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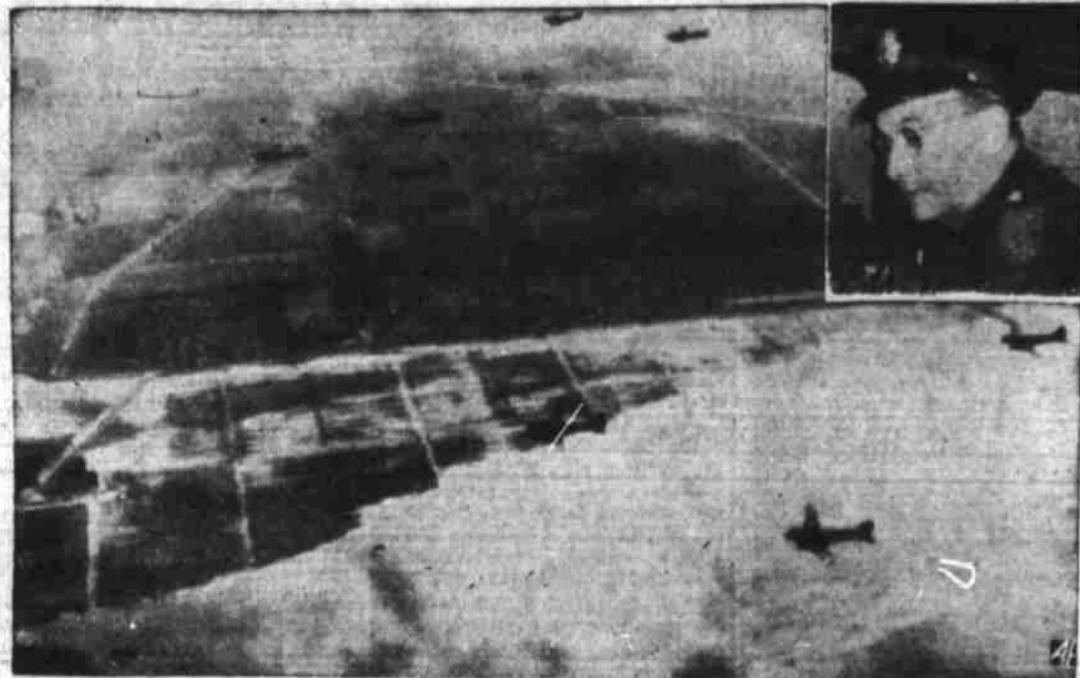
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"We advertised for an office girl and received more than 20 replies the next day," said W. L. Head of Head's Bakery. Call 725.



YANK AIR INVADERS FLY OVER HOLLAND: American C-47's carry a flood of paratroopers and airborne infantry over flooded Holland en route to scene of newest Allied thrust at Fortress Europe, near northern end of Siegfried line. Lt. Ben L. H. ... (caption continues with names and details)

AMERICANS DRIVE FORWARD ON PALAU

Enemy Garrison Annihilated As Marines Push Toward Final Goal

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor American ground forces, fighting over some of the toughest terrain of the Pacific war, drove today toward the climactic battles for two islands in the strategic Palau group as Tokyo radio indicated U.S. warplanes may already be operating against the Philippines from a third island invaded only last week.

War correspondents reported from Pelelu island in southern Palau that First division marines had knocked out all of the Japanese tanks and most of their harassing artillery. Nearly 5,500 enemy dead, more than half the estimated garrison, were killed in the first four days.

The principal town, Asias, two villages, and the adjacent islet of Ngarmoek were captured as the Japanese steadily retreated over the Coral ridges, honeycombed with defensive points in which some Japanese soldiers were chained to their posts.

Infantrymen of the army's 81st division, filtered through a maze of vines and tropical underbrush, occupied the northern half of little Angaur island, killing less than 100 of the elusive defenders on the way. A large phosphate refinery, important to Japan's munitions industry; the town of Saipan, and a large railway yard were among their prizes.

Tokyo reported about 55 Lightnings and Liberators yesterday bombed Davao, largest city in the southern Philippines, indicating the airfield on newly invaded Morotal island already in use. Fighters have made 1,400 mile round trips to attack Davao, but the fighter strip on Morotal, little more than 300 miles from the target, was one of the island's greatest values.

The British 14th army of Mountbatten's command, chasing retreating Japanese toward Tidem in southwest Burma, again caught up with elusive foe and immediately brought up strong artillery and air support.

