

The Weather

West Texas: Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms this evening. Somewhat warmer tonight except continued cool in shower areas.

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Good Evening

Thou canst mould him into any shape like soft clay.—Horace.

ROMMEL RETREATS UNDER TERRIFIC FIRE OF ALLIES

Franco Hints He Still Loves Hitler

Dies Disputes FBI Findings On Employes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP)—The FBI and the Dies committee were at sharp odds today over the extent of subversiveness among federal employes.

Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) accusing Attorney General Francis Biddle of having "failed utterly" to comply with congressional wishes, asked the house to reject a Justice department report which criticized the committee indirectly for sending the FBI on a time-consuming search for disloyal government workers.

Dies, head of the special committee set up four years ago to investigate subversive activities, made his request in a letter to Speaker Sam Rayburn in which he referred to a recent act of congress asking the FBI to make the check up.

The Justice department report largely arrayed against the assignment in the first place and "is not strange that nothing but an attempt to smear our committee has resulted x x x."

Biddle's report said that as a result of 2,095 investigations, including many suggested by the Dies committee, only 36 government workers had been fired and 13 others disciplined. This result, he added.

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War And The Top O' Texas

Vital Information

By HERMAN ALLEN

When Price Administrator Henderson announced that food prices will be allowed to advance in mid-September, a lot of household budgeters thought "Oh-h, here it comes—price control is a flop, and before long everything will be sky-high!"

Although it is true that the move is aimed most directly at giving a break to food processors and distributors, OPA officials see it also as a being of at least left-handed benefit to the consumer. (That's you and me—the fellows who buy the groceries.) Here's how they figure:

When price ceilings were set at the top price for March, food processors and distributors weren't disturbed too much for the time being. The processors had their supplies on hand for the season—stuff they had bought from the growers a year ago. So they could sell it at March prices and come out all right. Distributors were riding the same bus. But then came trouble.

"They came to us," an OPA man explained to me, "and said they could not stay in business if they had to sell at March prices. Farm prices on four or five hundred items had gone up (the ceiling on raw agricultural products is figured on a different basis) and if they had to buy at current prices, the March wholesale and retail ceilings would not give them enough margin to operate on."

"They asked us for assurance that when they went into the market to buy these items for the coming season, they could do so knowing they would be able to sell them at a price that would keep them in business."

"That seemed reasonable enough, and so Mr. Henderson ruled that prices on these items, or most of them, should be boosted slightly, enough to cover the rise in farm prices. The processors and distributors didn't ask for any specific

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I HEARD . . .

That City Recorder C. E. McCrew has quit wearing his jacket sweater so that he can show off his new jeweled belt.

MADRID, Sept. 4 (AP)—The dropping of Ramon Serrano Suner, outspoken champion of totalitarian ways and brother-in-law of Generalissimo Franco, as Spain's foreign minister "neither produces nor could produce the least variation in interior or international policy," the official Falange party newspaper Arriba said today.

Arriba described as merely a "changing of the guard" Franco's replacement yesterday of Suner and two other important cabinet members, the war and interior ministers, and El Gaudillo's assumption of full personal control of the Falange, Spain's only political party, of which Suner had been the active head.

The news was greeted with real joy by Spaniards on city streets and tolling on farms. Their only information regarding the sweeping governmental shake-up was included in the Arriba editorial, which was reproduced in dozens of provincial party newspapers.

Suner was succeeded at the foreign ministry by Count Francisco Pomez Jordana, soldier-statesman who was foreign minister when the United States recognized Franco's regime in 1939. General Carlos Azaña Cabanillas was made war minister in place of General Jose Vazola, and Glas Perez succeeded Col. Valentin Galarza as interior minister.

"Our interior policy follows its unmistakable line," the Arriba editorial said, "and our foreign policy is sealed with blood and reaffirmed in silent heroisms."

The last quotation seemed to indicate a Falangist determination to continue the ties with Nazism and Fascism developed through German and Italian participation on Franco's side in the Spanish civil war.

Before the Arriba editorial was published, the ouster of Serrano Suner was regarded generally by Allied commentators as a rebuff for Adolf Hitler if not a definite gain for the United Nations.

