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## VICTORY IN EUROPE THIS YEAR IS STILL POSSIBLE

### Success Hinges On The Allies turning Antwerp And Warsaw To Their Own Use Promptly

Washington, Oct. 19.—According to John M. Hightower of the Associated Press, the possibility of victory in Europe this year will very likely be decided by the speed with which Allied armies can turn to their own use the two great strategic keys to Hitler's fortress Germany—the Dutch port of Antwerp and Poland's devastated capital, Warsaw.

Full use of the unloading facilities of Antwerp could solve much of the western front supply problem and support a crushing thrust into the Reich over the shortest, best route, to Berlin.

Antwerp is in Allied hands but enemy guns still dominate its approaches, barring the way to shipping. Clearing those approaches is conceded by military men here to be one of the top-priority jobs on the western front.

Unless they are cleared very soon it appears highly improbable that the Allies can muster full strength against all the enemy's vulnerable points for multiple heavy blow this fall.

This would sharply limit what appears to be the grand strategy for a 1944 victory in Europe—final twin offensives by the Russians in the east and the Anglo-American-Allied forces in the west before winter closes in.

To this grand strategy many of the present operations are contributing only indirectly in that they (1) maintain pressure on the enemy, (2) continue to wear down his forces, (3) deprive him of the moral support of his satellites and (4) straighten lines, especially on the Soviet front, for the grand push.

The main trend of Russian front events and their significance in the broad picture of the war—often obscure—can now be reported on high authority as having developed in this manner:

The Russian summer campaign paralleled the Anglo-American invasion of Normandy and contributed much to its success. The campaign reached its most advanced point in the suburbs of Warsaw at the end of July. The Germans had determined to hold the city and counterattacks drove the Russians out.

Subsequently toward the middle of September the Russians made another limited try in the Warsaw area and again they suffered a setback, or as some authorities now call it, "a mild defeat". Thus they were stalled on the central front as their high command apparently had realized from the time of the July reverse, and required much reorganization and supply of forces, which presumably is still going on.

Meanwhile they undertook their cleanup campaigns in the Baltic and Balkans areas. In those it is frankly recognized by officials here that Soviet military interest in maintaining some kind of pressure on the Germans coincided with Soviet political interests, especially in the Balkans. The Balkan campaign, which has been advanced at relatively light cost, became one of opportunity as first Rumania, then Bulgaria and finally Hungary fell from the Hitler fringe like overripe apples.

These events put the emphasis on political rather than military measures and prompted many inquiries here as to whether the Russians had suddenly put aside their hope of beating Hitler this year to concentrate on establishing their power in the Balkans.

The political profit accruing to Russia from the Balkans drive is freely admitted here but there is no information to bear out the view that they have forsaken primary military objectives.

On the contrary it is expected that after adequate preparations for a grand scale assault the Allied armies on the eastern front will join with those on the west in a major, unlimited campaign to defeat Hitler this year. But to do so they must take Warsaw.

### Relief To Employers of 25 Workers or Less Should File Requests with Employment Service

Employers of 25 or less can expect some relief in employment ceilings already established by the War Manpower Commission, stated P. E. Pollock, Area Director of the War Manpower Commission.

Increase in employment ceilings can be allowed at the discretion of the Area Director for employers who have shown good faith in abiding by the Stabilization Program and keeping within the ceilings established on July 1, 1944. In addition to allowing slight increases in ceilings, the Area Director can allow the employer to disregard the restrictions of the 15% replacement.

All merchants or other employers of 25 workers or less should file their requests for additional workers needed during the months of November and December with the United States Employment Service office covering the area in which their establishments are located. Their requests will be acted upon by the Manager of the office and forwarded to the Area Director for approval.

The Area Director may allow these employers to replace workers who are habitually absent or workers released under protest if the records are substantiated.

Employers of 25 workers or less are allowed the same replacements for school teachers, students, wives of service men, Selective Service withdrawals and Veterans of World War II that employers of more than 25 workers are allowed, stated Mr. Pollock.

For further information call at your local U. S. Employment Service office on the second floor of the Citizens Bank Building.