Monsoon rains hampered Allied infantrymen in southwest China trying to clear out Nipponese around Lungling, apparent junction of the new Ledo and old Burma roads to China.

Joint Council Approves Bill Of Reconversion WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—A joint congressional committee gave its final approval to a post-war reconversion bill today after eliminating a senate provision to authorize unemployment compensation for 3,100,000 federal employees and back home travel pay for discharge war workers.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate conferees promptly brought the modified proposal to the floor and it was passed by a voice vote and sent to the house for final action.

"The house having voted to insist upon its disagreement, we were confronted with two alternatives—to accept the provisions of the bill upon which there was agreement, or have no bill at all," George said in a statement.

The agreement removed one of the major obstacles to a congressional recess this week end until after the November elections.

Government Asked To Get Ready For Demobilization WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt today directed the government to prepare now for its own peace-time demobilization, indicating some of Washington's sprawling war agencies will begin to fold up with the defeat of Germany.

In a letter issued at the White House Mr. Roosevelt ordered Budget Director Harold D. Smith to plan now "to liquidate war agencies and reconvert the government to peace."

"Some steps along these lines may be taken when the fighting ends in Europe," he said, although he avoided predicting any date for the war's end.

The president ordered immediate re-examination of the staffing and duties of all agencies and said he wanted—as soon as possible—plans for:

Yanks Smash Rhine Defense

Reds Tighten Grip On Germany's Mid-Baltic Communications

Finland Signs Armistice With United Nations

Invasion Of France Planned For Solons

Elector Battle Arguments Set For Wednesday

Allies Capture Three Heights In Gothic Line

Browder Refuses To Give Names

Workers Needed To Replace Soldiers

Trial For Juarez Opens Here Today

ODT Plans To Reduce Number Of Offices

Rodden Visits Local Employment Office

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Grinding down German armored reserves at the rate of nearly one panzer division a day, the Red army has tightened a strangling grip on the enemy's mid-Baltic communications in Latvia in a gigantic five-day battle which may be another fulfillment of Premier Stalin's classic strategy—surround and destroy!

London, Sept. 19 (AP)—A congressional invasion of France was arranged today by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower after nine members of the U. S. house told the supreme commander they believed that they were being blocked from the trip by lesser military authorities.

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—A powerful, growing army of Allied sky troops which vaulted across the Rhine in Holland battled forward today, threatening to break through into northern Germany around the flank of the Siegfried Line.

FRONT reports today indicated there still is no pause in the ferocious engagement begun Friday west of Jelgava, where the main Baltic roads and railways meet.

AUSTIN, Sept. 19 (AP)—The state supreme court ordered arguments at 9 a. m. tomorrow in Texas' democratic election litigation, latest offshoot of an unprecedented political contest.

The lower Rhine was knocked out as a German defense line. The British Second army in a ground push linked with other airborne forces landed farther south in Holland, and a front dispatch said it had seized Eindhoven, seventh largest Dutch city, 10 miles above the Belgian border.

Those who will make the trip to France include W. R. Poage (D-Tex.); O. C. Fisher, (D Tex.)

The big question is whether the first convention's action was final or whether the second convention has authority to rescind this action and substitute a new slate of electors firmly bound to vote the Roosevelt-Truman ticket.

The airborne army descended in the area of Nijmegen and Arnhem, near the Reich and astride the two lower branches of the Rhine, as well as near Eindhoven, supreme headquarters disclosed.

The Russians claim to have knocked out 449 tanks and 365 planes on the eastern front in the past four days. Obviously most of this punishment has been inflicted in the Baltic sector.

Both conventions are authorized by statute. Just how far the law goes in governing the selection and certification of electors of the party is the question the court will decide.

Three American armies meanwhile were battering slowly toward the Rhine in Germany, cutting through defenses before that Strasbourg, and Mulhouse.

Official silence screened details of the Soviet-Polish operations in the Warsaw area, but German strong points in the capital continued under heavy Russian artillery fire.

The executive committee through its attorneys advances three principal points in support of its stand, namely:

Armored and infantry battles swirled today north and east of Nancy, a front dispatch said, many Nazi forces in northern France, excluding armored units, had been left virtually without motorized transport, and had no choice but to fight or be overrun by Americans, the dispatch added.

For nearly 48 hours there has been no news of Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's progress in Bulgaria west or south of Sofia, but he is believed continuing to fan out at the rear of the German garrisons remaining in the southern Balkans.