Spain's position between British and German guns in occupied France, President Roosevelt's proposal of post-war assistance in her reconstruction and traditional bonds linking Madrid with Latin American governments, now largely arrayed against the Axis were variously cited.

A wait-and-see attitude, however. See FRANCO HINTS, Page 5

Tension Rises In Ulster Capital

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Sept. 4 (AP)—The explosion of a time bomb outside a police barracks at Randalstown, Northern Ireland, and a sharp gun battle between police and Irish Republican guerrillas at the Northern Ireland-Eire border increased tension today in this Ulster capital.

No casualties were reported from the gun battle and the attackers escaped. Authorities expressed belief that the guerrillas fled back into Eire after firing on police barracks at Belleek, county Germanagh. Telephone lines in the vicinity had been cut prior to the attack. During the night police pressed their roundup of suspected political agitators which by morning had resulted in 90 arrests.

Members of the outlawed Irish Republican army were blamed for the Randalstown blast, which injured two police officers and apparently was in protest against the hanging of Thomas Williams, youthful IRA follower, last Tuesday for the slaying of a constable.

Congratulations—

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wright, Jr., of Pampa are the parents of a seven-pound daughter born at a local hospital. She has been named Shirley Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Horn are the parents of a daughter born yesterday at Lawton, Okla. Mrs. Horn is the former Helen Hall of Pampa.



BAYONETTED, BY GOSH!—Easy, now, easy-y. Capt. Fred J. Corson, Williamsport, Pa., grinds his teeth while Sergt. Charles H. Cline, Clinton, O.,

leads a hand. The captain was speared by cactus needles—at tail end of parachute jump in California desert.

Fisher Draft Board Resigns In Protest

ROTAN, Sept. 4 (AP)—After placing in a deferred classification all but seven of 42 men who were to have answered an Aug. 28 call for induction, the Fisher county draft board resigned yesterday and charged state selective service headquarters with arbitrarily reclassifying a registrant.

A signed statement issued by the board said that state headquarters had placed a registrant in Class 2-A because he was a farm and ranch hand, declaring "the same conclusion could prevail in the cases of 98 per cent of the county's registrants."

County board members were W. W. Morton, Roby, George W. Riley, Rotan, and A. B. Hilburn, Roby. The board voted to place the 42 men subject to the Aug. 28 call in Class 2-A after receiving instructions from state headquarters to place the farm and ranch hand in question in 2-A for six months.

The board claimed the man had never appeared before the board to ask for deferment. "His employer," said the board's statement, "who seemingly wields a deal of influence in Austin, brought sufficient influence to bear in our capital to have the classification dictated after the district appeals board in Amarillo had sustained the Fisher county board before in its findings. If the state headquarters sees fit to arbitrarily classify men as they have this man, the Fisher county board should in duty to the citizenry, take immediate

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WAR BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP)—Representatives of the nation's newspaper publishers accepted the assignment today to undertake a gigantic scrap salvage campaign, spurred by a statement from WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson that "we're not doing a very good job of winning this war."

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Sept. 4 (AP)—American army flyers, in their first combat with hostile aircraft after a year in Iceland, shot down a German Focke-Wulf Kurier plane near Reykjavik today.

Temperatures In Pampa

6 p. m. Thursday	62
9 p. m. Thursday	67
Midnight Thursday	67
6 a. m. Today	67
9 a. m.	68
12 Noon	68
3 p. m.	68
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FILM GLAMOR CAPITAL

—Smiling happily, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., plays host at the Treasury building to a fortune in Hollywood glamor and talent. Film stars will tour country on billion-dollar war bond drive.

Nazis In Suburbs Of Stalingrad

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's armored columns, jolted by terrific Allied fire-power, were reported to have fallen back in the battle of Egypt today under another record-breaking assault by British-American warplanes.

A British communique said the main Axis forces had retreated slightly westward.

On the Russian front, Nazi headquarters asserted that German troops had fought their way to the western suburbs of Stalingrad, and TASS, the official Soviet news agency, acknowledged that fighting was in progress on "the immediate approaches" to the big Volga steel city.

Dispatches to Red Star said battles "without precedent in violence" were raging on the northern and southern approaches to the city as Gen. Fedor von Bock threw 25 divisions or upwards of 375,000 troops into a climactic assault on the key "City of Stalin."

