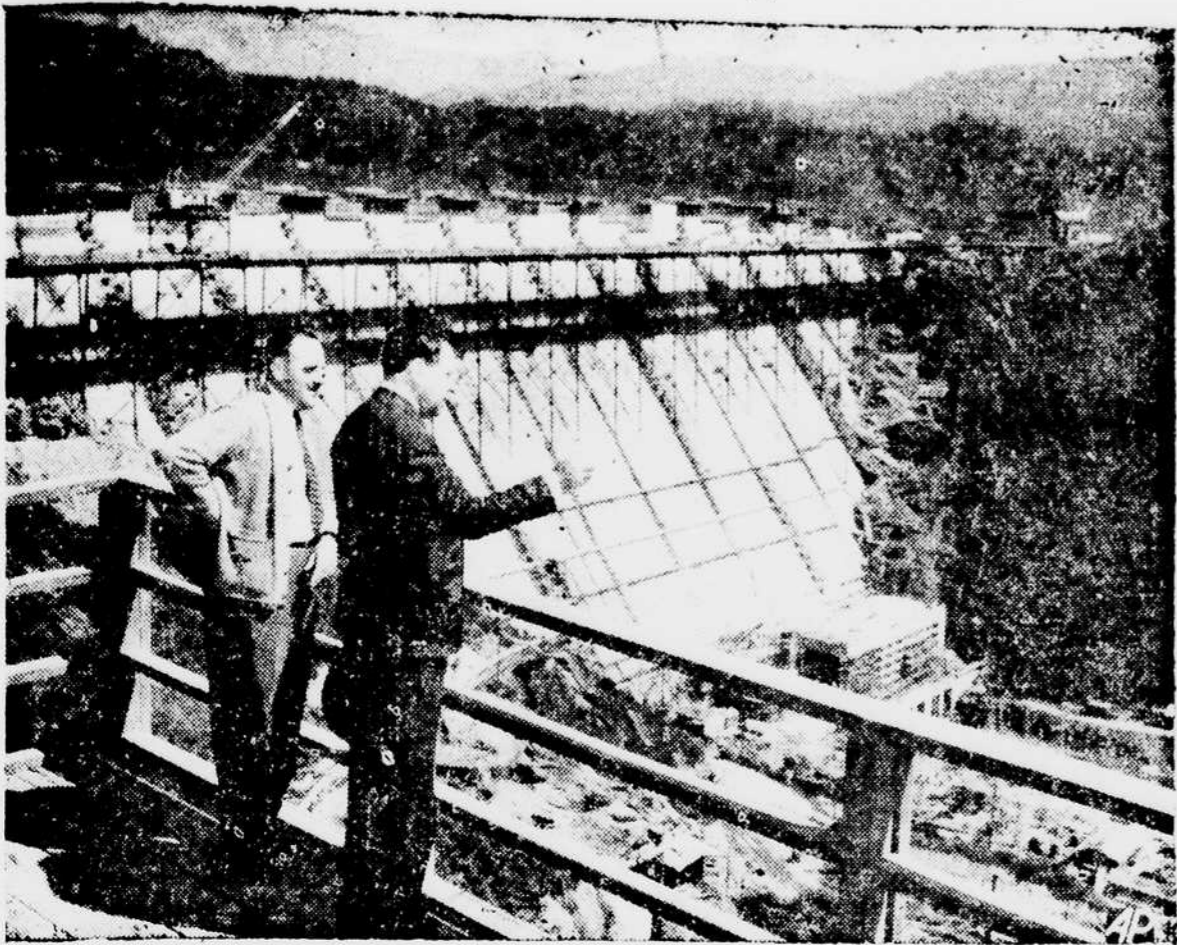
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TVA's Fontana Dam Nearing Completion



The Tennessee Valley Authority's great Fontana dam is nearing completion on the Little Tennessee river near Robbinsville, N. C., and Gov. J. Melville Brantley (right), of North Carolina, looks it over under the guidance of Project Manager Fred C. Schlemmer (left). The dam is said to be the highest structure of its kind in the eastern United States.

