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AMERICANS CRASH INTO PASSES TO RHINE

Glass Group Opposes Any Wage Boost

Claims Pay Has Doubled Without Price Increases

Washington, Sept. 30—(AP)—The glass industry argued today for maintenance of present wage ceilings. Meanwhile, the conviction spread among members of President Roosevelt's labor advisory committee that wage controls will not be relaxed before the November election.

Essential revision of elimination of the little steel wage formula was accepted by the president at a conference with his committee of AFL and CIO leaders yesterday. It was reported, but the chief executive gave no indication of when.

Mr. Roosevelt reportedly discussed the political implications involved in the matter before the November election but what he said was not officially announced.

Some of the conferees said the president apparently is considering the idea of waiting until shortly before reductions in war output are ordered. Under this plan, it was said, he would authorize base rate increases to compensate for some of the losses in earnings resulting from a shortened work week.

Leland Hazard, spokesman for the glass industry, said in a statement prepared for presentation to the War Labor Board today that spending power in the hands of workers is "at least five times greater than it was July 16, 1942, when the little steel formula was announced, and more than twice what it was April 8, 1943, when the president issued his 'hold the line' executive order."

The little glass industry, with 18,000 workers, has had no increase in prices since 1943, said Hazard, "while labor rates have jumped almost 100 percent and take-home pay has increased 40 percent since January, 1943."

The little steel formula forbids general wage increases beyond fifteen percent above levels of January 1, 1941.

Mine Supervisor Union Withdraws Its Strike Vote

Washington, Sept. 30—(AP)—The United Mine Workers' supervisors union withdrew today a request that the National Labor Relations Board take strike votes next week at 35 coal mines in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Alabama.

The mines include those whose operators had asked the Federal district court here earlier this week to restrain NLRB from taking the vote.

The request for withdrawal of the strike notices was made by John McAlpine, Pittsburgh, president of the United Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Employees, affiliate of the mine workers' district 50.

The War Labor Board panel is seeking now to establish procedures for hearing disputed wages, hours and working conditions.

McAlpine pledged cooperation with WLB in dealing with these matters.

Ruhr, Rhine Valley Areas Are Bombed

London, Sept. 30—(AP)—Rail centers, ordnance depots and communications centers in the Ruhr and Rhine valleys were hammered today for the fifth successive day when between 750 and 1,000 Liberators and Flying Fortresses ranged over Munster, Hamm and Bielefeld in western Germany.

Bad weather failed to stem the night of the Allied attack from the air as eighth air force Lightnings, Mustangs and Thunderbolts led the bombardiers in through weather so heavy the bombardiers were forced to work by instruments, except over Bielefeld.

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THE WIRES HAD TO GET THROUGH



DETERMINED to string this vital communication line over the Moselle River, France, (three previous attempts had failed) these U. S. signalmen decide to swim the line across farther downstream. As their buddies feed the line to them, the men start the tough pull to the opposite shore. U. S. Signal Corps photo.

Nelson Quits Post As WPB Chairman To Take New Duties

New Guinea Bob



The barber in a primitive beauty parlor set up in Hollandia, New Guinea, by WACs serving with Lieut. Gen. Kenney's air forces, is Sgt. Marie Vogel, Seymour, Ind. Getting the South Pacific bob is Sgt. Dorothy Green, Salt Lake City, Utah. (International)

Industrials Lead Stocks

New York, Sept. 30—(AP)—Rails, aircrafts, farm implements and other scattered industrials continued to make a fair showing in today's brief stock market, although many leaders lacked rising steam.

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and mild to night, Sunday fair with moderate temperatures.

New Connection Is Not Revealed; Krug to Head WPB

Washington, Sept. 30—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the resignation of Donald M. Nelson as chairman of the War Production Board and said he was counting on Nelson remaining in the government "in a high post of major importance."

The president named Julius A. Krug as Nelson's successor, but did not immediately disclose the post he had in mind for Nelson. Krug has been serving as acting WPB chairman.

White House Secretary Stephen Early said the president will be ready in the near future to announce Nelson's assignment.

Reading from an exchange of correspondence, Early told reporters, Nelson had sent in his letter of resignation yesterday, to take effect immediately.

Nelson said that he and Major General Patrick Hurley had carried out the first phase of the work assigned to them by the president in China, and that he had returned to make certain essential arrangements for completing his part of the mission.

The main purpose of his letter, Nelson said, was to tender his resignation. He added he had contemplated this action since war production had successfully met its crucial task in the invasion of Europe.

Press To Further Reader Interests In State Papers

Raleigh, Sept. 30—(AP)—A special committee of the North Carolina Press Association formulated plans last night for the development of reader interest among students in Tar Heel publications.

Under the guidance of Chairman Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Herald, the committee proposed to lay before the association's executive committee at a meeting in Chapel Hill next Saturday a complete program of procedure for promoting community cooperation on the part of every newspaper in the State which is affiliated with the press association.