The threatened action of the May electors would be a fraud on democratic voters of Texas who have always understood that the way to vote their ticket straight was to scratch every column except the democratic.

Progress of the parachute and glider-borne forces in Holland out of their initial descent spots was highly satisfactory, headquarters said. Men and supplies were poured in again today for the third consecutive day.

Earl Browder testified today some members of his dissolved Communist party are affiliated with the CIO Political Action Committee and also AFL groups, but he refused to give any names.

Latham ruled in their favor after a lengthy study of law and historical precedent. He acted in a ministerial capacity, anticipating a suit regardless of which course he took.

Col. Simpson, who returned over the weekend from 18 months' service in North Africa and Italy, conferred yesterday at the war department. It was understood the conference concerned plans for Simpson to retire later to go on the bench although he declined comment.

His organization, Browder said, obtains its information on which candidates to support "from the attitude of the general labor movement." He said he would not "trust" the press because he believed it to be "unrepresentative of the people."

Witnesses called by 11 o'clock were David Gomez who notified the police, Chief of Police H. E. Mitchell and Sgt. Herman Seale.

Even though his nomination is tantamount to election, Simpson, is expected to wait until after the balloting before obtaining his discharge. Simpson expects to go on duty here soon in the judge advocate general's office.

The campaign expenses committee today voted to subpoena records of the committee for constitutional government after it refused to submit a list of contributions and the source.

The pilot parachuted from the ship. No injuries to persons on the ground had been reported.

The Permian Basin Water Works and Sewage association will meet Tuesday night at Midland.









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**McDonald Due To Announce Opening Date Of Citrus Shipping Season**

DALLAS, Sept. 19 (AP)—State Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald is expected to announce tomorrow the official opening date for the 1944 citrus shipping season, says Austin Anson, Weslaco, general manager of the Texas Citrus & Vegetable Growers & Shippers association.

Anson, who today will deliver his annual report to the organization's convention, said McDonald would make the announcement tomorrow regarding opening dates.

Up for discussion at today's principal sessions will be food problems of importance to the war effort and during the post-war period.

The organization yesterday heard a suggestion from J. Prescott Blount, of United Airlines, Chicago, that tree-ripened peaches and vine-ripened tomatoes could be shipped by air. He said that air transport would eventually provide a market for highly perishable commodities such as various berries, fresh figs, melons and tropical fruits that previously have never been shipped.

Blount said housewives in the east soon would be able to buy airborne fruits and vegetables flown overnight from Texas.

American Airlines cargo traffic manager Jim Wooten of New York announced a program he said would be initiated soon whereby goods and vegetables from the Rio Grande valley would be brought to San Antonio by rail or truck and then flown to Dallas for flight distribution to centers over the United States.

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, scheduled to address the convention today, sent word he would not be able to attend.

**Sheer Drama Of Airman's Last Days Adrift Unfolded In Log**

ELKHART, Ind., Sept. 19 (AP)—The sheer drama of an airman's last days adrift in the Pacific on a life raft...

The horror of a Japanese plane diving at the raft, piercing his legs with machine-gun slugs... His love for a sweetheart he planned to marry on his next leave...

And, just before death, his longing for "Mom's cooking."

All this was unfolded today by Mrs. Henry Clevenz, mother of a Jack Cooper, 23, of Elkhart, a radioman on a Navy torpedo plane that was shot down June 15. The mother pieced together the story—from Cooper's sketchy but graphic log released by the Navy, a letter from his squadron commander and also from the commander of a naval vessel that picked up the life raft on July 21 about four days after her son died on it.

Sprinkled through the notations scratched laboriously on paper leaves of his wallet were frequent endearments to "Helen" or "Big Eyes"—Miss Helen E. Checchio of Elkhart. She and Cooper had set their wedding date for his next leave.

The log as released by the Navy:

July 6—Mom: Wings are in sewing kit, am entitled to all stars and more. Be sure to check ins. etc. 10,000 ins. (Roses) to remind me of Helen. I've always loved her. Love kisses same for you Mom, Dad and all.

July 8—Weak. Can't catch fish... No rain... Love Big Eyes.

July 9—Little rain. Headed west. Weak.

July 10—Rain last nite very weak land close somewhere.

July 11—Navis flew over... no see... left eye bad shape... still have water. Drifting NE.

July 12—Little cloudy no planes no land headed north P. M. Jap Nell saw me... strafed hit me, in both legs... bandaged them. Drifting E.