Senate Unanimously Adopts Press Bill; Ready To Adjourn

Peace Measures Already Passed; To Begin Recess

Washington, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Senate adopted unanimously today and sent to the House a resolution calling upon the United States to assume leadership in espousing the worldwide right of a free interchange of news.

The chamber acted without a word of debate, immediately after Chairman Connally called it up for passage following earlier approval by a subcommittee. Connally told his colleagues the proposal grew out of the introduction of the news freedom resolution by Senator Taft and which he had drafted himself.

The text of the resolution, which the Congress of the United States expresses its belief in the worldwide right of interchange of news, whether individual or associated, by any means without discrimination as to sources or distribution, rates or charges; and that this right should be protected by international compact.

CONGRESS READY TO QUIT FOR OVER THE ELECTION

Washington, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Congress, hearing the call of the campaign, made ready to quit about 9:30 p.m. today.

With major postwar legislation out of the way, its members aimed last night, blasts of vote-getting oratory at the Congressional Record.

A recess resolution, freeing the lawmakers from legislative tasks until the middle of November, awaited approval by members of both houses regarded merely as a formality. Action was completed yesterday on the last of four major bills preparing for a sudden collapse of Germany when the House sent to President Roosevelt "State's right" legislation drawing the outline for demobilization and reconversion.

Allied Planes Pound Calais And Interior

London, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Waves of Allied planes crossed the channel today and the German radio said bombers were again over western Germany.

Smoke still rolled up from the port of Calais, German-held strong point opposite Dover, which is marked for the same demolition treatment as Brest unless it surrenders quickly.

RAF heavy bombers yesterday pounded French coastal town with upward of 4,500 tons of bombs in a two and a half hour attack. Ten

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Russian Papers Accuse Finns Of Helping Germans

Moscow, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Two leading Soviet newspapers charged today that Finnish authorities broke their promise to disarm all German forces in Finland on September 15 and turn them over to the Red army high command.

Heavy Sales Near Ceiling In Middle-Belt

Durham, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Heavy sales, in contrast to opening day on the eastern belt, were reported on the Middle Belt tobacco markets today as unofficial averages ranged around the 43 1-2 cent weighted average ceiling.

Durham had about 700,000 pounds on its floors, and quality was described as poor to good. Henderson had about 1,000,000 pounds, with similar quality, and Oxford had about 600,000 pounds. Durham averaged from 40 to 46 cents.

Supervisor John L. Hazlehurst at Henderson said the average would be about the ceiling. Prices there ranged from 37 to 46 cents generally. Quality was better than average. Oxford reported the quality the best in years for opening day.

About 200,000 pounds were on Louisburg floors, with the first 22 piles of 3,108 pounds, bringing \$1,369,000 for an average of \$44.05. Common hogs brought from 33 to 41 cents. Contrary to past years, there was little excitement throughout the belt. For the consensus had been that prices would be at ceiling levels. All markets were operating on a limited basis, with full operations scheduled to begin Monday.

Airborne Troops May Soften Nazis, Stimson Believes

Washington, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today the first airborne army, by hopping "barriers of coastal forts, flooded lands and difficult canals," had brought the Allies to a point where Siegfried line defenses may be found less formidable.

"Fifty airborne operations," he told a news conference, "again supported the hopes of all of us who have been interested in developing this means of offensive warfare. It achieved tactical surprise."

Price Range Felt Satisfactory For Growers Selling

Prices averaged at or near the 43 1-2 cent ceiling when the 1941 tobacco auction selling season opened in Henderson, as in all other Middle Belt markets, according to John L. Hazlehurst, sales supervisor, who estimated the day's offerings at close to one million pounds.

Tobacco offered for sale was reported to be better than ordinary quality for an opening, and bidding was brisk throughout the day's operations.

The season began with one set of buyers and with selling time of seven hours, and with four sales during the day. This arrangement will continue Friday also, but on Monday there will be two sets of buyers, each with three and one-half hours of selling, and that will be the schedule for the remainder of the season.

