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Fierce Struggle Raging for Holland May Be Conclusive for War in West

Allied Forces Get Ready For Drive to Po Valley

Smash Gothic Line and Dash For Bologna

By REYNOLDS PACKARD ROME, Sept. 23 (UP)—Allied forces in Italy today bunched their strength for an all-out drive to Bologna and the rich, industrial valley of the Po river after smashing through heavily fortified key positions of the vaunted German Gothic line and maintaining a steady advance in all sectors of the sprawling front.

Fighting for Pass Fifth army units today were more than three miles northeast of the road junction of Frenzoia. North and northeast of Santa Lucia, first strong position in the Futa defenses, infantry forces fought today for high ground east of the pass itself. Yesterday they captured Monte Citerna and Monte Tronale, both about five miles northwest of Santa Lucia and both well within the German defense line.

Prepare for Attacks Now within 23 airline miles of Bologna, Fifth army units prepared for attacks from the south, east and west on the Futa bastion while other elements, to the west on the Ligurian coast north and northeast of Viareggio continued a steady advance towards Genoa and other coastal cities.

Japrat Ships Down Under

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Sunday, Sept. 24 (UP)—A navy Catalina bomber off southern Mindanao in the Philippines sank two Japanese merchant vessels of 2,000 and 500 tons in attacks Wednesday night, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Huge Bombing Forces Pound Enemy Targets

California Seeks To Halt Wasteful State Practices

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 23 (UP)—Rolland Vandegrift, legislative auditor, tonight was instructed by a joint interim budget committee to draft legislation designed to eliminate "certain wasteful practices" in state government.

The proposed bills are to cover sick leave, overtime and vacation privileges for state employees, audit control of money paid from the state treasury as subventions to the counties and other matters.

Vandegrift predicted the 1945-47 budget, which the interim committee is preparing to consider, will exceed by "at least" \$100,000,000 the \$560,000,000 budget for 1943-45.

Most Critical Labor Death PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 23 (UP)—Oregon Manpower Director L. C. Stoll today declared the Portland-Vancouver area to be the most critical labor-short war productive center on the Pacific coast.

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BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Sept. 23 (UP)—The highest price paid for sheep at auction in the United States was paid today for a 90-pound grand champion south-down sheep belonging to David Boehm, a Bakersfield future farmer student, at the victory food livestock show auction.

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Arnheim Focal Point Getting Hard Smashes

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, Sunday, Sept. 24 (UP)—Patrols from the heroic allied parachutist band around Arnheim fought their way south across the upper branch of the Rhine Saturday and established contact with the British Second army as a new sky army of thousands of Anglo-American troops swept down by glider to join the crucial battle.

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Allied Conquest Goes On Japs Slain by Thousands

Puppet's War Declared in Philippines

By MAC R. JOHNSON U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 23 (UP)—American marines have resumed their northward advance on Peleliu in the Palau group, winning approximately three-fourths of the island and killing 7,020 Japanese in nine days of bloody fighting.

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Russ Capture Parnu Making Great Gains

LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 24 (UP)—Russian troops, driving a 50 mile wedge across Estonia to the sea, yesterday captured the Riga gulf port of Parnu, split Adolf Hitler's rapidly disintegrating Baltic armies in two and trapped a substantial Nazi force in northwestern Estonia.

Observations

AN OLD FRIEND Just the other day I received a letter from an old friend, H. F. Barnewolt, 999 North Raymond avenue, Pasadena, whom a few of the earlier residents of Las Vegas still remember.

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