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REPORT HUNGARY IS SEEKING PEACE THROUGH TURKEY

BULLETIN
New York—The Ankara radio reported this afternoon that "the capture of Belgrade has been announced by the Yugoslav patriots."

Moscow—(P)—The Red Army's three-way offensive against Hungary from Romania and Yugoslavia developed swiftly today while rumors of peace feelers by the Budapest government indicated Hitler's last important satellite may be on the verge of deserting him.

Hungary's defensive position was dark as strong Russian forces, pressing forward in a 100-mile arc on the Romanian-Hungarian frontier, increased their mountain salient and utilized Marshal Tito's permission to cross Yugoslav territory and strike the Hungarians and Germans from the south.

The Russian war bulletin disclosed that Soviet troops had fought their way into Lupkov pass leading from Poland into Czechoslovakia, taking Vydan, a Czechoslovak rail station nearly three miles inside the frontier.

Approach Hungarian Plain
The advance down the southern slopes of the Ast Beskid range along the railway leading to the Hungarian plain has almost achieved a common front between the Fourth Ukrainian army and the Slovak patriots.

A Czechoslovak government delegation, headed by Frantisek Nemecek, is waiting near the Polish-Czechoslovak frontier to enter Czechoslovak territory as soon as a substantial border area is cleared of the enemy.

(The American broadcasting station in Europe, quoting the Turkish radio, said last night the Hungarian premier was reported to have asked the Turkish ambassador in Budapest to learn allied peace terms, and to act as an intermediary in preliminary negotiations for Hungary's exit from the axis.)

Large Russ Forces
(Enemy reports asserted Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky, commanding combined Russian and Romanian forces, was using 30 divisions, or upwards of 300,000 men, in an offensive that reached to within 15 miles of Szeged, Hungary's second city.)

Missouri Valley, Ia. —(P)—A fast freight plowed into a passenger train, knocked five cars on their backs and in the wreckage scattered over a half a mile left nine known dead and about 100 injured, of whom 47 received treatment in Council Bluffs, Ia., hospitals today. Two of the injured were reported in extremely critical condition.

Three soldiers were among those who died in the crash of the two Chicago and North Western line trains at about 7:30 p. m., CWT, Thursday, on the outskirts of Missouri Valley.

Seventh service command officials today identified the soldiers as Pvt. Henry Oscar Eio, son of Mrs. Hilma Eio, Lawler, Minn.; Pvt. Leo D. Hensen, son of Frank Hensen, Wiliston, N. D.; and Pvt. Steve Steenhoven, husband of Mrs. Steve Steenhoven, Hull, Ia.

The other victims were identified as follows:
Mr. and Mrs. Ben White, Council Bluffs; Edwin Mayer, 50, Ashland, Neb.; Ida McLarnan, Merville, Ia.; Paul G. Spraisli, Lurvenne, Minn.; and the two-year old daughter of Mrs. Agnes Steenhoven of Hull, Ia.

Critically injured were the baby daughter of Charles Erwin, address unavailable, and a soldier, Chester Hallberg, rank unavailable, home address, Worthington, Minn.

The freight train, the Calumet which makes a regular Omaha to Chicago run, struck one of the coaches of the Sioux City to Omaha No. 10 passenger train which a railroad official said was on a switch at the time.

Among the injured being treated in hospitals at Council Bluffs were: Clarence J. Touchette, 34, East St. Louis, Ill.
Pvt. Earl Hullette, Roberts, Idaho (en route on furlough from Camp McCoy, Wis.)

\$200 Damage As Cars Sideswipe
Roy Wernberg of Arpin, driving west on County Trunk N in the village of Arpin, and Bernard Patrenetz, Vesper, driving east on the same road, sideswiped at 11 p. m. Thursday evening. No one was injured but damage was estimated at \$200.

County Traffic Officer Arthur Hott arrested Patrenetz on the complaint by Wernberg that Patrenetz had been driving his car while under the influence of liquor.
Patrenetz pleaded guilty this morning in justice court and paid his fine.