The committee was appointed by Dr. Julian S. Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer. Also on it are Roy Parker, University of North Carolina School of Journalism; Tom Johnson, editor of the Oxford Public Ledger; Staley Cook, of the Burlington Times-News; and John A. Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times.

Russia Calls Upon Hungary To Break With Germany Now

Not Too Late Yet To Save Country; Crack Czech Line

Moscow, Sept. 30—(AP)—Russia opened up today with a strong propaganda campaign urging Hungary to surrender as Red army troops tightened a pincers offensive against Hitler's last big Balkan vassal state.

Leaflets dropped over the Hungarian lines encouraged the enemy troops to capitulate. The leaflets declared the Romanians were well received when they threw down their arms. Broadcasts informed the Hungarian people it was not too late to desert Hitler and save themselves.

The Russian offensive against Hungary has cracked a 90-mile stretch of frontier fortifications along the Czech-Polish border, and is sweeping west through northern Transylvania. General Petrow's combined Russian-Czechoslovak forces, driving a wedge into every important Rumanian post, extended their grip on prewar Czechoslovakia's frontier to 160 miles.

Marshal Malinovsky scored a major success in the eastern Carpathians by capturing the Transylvanian city of Traguz and crushing the Mures river line at a point within fifty miles east of Cluj, the Hungarian-annexed Transylvanian capital.

Operations of Red army forces on the Hungarian plain from western Rumania were not mentioned officially.

(A Bucharest broadcast said the Russians had broken into Orden, a strategic rail city controlling one of the main Nazi escape routes in Transylvania. It is only six miles from the prewar Hungarian frontier.)

(Berlin reports implied that Red army troops temporarily had crushed into Szeged, Hungary's second city, 56 miles southeast of Budapest.)

In the north the battle for the Latvian port of Riga grew in fury. The Germans were knocked out of 30 additional settlements, but enemy resistance actually stiffened.

An official announcement last night said that Marshal Gouzenko's clearing of the Eastern front had cost the Germans over 30,000 killed and 15,745 prisoners between September 17 and 26.

Russia Using Naval Base On U. S. Soil

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 30—(AP)—Operation by the Soviet government of a naval base on American soil and its use as a rendezvous port for resupplyment of cargoes and return of Russian armed vessels was reported tonight in a copyrighted article in the Post-Intelligencer.

The article, by Mel Meadows, a staff reporter, said the revelation that Russian armed vessels were being based at and operated out of "an American port" under Russian command, was made to the paper by Representative Magnuson, Washington Democrat.

Magnuson, ranking Pacific coast member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, was quoted as saying tonight that he had learned "only recently" of Russian operations in the American port, although they had been conducted secretly for the last 15 months.

"Direct inquiry," the congressman was quoted as saying, "by Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal confirmed information reaching me that the Soviet base is being operated by the Russian government under terms of the lend-lease agreement."

The base, the article said, has made available to the Soviet government for the past fifteen months a harbor several miles long and nearly a mile wide.

Russian merchant ships under the command of the Soviet navy, have been transshipping cargoes and using the base as a calling station, the article reported.

LAGUARDIA DUE IN ROME TO TAKE OVER

London, Sept. 30—(AP)—The Rome radio said today Mayor LaGuardia of New York City will arrive in Rome "shortly" to become administrator of liberated Italy. The broadcast did not give the sources of its information.

YANKS IN SOUTH HEAD FOR REICH



MOVING FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY, a column of troops of the American Seventh Army winds its way along the slippery mud of a ditch near Remiremont, in pursuit of Nazis retreating toward the southern end of the Siegfried Line. OWI Radiophoto.

Americans Three Strides Nearer The Philippines

Hold Nine Islands Of Palau Group; Peleli Stronger

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 30—(AP)—Taking three more strides along the stepping stones that lead westward to the Philippines, United States forces today controlled nine islands of the strategic Palau group and a new airfield.

Advanced Scouts announced last night that Koror in Gasebu with its 4,800-foot fighter strip, and an unnamed island "have been made secure."

United States forces have increased the usefulness of the excellent captured airfield of Peleli which the Japanese expended almost 8,000 men to defend. This field and other in the Peleli are little more than 500 miles east of the Philippines.

By invading the three islands, the Americans drove Japanese artillery out of range on the Peleli border field.

Added to the flying facilities of the Palau, the Americans have other bases close to the Philippines and General MacArthur's command today indicated he is making good use of them. He said planes flying from them sank or damaged 17 Japanese craft, ranging from small freighters to barges.

Bitter fighting by the Japanese to defend their Palau strongholds underscored the importance they attach to the American thrust toward the Philippines.

American Marines and soldiers had killed 8,717 Japanese on Peleli and 1,055 on nearby Angaur, a total of 9,772. Fighting has raged since September 15 and the Japanese are battling to the bitter end, some isolated pockets on Peleli.