"The Hitlerites' tank columns, decimated in previous engagements, have been considerably replenished," TASS said.

German planes were reported attacking the city regularly in waves of 150 or more.

The Caucasus, Hitler's field headquarters said, German troops crossed the Kerch strait between the Crimea and the Caucasus mainland and now are attacking Russian defenses on the Black sea coast.

Against the steadily darkening plight of Russia's armies, the situation in Egypt was markedly improved.

A bulletin from British Imperial G. H. Q. said British forces exerted strong pressure on the enemy all day yesterday in the southern sector of the 35-mile El Alamein front, 80 miles west of Alexandria.

"The enemy's main concentration moved slightly westward during the day," a communique said.

No Allied bombers were lost, the British command said.

The communique indicated that U. S. army and RAF flyers, equipped with Allied ground forces, had won at least the first phase of the new five-day struggle by compelling Rommel to draw in his steel-tipped horns.

Dispatches from the front said the Axis chieftain had moved up vast supplies for his offensive—including a 10-day supply of gasoline for his armored columns—and that Allied planes now were keeping the supply dumps under an almost incessant hail of bombs.

Taly's high command gave a conflicting version of the battle, asserting that "encounters by armored elements have resulted to our advantage" and making no mention of an Axis retreat.

"The enemy lost a number of tanks," the Italian command said. "Numerous New Zealanders have been taken prisoner."

The Fascist communique also declared that 25 Allied planes had been shot down by German and Italian fighters.

British military observers warned

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HELP . . . HE NEEDS IT!—Looks like "mess" time at Camp Callan, Calif. Corp. Sam Mavrakis took apart his 50-caliber

machine gun during a demonstration and now, he, well . . . is there an expert gunner in the house?

U. S. Strengthens Grip On Solomon Islands

By JOHN H. WIGGINS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP)—American fighting men steadily strengthened their grip on the Solomon Islands today as the battle of the southwest Pacific brought destruction of five Japanese ships, eight airplanes and quantities of invasion supplies.

Indications that constant Allied battering was sapping enemy strength came in communique from General MacArthur's Australian headquarters and from the navy department which told of lack of Japanese aircraft resistance in New Guinea and of only "periodic attacks" by small detachments of invaders in the Solomons.

U. S. submarines dealt a severe blow to Japan's supply lines by sinking five enemy ships including a light cruiser, and damaging three more. The newest sinkings reported by the navy yesterday boosted the total of Japanese ships sunk or damaged by American undersea craft to 99 since Dec. 7, 1941.

Absence of Nipponese attempts at interception were noted by General MacArthur's medium and attack bombers in a foray against enemy installations at Salamaua, Japanese New Guinea base, where numerous fires were started.

In the upper Solomons, two enemy seaplanes were damaged by the Allied bombers at Buka, fuel dumps were destroyed at Kieta, Japanese installations were blasted with "unknown results."

In the New Guinea area, MacArthur's communications told of further Allied bombing and strafing of Japanese communication lines in the Kokoda section, 60 miles east of the Allied base at Port Moresby.

A downtown location for donated scrap is to be worked out as a permanent operating place. This will be announced in a few days. Truck load donations are instructed to go to the General Mills to

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I SAW . . .

Billy West of the U. S. army air corps home on furlough. His brother, Dudley West, is a naval flying cadet at the University of Georgia. . . . Imo Cox came back from California with a California accent and it sounds very natural and attractive. . . . Her brothers, Seth and Tom, work in airplane factories out there. . . . Don't forget to take your magazines and old playing cards to Heavy Ingram for distribution to the boys on the troop trains. . . . Most of the drillers and roughnecks are now in defense work, but most of them are like Zite Haralson who longs for the day when he can go back to the oil fields.

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Many troop trains have stopped recently.

I Told You So, Labor People Telling WPB

By HERMAN ALLEN
War speeds the evolution of many an institution.
That, in the eyes of some Washington labor experts, is what is happening in the current go-round between AFL and CIO leaders on the one hand and the WPB on the other.

Soldier-Justice Murphy Relaxes



Black robes of a Supreme Court justice laid aside for an Army uniform, Lieut.-Col. Frank Murphy rests after day's maneuvers. (Second Armored Division photo.)