Major General A. H. Turnage, USMC, of Farmville, N. C., commander of the Third Marine Division (left), being presented with a pillow made by the Japs from sections of the American flag of the Naval garrison on Guam prior to the Jap invasion, December, 1941. The pillow is one of two such pillows made by the Japs from a flag of the Marine and Naval garrison. It was recovered in a cave occupied by the Japanese coast artillery. Lt. Colonel Sylvester L. Stephan, USMC, of Sidney, Ohio, commander of an amphibian tractor unit which found the pillow, is making the presentation.

### Employment Service Outpost Office Here

Office Located In Old Citizens Bank Building

An office of the United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission was opened in the old Citizens Bank Building in Farmville, Monday, October 19.

The office will serve as an outpost of the Greenville office, and Mrs. Frances B. Harrell will serve as interviewer-in-charge. The office will be under the supervision of the Greenville office of which Mrs. J. B. Spillman is the new manager.

The office in Farmville will serve the employers and workers of the town and immediate vicinity. Farmville has been served on an itinerant basis for the past few years, and F. E. Brooks, interviewer in the Greenville office, has made daily trips to Farmville during the past two years during the months of September thru January for the purpose of serving seasonal industries such as tobacco warehouses, tobacco processing plants and fertilizer and cotton oil operations.

### N. C. Bankers To Aid Reconversion Period

The bankers of North Carolina at their special meeting in Raleigh on Thursday, October 12, heartily endorsed the nationwide movement of the American Bankers Association to place ample bank credit at the disposal of business during the reconversion period.

Mr. L. E. Walston, Cashier of the Bank of Farmville, who attended the meeting, stated that a large and representative group of bankers attended the meeting to hear ABA leaders explain the details of the program.

J. N. Coburn of Whiteville, State President of the Bankers Association, presided at the meeting. The speakers included Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, who is chairman of the ABA Post War Small Business Credit Commission, H. H. Augustine of Richmond, a member of the Commission, and Walter E. French and Edward Drew, deputy managers of the ABA in New York.

"While serving the credit needs of small business has always been the chief activity of banks, stated Mr. Walston, "it is realized that special needs will develop during the postwar period and new types of loan services must be developed to meet some of these requirements."

"The bankers are determined that every competent businessman who has need of credit for a sound and constructive purpose shall find it available through his local community bank. It is expected that banks will aggressively seek loan business and merchandise their credit services."

"This does not mean that banks expect to make unsound loans or to extend credit where the best interests of the borrower will not be served, but through this movement we do expect to see that all proper needs are met."

"If banking resources in any community are not sufficient to meet local needs, then correspondent banks in the larger cities stand ready to give assistance. If necessary, groups of banks in various trade areas may set up special funds to handle certain types of loans jointly and thus spread the risk."

"According to plans announced at the meeting in Raleigh, local committees will be set up in each district and county in the State so that full cooperation will be given to the nationwide plan. The main purpose is to assure business, large and small, that ample credit for reconversion can be obtained through our banks."

### Ask Continuance Of Leaf Control

Raleigh, Oct. 16.—Carl T. Hicks of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Tobacco Committee of the Farm Bureau Federation, said at an executive meeting of the committee here today, "we are in favor of maintaining marketing quotas as they are set up now, and enforcing them to the letter of the law."

Hicks said the purpose of today's meeting, which was attended by 65 tobacco farmers representing all North Carolina belts, "is to prove that enough tobacco to supply the demand can be grown under the present program."

Mr. Hicks said that despite the absence of some of the favorite brands of cigarettes from the retailers' shelves, there is no shortage of flue-cured and Burley tobacco, and all needs for this leaf can be met by growers under the existing control program. "Figures indicate," he said, "that the present shortage of cigarettes cannot be due to any shortage of tobacco."

Farmers for the first time are demonstrating their ability to work together, not for the purpose of causing a scarcity of tobacco nor for the purpose of increasing the cost of cigarettes to consumers, but solely for the purpose of stabilizing their business, Hicks said.

M. R. Byers, secretary of the Virginia Farm Bureau and the Virginia Farm Bureau tobacco committee, attended the meeting.

### Prices Stronger On Leaf Markets

Some Grades Show Advances, While Others Decline: Sales Heavy

Prices were somewhat unsteady on tobacco markets of North Carolina and Virginia as sales resumed Wednesday after a four-day weekend sales holiday, according to reports from the War Food Administration. The markets were closed an extra day this week in an effort to clear congestion in redrying plants.