July 12 (sic)—Very weak from loss of blood... land in sight... no food since the 4th... 6 ounces of water left... going east.

July 14—Caught one small fish last P. M... very slight breeze SE. If this is my last day tell my Big Eyes to be happy with someone else. I'm back to salt water... God bless you all.

Surprise July 15 tell Helen I found God be happy love. No rain for 2 weeks... to Helen I loved her until the end—Jack. I love Mom Dad and all wish I eat some her cooking.

The log stopped here.

Mrs. Clevenz said, based on information she had received, that her son had boarded a rubber life raft after the plane and crew were shot down. He drifted hopefully, certain that other planes had sighted the raft. Finally hope faded. Provisions gave out.

Commander of the vessel which picked up the raft after it drifted for more than a month wrote to Mrs. Clevenz that Cooper's diary was an inspiration to "myself, officers and men of my command."

**Hearings To Open On Wage Proposal**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—The senate postoffice committee announced today it would open hearings at once on a proposal to boost the pay of 350,000 postal workers. This aroused especial interest in view of current attempts to relax wartime wage controls.

First witnesses will be heard by the committee tomorrow in support of a bill by Senator Mead (D-NY) to give all full time post office employees a \$400 permanent salary increase, in place of the temporary wartime bonus of \$300 voted by congress in April of 1943. The temporary increase is to expire June 30, 1945.

The bill also would increase by 25 per cent the permanent pay scales of part time employees and those paid on an hourly or fee basis. This would be eight per cent above present Little Steel formula limits.

Committee members agreed the legislation might become the foundation for granting federal workers pay increases paralleling any allowed those in private industry with the end of the European war.

**Weather Forecast**  
Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy this afternoon and Wednesday, little change in temperature.

City	Temperatures	Max.	Min.
Abilene	.....	89	70
Amarillo	.....	63	58
BIG SPRING	.....	91	63
Chicago	.....	72	63
Denver	.....	69	44
El Paso	.....	85	60
Fort Worth	.....	90	71
Galveston	.....	88	76
New York	.....	72	—
St. Louis	.....	80	67

Local sunsets at 7:49; sunrise at 7:32.

**Zack Infant Taken To Dallas By Plane**

Local American Airline officials believe that the youngest child to travel by commercial plane left from the Big Spring air port Monday.

The baby was the five-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zack of 402 Virginia street. The father left with the child on the 5:31 p. m. plane for a Dallas hospital. It was suffering from pyloric spasms, according to the attending physician, Dr. M. H. Bennett.

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**Sylvester Davis Still At Large; Search Narrows**

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 19 (AP)—Sylvester Davis, 25, negro soldier under a death sentence in the slaying of a San Angelo white girl, today still remained at large after his escape from the orderly room of the Fort Sam Houston prison Sunday night.

Major James Crawford, Jr., Fort Sam Houston public relations officer, said Davis leaped from a window and escaped when taken to the orderly room for medical treatment which he had requested.

A negro answering Davis' description appeared at a farm home last night, asking for water. The incident intensified the search, which continued unabated today on the parts of military police, city and state police officers, deputy sheriffs and Texas Rangers.

Bloodhounds procured by Ranger Lee Miller were unable to follow the trail.

There is a possibility that a civilian airplane may be used in the search today, Miller having made such a request.

**Danish Government Houses Are Occupied**

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19 (AP)—Copenhagen dispatches said that the Germans had occupied all government buildings, including parliament, in the Danish capital and all police stations through Denmark in a lightning move shortly before noon today.

The report said the Germans staged a false air alarm over Denmark and, while citizens took shelter, the Nazis moved into the building.

The Free Danish Press service said the occupation order was issued at Gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen three days ago.

**Public Records**

**Building Permits**  
Robert Hamilton, to build a 12 by 20 foot frame home at 606 Abram street, cost \$185.  
Treat Hamilton, to build one 4 by 12 and one 12 by 24 foot addition to present house and make improvements at 608 Abram street, cost \$140.

**WADSWORTH NOMINATED**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated George Wadsworth of New York, a career diplomat in the state department, to be this nation's first minister to the Lebanese and Syrian republics.

**Fire Destroys 3 Business Houses In E. Texas Town**

LINDALE, Sept. 19 (AP)—This East Texas town of nearly 1,000 population today counted its losses at an estimated \$31,000 as the result of a fire that swept three establishments in the business district.

No one was reported injured by the blaze that last night destroyed a theater, a furniture store and a grocery-cafe.