Mainly About Pampa And Her Neighbor Towns

Pvt. Gorman Snider, son of Mrs. Martha Snider, 3104 N. Cuyler, now stationed at Palm Beach, Fla., is spending a furlough in Pampa. He flew from Florida to Texas. He is attending an aerial gunners school. He enlisted four and one-half months ago and was sent to Sheppard Field, then to Presque, Maine, for two months, where he was a guard. From Maine he was sent to Florida.

STALINGRAD

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against too much optimism as a result of Rommel's withdrawal, pointing out that the battle was still in its preliminary phases with both sides jockeying for position.
Other reports suggested that Rommel may have been forced to call off his offensive, at least temporarily, by the withdrawal of his aerial support to the Russian front. In Moscow, a military spokesman said large Nazi air forces had been moved to the Soviet battle theater from the Mediterranean and Western Europe.

BLIND WRITER

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HORIZONTAL
1 Pictured deaf and blind writer,
12 Unescorted.
13 Posts.
15 Lone Scout (abbr.).
17 12 inches.
18 News story.
19 Morindin dye.
20 Dined.
22 Organs of movement.
23 Three (prefix).
24 Baseball team.
26 Ache.
27 Soak.
29 Group of three.
30 Drought.
31 Lubricant.
32 Aromatic.
34 Smells.
37 Writer of poetry.
39 Great Lake.
40 Abstract being.
41 She is one of our best-known feminine names.
46 Offspring.
47 North Dakota (abbr.).
48 Set in order.
49 Top of building.
51 Toward.
52 Mannikin.
53 Colophony.
55 Introductory.
2 Sprite.
3 Weaving frame.
4 Plenty.
5 Seines.
6 Man's name.
7 Tardy.
8 Prevaricates.
9 Tree.
10 Recording secretary (abbr.).
11 Suave.
14 Though she sees with her fingers.
16 Mix.
19 Operatic solo.
21 Poes.
23 Makers of clothes.
25 Pass legislation.
26 Haughtiness.
28 Weep.
29 Also.
32 Exhausted.
33 Small pool.
35 Disorderly conduct.
36 Mister (Sp.).
38 Southern drink.
41 Assistant.
42 Tissue (anat.).
43 Odd (Scot.).
44 Plant part.
45 Passable (colloq.).
48 In favor of.
50 Evergreen tree.
52 Military police (abbr.).
54 New York (abbr.).

DRAFT BOARD

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steps to obtain the release of a number of men who have been sent to the army.
No comment on the resignation of the Fisher county draft board was forthcoming yesterday at Austin from Adjutant-General J. Watt Page, head of the state selective service system.
In a similar controversy, Ed McClannahan, secretary-member of the Bexar county draft board, offered his resignation Wednesday after James Andrews, 38-year-old editor of a San Antonio negro newspaper, was granted a six-month deferment in Washington on appeal from local and state rejection of a deferment application.
Andrews' deferment was sought by the newspaper's publisher, Valmo C. Belling, on the ground it would be hard to replace him, McClannahan said.

FRANCO HALTS One Of Every Six Women Needed In War Production

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was adopted by prominent Spanish republican refugees in Mexico City.
Former Premier Indalecio Prieto said "it would not be going too far" to suspect the shake-up was a maneuver to give Generalissimo Francisco Franco time to mull his future policy around the outcome of the new Axis offensive in Egypt.
Berlin radio broadcasts insisted there would be no change in Spanish foreign policy and implied that Franco sought primarily to eliminate long-standing friction between Falange politicians and his army.
—BUY VICTORY BONDS—
Sardonic Sign Reads 'We Work For Hitler'
DETROIT, Sept. 4 (AP)—A sign reading "Monday we work for Hitler" was posted outside the Lincoln Motor plant of the Ford Motor company today by members of the United Automobile Workers (UAW) in protest against a Labor Day layoff ordered by the company.