Prices were slightly higher on the North Carolina Eastern Belt markets with a majority of grades steady to \$2.00 per hundred higher than averages for last Friday. A few grades, however, showed declines of \$1.00 per hundred.

Prices continued steady on the Middle Belt at last Friday's level for most medium to better grades, while averages for lower qualities fluctuated. Offerings were reported of a better quality than sold last Friday and there was a considerable increase in the proportion of cutters and good quality grades.

On the Old Belt, prices fell from \$1 to \$3.50 below Friday's averages on the first selling day after the long weekend period of inactivity. This drop, the WFA reported, was for most leaf and nondescript grades; fluctuations occurred for a few grades of smoking leaf, cutters and lugs. Low lugs showed increases of \$2.00 per hundred, WFA reported.

Heavy sales were reported on all markets and increases in the quantity of smoking leaf offered were noted in markets on all the belts.

The WFA reported Old Belt season sales totals through October 13 at \$2,553,469 pounds for an average of \$29.65.

Some men get rich. Some others are too busy for that.

The pool has an advantage. He can use his poetic license.

### Urgent Need For Clerical Employees

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has announced that there is an urgent need for clerical employees in the fingerprint division of the FBI in Washington, D. C. Applicants must be at least 16 years old or over, high school graduates or equivalent, citizens of the U. S., good health and good character. The salary is \$149 per month for 48 hours per week, or \$176 per month for 56 hours per week.

For further information write to FBI, Box 924, Kingston, N. C.

HEA reports that its borrowers have received of \$119,000,000 in approved loans that will be available for construction as soon as materials are obtained when the war is ended.

## Sub Sinks 32 Jap Vessels

### Seven Warships Included Among Latest Victims

Washington, Oct. 18.—Destruction of 32 Japanese vessels including seven warships, by American submarines, was reported today by Navy Secretary Forrestal.

The Secretary also announced that 906 enemy ships have been sunk or damaged by the Third and Fifth U. S. fleets in the last four and a half months.

Pinnes and anti-aircraft guns of the Third and Fifth fleets since last June have destroyed 3,080 Japanese planes, including 1,827 shot out of the air and 1,253 destroyed on the ground, he told a press conference.

The latest bag of the American submarines, he reported, included three destroyers, three escort vessels, and a minesweeper, in addition to 25 merchant vessels of various types.

This raises to 966 the number of Japanese ships of all types destroyed by American submarines since the war started.

The other craft destroyed in the new bag by the submarines operating in Japanese-controlled waters include eight transports, a tanker, a navy auxiliary and 16 cargo-carrying craft.

Forrestal in disclosing the huge damage inflicted by the Third fleet under Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., and the Fifth fleet commanded by Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, said it covered the period from attacks on Japanese bases in the western Pacific beginning June 6 and including assaults on October 16 on Formosa.

During that same period, the navy announced, the destruction of 205 Japanese ships by American submarines, bringing the toll of Japanese ships to more than 1,100.

Of the 906 ships sunk or probably sunk by aircraft and surface ships of the two fleets, he said 356 ships definitely were sunk and 549 probably sunk or damaged.

Forrestal commented that such heavy destruction results in "extremely limiting" Japanese movements by sea.

In the recent strikes against the Philippines, Formosa, Ryukyu, Palau and the Marianas, the Third and Fifth fleets made the "opening moves in the unremitting pressure that is to be applied against Japan in the western Pacific," he stated, adding:

"For many months Japanese naval strength has been at bay and eventually it must stand and fight."

## BRITISH SEIZE IMPORTANT CENTER NEAR REICH BORDER

### FBI Law Enforcement Conferences To Be Held

Featuring a fast-moving demonstration of justice and defensive tactics in general, a series of conferences for law enforcement officers sponsored by the FBI will be held in Eastern Carolina during October.

Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in Charge of the Charlotte, N. C. FBI office, announced that the schedule of conferences in Eastern Carolina is as follows:

Wilson, N. C., 2:00 p.m., Municipal Court Room, October 24.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, has designated Special Agent W. G. Kimbrough of the FBI office in Miami to participate in the conference. Special Agent Kimbrough, a law enforcement officer of wide experience and a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D. C., is an expert in the art of defensive tactics and one of the instructors on Director Hoover's staff. Using another agent as his subject, he will demonstrate a number of ways which police officers might use to protect themselves if attacked by larger or armed criminals.