Yadkin River Out Of Banks Because Of Heavy Rainfall

North Wilkesboro, Sept. 30—(AP)—The Yadkin river, fed by abnormal heavy rains, was out of its banks today, flooding cultivated areas in the lowlands.

It stopped raining here around 4 o'clock this morning and the threat of serious flood damage was believed averted.

Steady rainfall, including a four-hour downpour yesterday here and in the Yadkin valley, had pushed the river to its highest stage since the 1940 flood which claimed nine lives and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damages.

Heavy rains at Elkin and Winston-Salem were reported yesterday also.

113 German Tanks Are Knocked Out

Siegfried Line Is Pierced Near Prum; Dutch Climax Near

London, Sept. 30—(AP)—Seventh army troops pushed through rocket and mortar fire into the first two passes of the Vosges mountains barrier to the Rhine today, and the armor wrecking United States third army, beating back German counter blows in a hard slugging fight, knocked out at least 113 enemy tanks in two days.

In a coordinated attack farther north, the United States army cut through eight Siegfried line fortifications south of Prum, below Aachen.

The battle for Holland swept toward a climax, with the British holding their Nimegen bridge and fighting for the Arnhem crossing nine miles to the north in a series of battles.

The whole front, from the mist-shrouded Belfort gap, menaced by the seventh army, to the sudden breaches of Holland, was rain-split and almost slipped with mud.

On the coast the battle for Calais resumed shortly after noon, front line reports said, after a 24-hour truce for evacuation of 20,000 civilians from that besieged port.

The German colonel commanding at Calais was said to have declared: "I have received orders from my superior to fight to the last man and that is what I intend to do."

Also on the coast Cape Gris Nez has fallen to Canadian assaults and its cross channel batteries that have made life tough and go in Dover and Folkestone for four hard years were silenced at last.

German troops who pushed to the south end of the Dutch Rhine opposite Arnhem were shoved back across the river last night and destroyed the northern approaches to the bridge in their desperation to prevent a British crossing.

From both sides, east and west, they hurled SS troops into attacks against the thin British corridor through Nimegen. In that battle they risked at least 300 of their fighters and fighter bombers in one of the Luftwaffe's biggest days of concentrated close support since the invasion.

Poles Switch Generals To Please Stalin

London, Sept. 30—(AP)—General Sosnokokowski was ousted today as commander-in-chief of Poland's armed forces in a move to placate Russia and pave the way for resumption of friendly Polish-Soviet relations.

Poland's military leadership was transferred at the same time to the hero of the Warsaw uprising and commander of Poland's underground army, General Kowalski, until a few days ago known only as General Bor.

But was regarded in London quarters as acceptable to Moscow. His communications from within Warsaw in recent days have reported that his forces were working in close cooperation with the Red army.

The development left still unsolved the problems arising from the fact that Poland continues to have two military chiefs—Bor and General Rola-Zymierski, commander for the west, resume set up by the national liberation committee.

But today's steps may prove a prelude toward resumption of talks between Marshal Stalin and Mikolajczyk.

The necessity for haste in reaching a conclusion with Moscow is underscored by these reasons:

1. Formation under Soviet auspices of the civil government which has moved in behind the Red army to take over civil administration in liberated areas of Poland.
2. Desire of the London government in exile to utilize resources of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to help rescue its stricken people from famine and disease.
3. A belief, shared by many high Allied diplomats as well as Polish officials, that Polish-Russian difficulties must be solved now to avoid a civil war after victory over Germany.

Senator Ball Not Ready To Support Dewey Candidacy

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 30—(AP)—Senator Joseph H. Ball, Minnesota Republican, was on record today as being unwilling to campaign for Republican Presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey at this time.

Ball, a personal and close supporter of former Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen, made known his stand in a written statement given the St. Paul Pioneer Press in reply to the newspaper's question today.

"I have read the statement of Mr. Governor Dewey's acceptance and intention to enter and Ball, who has not sworn of me that his own convictions on this strategic policy issue are so strong that he would fight for a foreign policy which will offer real hope of preserving World War II against the inevitable opposition by such a policy."

"This being the case, I would violate my own deepest convictions if I were at this time to try my campaign for Governor Dewey."

"I shall, instead, devote myself to discussing the issue of foreign policy and stressing its importance to the future of America in every opportunity, trusting in the people's judgment on November 7 to make the right decision for America."

Ask Permit For New Air Service Along East Coast

Washington, Sept. 30—(AP)—Air Service through ten east coast cities to Atlantic islands, the Caribbean and South America was under study today at a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing on a postwar Latin America air operation.

Civilian Air Lines, a Montreal-New York carrier, submitted testimony in behalf of its application for twelve flights to the South. Cities which Columbia proposes to serve are New York, Atlantic City, Norfolk, Elizabeth City, New Bern and Wilmington; Myrtle Beach, Georgetown and Charleston; and Miami.

The company is requesting routes to Nassau, Bermuda, the Caribbean islands, Mexico and Central and South America, with Charleston as an apex city of its system.