Lindale, 14 miles north of Tyler, has no fire department and as a result, help was sought from the Tyler department, which responded by sending two trucks to fight the fire.

C. J. Sikes, owner of the Lindale theater, estimated his losses would total \$16,000; Martin Bowers, owner of the furniture store, said his loss would reach \$10,000 and Lee Hicks, operator of the grocery-cafe, fixed his loss at \$5,000.

Just after the fire started a telephone operator reported the blaze unchecked, also threatened a drug store and the Lindale postoffice. The flames were brought under control by the Tyler firemen, however, and additional damage was prevented. She said the fire started in the theater but 50 persons in the audience escaped without injury. The town was without electric power as a result of the blaze, she said.

**Railroad Commission To Hold State-Wide Proration Hearing**

AUSTIN, Sept. 19 (AP)—Three forums on immediate and postwar prospects for the oil industry attract operators here beginning today.

The railroad commission holds a statewide proration hearing to determine a production pattern for October based on a recommendation by the Petroleum Administration for War that Texas produce 30,000 barrels daily less crude oil than in September.

The October certification of PAW asked for production of 2,133,000 barrels daily of crude next month.

Following an adjournment of the proration hearing the commission ordered an informal discussion of the Anglo-American oil agreement which is before the U. S. senate foreign relations committee.

Railroad Commission Chairman Beauford Jester said the Anglo-American discussion had been requested by many oil operators. Jester, recently returned from Washington, will explain the agreement's origin and background.

Tomorrow the house small business committee headed by Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex) begins a two day hearing devoted to the problems of the independent oil producer.

Sitting with Patman will be Rep. Kefauver (D-Tex) and Rep. Howell (R-III). Rep. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex) in whose home district the hearing will be held, has been invited to sit in.

J. K. Brim of Sulphur Springs is counsel for the committee and Elmer Lincoln of Texarkana is assistant counsel.

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**White House Due To Revise Wage Scale Under Labor Group Pressure**

By JAMES MARLOW  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—If you work for a living—or if you hire people to work for you—this affects you:

1. It seems sure that the administration is going to chance its wage policy in some way, giving workers an increase.
2. When will it change? Before election day or after Germany surrenders? If it happens before election day, Nov. 7, the opposition might scream "politics" and how will it affect you?

Labor complains that its wages have been held to a 15 per cent increase since Jan. 1, 1941 while living costs have risen 43.5 per cent. Government figures, much disputed, say they have risen only 25 per cent.

The WLB will reach a decision on labor's claims sometime in mid-October. It can recommend to the president that labor should get an increase or it can merely state the facts of the case.

But—we seem close to the time when Germany will quit and we will have only the war with Japan to worry about. When Germany folds, much of the American industry will go back on a 40-hour week.

This will cut down the income of workers who have been working a 48-hour week. That 48-hour week will continue in war industries but will drop to 40 in the reconverted plants doing civilian jobs.

That will be in the transition period from war to peace and that is why WLB Chairman Davis said: "Now we pass into a period perhaps in which you have a continued shortage of goods but an abundance of labor. And any damn fool conditions that would in all probability require a change in policy."

But when? Between now and election? The president might hold off any increase until after election when the cry of "politics" would be less strident.

Or he might delay until that day—Washington's phrase for it is "victory in Europe"—when Germany gives up.

But this is the problem: If he waits until the German collapse, could a generous action toward labor on his part be considered a breaking of the wage formula?

Or—would it be considered a new policy for after the German war when prices may be higher and labor will need more money? That can well be. The president can hold out on any action till after the war and then announce a new wage policy. That policy, of course, would mean higher wages.

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THE BIG TOP VERSAL NEWS

**Corene Booker Is Freed By Police**

Corene Booker, who has been presenting himself as a negro for the past two years and was brought in by local police on vagrancy charges, was dismissed Tuesday with a \$200 fine, \$180 of which will be suspended provided he leaves town.

Booker admitted having disguised himself as a woman at various times since 1924 and local authorities uncovered a long criminal record in Texas and other southwestern states. Since 1935 he had been arrested in Austin, Lubbock, Oklahoma City, Roswell, Altus, Oklahoma, Vernon, Oklahoma, Benjamin, Houston, Amarillo, Odessa, and Big Spring.

The negro had served a short term in the state penitentiary.

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- 3 Avoid glare from bare bulbs. Don't sit facing the light. Glare strains eyes; makes reading difficult.

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