Rev. Waldrop New Pastor Of Miami Baptist Church

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MIAMI, Sept. 4.—The Rev. William B. Waldrop of Paris has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church here and will begin his work about the 20 of September.
Waldrop and wife are at present at Paris and he is also enrolled as a student at the Fort Worth seminary, and is a graduate of Wayland college and Hardin-Simmons university at Abilene.
He was reared at Lubbock and has held pastorates at Adrian, Pettit, Grand Falls and Ackley.
The Miami Baptist church has been without a pastor since the resignation of a few weeks ago of Rev. W. A. Pryor who entered the army as a chaplain, with the rank of first lieutenant.

SOLOMONS

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and of guerrilla fighting about Milne bay where Allied ground troops were mopping up the survivors of a trapped band of invaders.
In the southeastern Solomons, the marines bolstered positions won from the Japanese a month ago, the navy said, but small enemy detachments which succeeded in landing there were "being sought out and engaged."
American land-based aircraft, operating from the Guadalcanal base, inflicted several hits on ships engaged in landing operations, the navy added, but the extent of damage was unknown.
Japanese aircraft operations, which the navy termed "periodic," included a raid by 18 bombers accompanied by fighters on the American Guadalcanal installations. Three enemy bombers and five fighters were shot down. Damage to the American positions was reported as minor.
In addition, an enemy tanker or seaplane tender was bombed by a flying fortress off Santa Isabel island and left in flames.

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Reynolds Refers Youth Draft Issue To War Department

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP)—Chairman Reynolds (D-NC) of the senate military affairs committee declared today he would ask the War Department for a formal recommendation "as to the necessity of drafting youths of 18 and 19 into the armed forces."
Reynolds told reporters he would be guided "by the decisions of our military leaders" in his consideration of a proposal, introduced yesterday by Senator Gurney (R-S.D.) to lower the minimum induction age from 20 to 18 and thus tap a reservoir of upwards of 2,000,000 men.

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increase; they merely wanted to make sure they will be taken care of. They will be. The exact formula won't be announced until mid-September, however, and until that time prices must remain within the March ceilings.
"And of course we can't say now what items will be affected. If we did, housewives would immediately rush to the stores and start hoarding those items.
Now, then, how does a rise in price help the consumer? Well, it's a question of paying a little more or a lot more. OPA reasons that it is better to let your chain store, super market or low-price neighborhood store sell them "X" at a slightly higher price, and keep it on their shelves at that price, than to make you go around a corner to a specialty shop and pay a still higher price.

DIES DISPUTES

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ed, was "utterly disproportionate to the resources available."
Dies retorted he could come to no conclusion except that what Biddle "has done in effect is to give a license to every government employe to engage in any Communist or subversive activity so long as he does not go to the extent of actually carrying publicly a paid-up membership card in the Communist party."
Instead of fulfilling the mandate of congress, he added, "the Attorney General has issued a meaningless conglomeration of statistics set in a framework of general conclusions which are either totally irrelevant to the issues involved or dangerous to the internal safety of this country if applied to employment in the federal government."
Dies said he had "conclusive proof" that many suspected employes "were put under strong pressure to resign voluntarily" before the FBI started its investigation.
The Texan was represented as having determined to force a showdown in the house between his committee and Biddle by formally requesting the rejection of Biddle's report as not meeting the congressional mandate.

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U. S. AIRMEN

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reported many hits were scored by bomb-toting fighters on the Japanese headquarters at Nanchang and upon large warehouses in the congested Japanese area northwest of the city.
(The Tokyo radio broadcast a Domei dispatch reporting that seven Allied fighters were set free Thursday by Japanese planes at Lingling, southern Hunan province, and that "in a search for enemy warplane formations" other raids were made on airdromes at Kweilin and Hengyang, the latter a U. S. air base in Hunan province.)
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Johnny Still Knows How

FRANKLIN, Ind., Sept. 4 (AP)—Pvt. Johnny Campbell, who was a star on the Franklin High school basketball team in 1939, still knows how to score a goal.
As he was riding through Franklin on a train he wrote a note, wrapped it around a pocket comb and tossed it out a window.
His parents picked it up in their backyard.

Solons To Probe AFM Ban

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP)—Senator Clark (D-Idaho) announced today a subcommittee of the senate interstate commerce committee would begin investigation Sept. 14 of the American Federation of Musicians' ban on making records for use by radio stations and coin-operated reproducing machines.

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