In addition, Mr. Scheidt indicated that Special Agent Roy L. Morgan, assigned to the Charlotte FBI office, will discuss the subject, "Arrests, Searches and Seizures." Part of his lecture will consist of an exhibition and explanation of the various restraining devices used by the FBI.

Attendance at the conference is restricted to duly authorized law enforcement officers and there will be an open forum discussion of mutual problems by the officers present. Mr. Scheidt will act as chairman of the conference.

### Dutch City of Venray Captured; Nazis Say Allies Have 1,500 Tanks Massed For Big Push Toward Cologne; Third and Seventh Armies Score Advances

London, Oct. 18.—British troops captured Venray and formed a solid 10-mile front in eastern Holland 28 miles from Duisburg today, while Berlin declared half a million men were facing each other in the Netherlands ready for "a battle that may flare up at any moment."

Canadians to the west pressed back the German blocking use of the great supply port of Antwerp.

Aachen still was being beaten into submission. U. S. heavy bombers again struck at Cologne 40 miles beyond it, sapping German power to move up reserves. Berlin asserted the American First Army was preparing a new offensive aimed at Cologne.

A small German attack east of Aachen was beaten off today, a front dispatch said, in another of the series of vain blows that have now badly cut up two enemy divisions. One of these divisions is substantially destroyed as a fighting unit, while the second has been materially reduced. The rest of the rain-swept Aachen front was generally quiet.

The front in France sprang to action also. U. S. Third Army troops in a mile gain hit within four miles of the fortress city of Metz, and French forces farther south made progress, punching within from three to five miles of two Vosges passes leading to the Reich.

The Germans below the Scheide estuary barring the water lane to Antwerp fell back under Canadian pressure. A front dispatch said there were signs this German siege stand might be ending. Demolitions were reported in the Brekens area, stronghold of the enemy pocket, along with considerable transport movement.

All along the front progress—slow, methodical progress carved out in many cases by bayonets—was reported.

From Brekens, a German strongpoint before the already liberated port of Antwerp, to Belfort, this was the picture:

1. Lt. Gen. H. D. Gervar's Canadians have reached Jandric, six miles south of Brekens, pressing hard on the newly formed defense line of the suicide German troops within the narrowing pocket. Supreme Allied headquarters reported bombers had attacked the sea dike at West Kapelle on the nearby island of Walcheren.

2. In northern Holland, where Berlin has reported the Allies have massed 1,500 tanks for a drive into the Rhine-Ruhr valley, Lt. Gen. Miles C. Dempsey's British Second Army took Venray after bitter house-to-house fighting and plunged on two miles southeast of the town, which itself is eight miles from the Reich frontier.

Associated Press Correspondent Ned Norcross, with this force, reported that American armored columns on the right flank had bridged the Canal de Doorn.

3. Gen. Eisenhower's communications described the fighting on the First Army front as a mopping up procedure. There was mopping up inside Aachen, which has set a pattern of punishment for German cities which resist the Allied advance, and mopping up to the northeast of "segments of the Siegfried line" to clear the way for the next drive.

The German radio, finally acknowledging Aachen has been encircled, described the fighting there as surpassing everything that has gone before in this war, and said flatly that Eisenhower "is planning an all-out offensive on Cologne after capturing Aachen."

4. U. S. Third Army infantry advanced nearly a mile north of Nancy-sur-Meuse to within four miles of Metz, another big fortress-industrial city. Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher said only light opposition was encountered.

5. In the Vosges foothills, the Allied communique reported progress just south of the road junction of Briey-sur and northeast of La Tuille despite stubborn enemy resistance and strong counterattacks.

### BISHOP PEELE TO PREACH AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop W. W. Peele, of Richmond, Va., will preach at the Farmville Methodist Church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Bishop Peele will bring a helpful message.

This is quite a privilege for our people. The membership of the Church is urged to attend and a cordial welcome awaits friends who wish to unite in this service.

The members who were absent last Sunday will please bring their offering for the Golden Cross on this Sunday morning.

The Women's Society of Christian Service will observe Week of Prayer on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Church. A good program is being prepared.

### COUNTRY CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET

The Annual Stockholders Meeting of the Farmville Country Club, Inc., will be held at the City Hall, Tuesday, October 24, at 7:45 P. M.

Election of officers and directors for the coming year will be held and other business will be brought before this very important meeting.