On account of government-imposed ceilings, based on the part of growers and mediation of trends to center around the ceiling in prices, the total volume and interest was somewhat diminished, although sales in all warehouses were attended by large crowds, both of growers and of business people.

The range of prices on early sales

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and moderately warm with scattered thunder-showers in west and central portions tonight; Friday partly cloudy and not quite so warm; scattered thundershowers along the coast.

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Washington Greatly Alarmed By Present Status Of China

Washington, Sept. 21.—(AP)—China's future role in the war against Japan is a subject of increasing concern for military and diplomatic officials here.

The big question is whether the American drive across the central Pacific—even though it is months ahead of schedule—can open a supply route to Free China while it is still free and still organized for effective resistance to Japan.

For this reason, Pacific strategists are paying closest attention to the speed of the Allied drive into Germany. A long delayed victory in Europe, which would set back the day of full concentration against Japan, could gravely jeopardize China's position as one of the big four United Nations. This is of primary concern

German Ruhr Valley In Peril By Allied Drive In Holland; Reds Racing To Baltic Port

Escape Port Of Tallinn Is Objective

Gain 37 Miles in Four Days, Wiping Out Nazi Defense

Moscow, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Red army veterans of Leningrad, having destroyed the northern anchorage of the German Baltic line in a sweep across Estonia, raced forward today in a drive for the enemy escape port of Tallinn.

One wing of the forces thrusting westward from Narva has captured Ristla, less than 65 miles east of Tallinn, a Russian war bulletin disclosed last night, and presumably was even closer today. A second wing was opening north from Tartu. London estimated this force was less than fifty miles from Tallinn on the southeast.

Moscow's guns thundered a salute to these troops for their four days gain ranging from 37 to 44 miles, wiping out formidable German defenses between Timus and the Finnish gulf.

Seeking to trap or annihilate any German troops from Finland who may reach Estonia, the Red army turned the enemy flank and sent troops reaching through the center of the little northern country like a tidal wave.

Meanwhile, on the approaches to the Latvian port of Riga, Soviet columns captured an additional 100 settlements from a fanatically resisting foe, and again hurled back tank and infantry attacks aimed at the communications base of Jelgava.

The Red army was officially silent on the battle for Warsaw and the drive from Transylvania toward the plains of Hungary.

U. S. War Losses Are Over 400,000, Reports Indicate

Washington, Sept. 21.—(AP)—War casualties of the United States armed forces now exceed 400,000.

Secretary of War Stimson said today that army casualties reported through August 29 were 337,743. The latest navy casualty list totals 63,917.

The new army figure was an increase of 10,127 over that announced a week ago, but only about half the rate of increase in recent weeks. The drop apparently reflected a comparative lull in fighting between the breakthrough from the Normandy and Brittany areas and the resumption of heavy fighting as Allied forces neared the German border.

Army casualties, together with figures for the previous week, follow: Killed, 64,469 and 62,257; wounded, 177,235 and 172,042; prisoners, 48,723 and 48,181; missing 47,315 and 45,026.

Navy casualties: Killed, 25,152 and 24,150; wounded, 23,867 and 23,064; missing, 3,532 and 9,529; prisoners, 1,466, unchanged from previous weeks.

GIs TAKE MAGINOT LINE TROLLEY



ABOARD AN UNDERGROUND trolley used by the Germans for inter-territory transportation on the Maginot line, this bunch of victorious Yanks gets a real thrill. It's something like a midget subway and something like a Coney Island ride—but this time it's a Victory ride on the far-famed Maginot. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Way Opened To Rescue Of Air Troops

Trapped Soldiers Mostly Americans; Long Bridge Taken

London, Sept. 21.—(AP)—British tank troops and Allied sky soldiers have captured intact the mile and a half long Nijmegen bridge in a raging 24-hour battle in Holland. They thus broke open the path to the relief of a pocket of airborne troops locked today in a grim fight for life near Arnhem, eight miles to the north.

The German counter attack by land and bombing from the air were a desperate attempt to save their river defense line, but some of the western front's hottest fighting has set the seal of doom on perhaps 100,000 enemy troops caught in western Holland.