### Home Building Rule Relaxed

Homes of Prewar Standard Are Now Permissible

Washington, Oct. 17.—Restrictions were relaxed today to permit construction of houses approximating pre-war standards.

The action, announced jointly by the War Production Board and the National Housing Agency, will permit builders to make use of materials and equipment as they become available.

Restrictions on total floor area permitted in a dwelling unit were removed, but the maximum board-foot allowances of dimension lumber per square foot of floor area was retained.

Another relaxation eliminates a requirement that in certain areas exterior walls be of masonry, clay, or concrete products. Houses now can be built to conform to minimum construction requirements of the Federal Housing Administration.

Any materials that can be obtained without a priority rating may be used.

Among other relaxation was the removal of:

1. The limitation on the number of electrical outlets.
2. Restrictions on the size of hot water storage tanks.
3. The requirement that bath-rooms and kitchens be back-to-back.

Required are minimal provisions regarding conservation of lumber and other materials.

The net result of these changes will be to permit the builder a greater freedom in design and the use of materials in housing construction," the two agencies said.

### SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visitors at the Center the past week were: Willie F. Sowers, HA 1/c, US S N H, of Snow Hill and Fort-mouth, Va.

T/Sgt. Peter M. Leopold, Chicago, Ill., S/Sgt. E. L. Long, Rockland, Mass., both stationed at Oak Grove Air Field, New Bern, and T/Sgt. William Scott, Northampton, Mass., and Air Base, Pollockville, all three were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pollard.

Greenville Air Base: MT/Sgt. L. A. Dileo, Auburn, N. Y., T/Sgt. Lexley Eekles, Jr., Monmouth, Ill., and T/Sgt. Cunningham.

Camp Lejeune: Pvt. J. T. Wright, Baltimore Md., Saturday night guest of Miss Tabitha M. DeVincent; Cpl. J. F. Gordon, Pittsburg, Pa., Cpl. G. M. Kuhn, Swisviale, Pa.; Pvt. Joseph F. Redington, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday night supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Skinner; T/Sgt. Charles O. Wood, McAlester, Okla. and Cherry Point, Saturday night guest of Miss DeVincent; Sunday dinner and supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy; T/Sgt. Wm. F. Mosher, Lenoir, Pa., and Kingston Air Base.

Food served at the Center consisted of fruit cake—donated by Miss Myrtle Nichols, Dorothy Matton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freshman; milk given by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stocks of Greene county; fruit, coffee, loaves, cookies, dagwood sandwiches, potato sticks, nuts and candy. Hostesses were Mrs. Jack Smith and Miss Myrtle Nichols.

Magnifies were donated by Mrs. E. F. Smith, of Warsaw; Mrs. J. M. Hobgood and Eddie Jones. Mystery books were given by Mrs. Neal Howard.

### SCOTTISH RITE MEETING HERE

A dinner meeting of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry was held here on Friday evening, October 18th, at the Farmville Country Club, and was well attended by various members from surrounding communities. E. C. Holmes, of Farmville, presided.

The address of welcome was given by W. J. Bundy, of Greenville, Junior Grand Warden of North Carolina, and K.C.C.H., G. A. Farror, of New Bern, K.C.C.H., responded.

An illustrated lecture was presented by C. A. Saifer, of New Bern, 3rd Degree, K.C.C.H., after which Robert Pou, of New Bern, delivered the principal address.

A musical program was splendidly rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stallings and daughter, Miss Laurels, of Wilson.

The dinner menu consisted of barbecue chicken, pork barbecue, braised stew, creamed potatoes and peas, and coffee.

The Club was decorated with evergreen, red, white and blue flowers, berries and groups of flags, by the Junior Woman's Club, which was in charge of table service for the dinner.

### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Attention of our subscribers is again called to the necessity of keeping their subscriptions on a paid-in-advance basis. Many of our customers have already cooperated with us by coming by the office and checking their expiration dates and renewing their subscriptions. We hope that others will do so before Nov. 1st.

Uncle Moss: Lucindy says she's bound for the happy land but she ain't in no hurry.

### New Basic 'A' Gasoline Books

The new basic 'A' gasoline books become valid on November 1. Pitt county will hold the usual registration of the school sites throughout the county before that date. The date and time for the new registration will be announced in plenty of time for this registration.

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