The whole stake of the German Ruhr valley and the safety of their entire northern flank was turning on the outcome of this first victory, and the unfolding of a second battle about to take place for control of the crossings of the northern branch of the Dutch Rhine at Arnhem.

As Lt. Gen. Dempsey's armor raced across the Waal, largest branch of the Dutch Rhine, toward the north, units of Lt. Gen. Breister's first Allied airborne army, believed to be Americans, apparently were hanging on grimly to positions astride the downstream of the Ruhr.

The Germans declared the entire first British airborne division was "largely wiped out" in the Arnhem area, but it was believed Americans were holding tenaciously to positions on both sides of the northern branch, and were possibly holding at least one crossing.

The Nijmegen bridge was taken last night, and "early this morning elements of armor were north of the river, across it, and our troops are now in a position to speed up their drive on Arnhem."

The Germans were reported attacking the airborne island troops with reinforced assault forces, and were reported pushing reserves into the recesses of the huge forest just south of the Siegfried anchor of Lieves, in a desperate effort to block the gap route into Germany's northern plains.

Piercing of this gateway would open the path to Essen, 55 miles south at Nijmegen, and the industrial Ruhr, which Hitler sorely needs to wage war.

The frustrated effort of the Germans to chisel their way through from the west was almost their last hope of a breakthrough from which rapidly was becoming a death trap in western Holland. It was believed no usable bridges existed across the Rhine for their escape below Nijmegen and such tactics as were in operation were subject to bombing. If they succeeded in crossing the Rhine, the Allies at Arnhem, since a junction is made there, would have to advance only 24 miles to close the trap.

The Nijmegen headquarters report said rain prevented the close air support which has materially assisted advances during the past few days. To meet the threatened American breakthrough toward Bologna the enemy continued to shift troops into the center of the Gothic line from the west coast sector.

Property Damage For Outer Banks Put at \$185,000

Elizabeth City, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Property damage in last week's tropical storm in the region between Elizabeth City and Hatteras was total \$185,000, according to joint estimates of insurance adjusters, with approximately 95 percent insurance coverage. Seven villages below Oregon Inlet, including Rodanthe and Avon, suffered damages totaling \$135,000, with 92 percent insurance coverage.

Ramoth Island losses do not include damage to the Lost Colony theatre, unused since the suspension of the drama in 1941, which had suffered already from deterioration and suffered extensive damage to its plant by the storm. Tides reached an unprecedented height, washing across the stage and demolishing the house in which stage sets were stored. Costumes suffered from water damage when the roof of the store room was laid open by wind.

Huge Losses Suffered By Jap Forces

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 21.—(AP)—American invasion of the Paulus has cost the Japanese the small island of Angau, most of Peleliu, and 7,645 lives, but Admiral Nimitz reported last night that "enemy resistance is bitter" on rocky Peleliu.

The Nimitz communiqué spoke of "slow progress being made" in the heavy fighting by the first Marine division on Peleliu, where the inva-

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Allied Gains Threaten German Lines In Italy

Most Of Nazi Armor Before U. S. 3rd Army

Alace Lorraine, France, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler has thrown in a large portion of his armored forces against the United States third army, and for three days this armored force has been engaged in the greatest single tank battle since the landing in France.

The battle has seen the destruction of 105 Nazi tanks.

Much of the mobile forces at the disposal of the German army has been thrown recklessly into battle. Many of the destroyed Tiger tanks during the battle were just had their numbers painted on them in the factory.

It is the first time the Germans have committed their armor in this strength since the fighting at

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off from outside supplies, except the handful down in. During this period of blockade the Chungking government has lost close relationship with the people and their local and regional leaders.

Economic difficulties, inflation and shortages have made the lot of the people increasingly miserable. The army fights without even a minimum of necessary arms. They are, in many instances, poorly led. Recent emissaries from Washington to Chungking have done what they could to encourage Chinese leaders, but it is felt here that the only real encouragement will be to prove beyond doubt that the long awaited supplies are really on the way.

Such proof at the moment could come only in the defeat of Germany and the consequent transfer of forces to the Pacific.