Chinese Gloomy About Jap Victories in South

Chungking—(P)—Recent Chinese defeats and the possibility that the American 14th air force may lose additional bases in China produced an atmosphere of gloom today in this capital unmatched since the dark days when China was fighting the war alone.

There is no doubt in Chungking that the allies will defeat Japan but the consensus of both Chinese and Americans seems to be that the war has been prolonged for several months already as a result of the recent reverses.

In addition the prestige of the Chinese central government has been harmed. This is important not only with respect to relations between the Chinese and their allies but because the reverses resulted in the central government losing a certain amount of face in dealings with the Communists in the north.

Significant Events
Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault has lost several major and minor airdromes, from which he was able to harass Japanese forces in China and damage shipping along the coast, as well as easy access to other air fields.

The loss of his three remaining forward bases at Kweilin, Tanchuk and Linchow is possible within a short period.

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TOKYO REPORTS ANOTHER YANK AIR BASE TAKEN

(By the Associated Press)
Tokyo radio reported the capture of one of the three remaining advanced American airfields in China today as U. S. fleet carrier forces added up the most remarkable record of ship and plane destruction of the Pacific war.

In an almost unopposed raid on the central Philippines, sea-borne fighters and bombers sank 22 Japanese ships, damaged about 70 other surface craft, and destroyed 36 planes. The raid, Sept. 23, (U. S. time) cost the attackers ten planes and eight airmen, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced last night.

Record Philippine Raids
This was the seventh day of sweeping raids over the invasion-threatened islands since Sept. 8 by the air arm of Adm. William Halsey's Third fleet. Altogether they have wiped out 1,014 Japanese planes and sunk or damaged 300 surface craft. This mark surpasses most monthly totals for the entire Pacific.

Only seven interceptors dared oppose the raiders as they wrecked shipping, defensive installations and "thoroughly bombed and strafed" airfields on Cebu, Leyte, Negros, Mactan, and southern Luzon islands. All seven were shot down. The meager opposition illustrated Nimitz' statement that the enemy's air defense had been broken. Tokyo radio said replacements have since been flown in.

Convoy Smashed
A skip-bombing navy Catalina flying boat, from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's air forces patrolling the southern Philippines, intercepted a convoy near Jolo, sank a 10,000 ton transport and damaged a smaller freighter-transport.

A Tokyo communique asserted Japanese columns captured Tanchuk, one of the last three U. S. airfields in southeast China, the remaining two—at Kweilin, 90 miles to the north and Linchow, about 200 to the south—were threatened. Their fall would force Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th airforce 480 miles west to Kunming.

Chungking conceded that the Nipponese were converging on Tanchuk and had broken into Paoching, 150 miles north of Kweilin.

Kiwanis Club to Observe National Newspaper Week
At its weekly meeting at the Youth lodge this week, the Kiwanis club made arrangements for a special program for its meeting next Wednesday at the lodge in observance of National Newspaper Week.

Wm. F. Huffman, who is observing his 25th anniversary as publisher of The Daily Tribune on October 7, will be honored by a testimonial in appreciation of his services to the community.

A motion was also made and passed that the Kiwanis club sponsor a bus to take a group of blood donors to Stevens Point when the Red Cross has its blood bank project there in October.

M. C. Kelley has been named as chairman of the program committee for next Wednesday.

BULLETIN
London—(P)—All Estonia has been liberated except two small islands and 45,745 Germans have been killed or captured in ten days, the Moscow radio declared tonight in an official statement.

More than 30,000 Germans were killed in ten days ending Sept. 26 by the Leningrad army group of Marshal Leonid A. Govorov now pressing against Riga.

Another 15,745 were captured, raising total permanent casualties in that sector alone to 45,745—the equivalent of four and a half German divisions as presently constituted.

Report What We May Expect from Nazis
London—(P)—A clearer picture of what to expect from a beaten Germany is slowly emerging here and the British government has given credence to two of the most widely circulated rumors in neutral capitals:

1. That the German general staff realizes Germany has lost this war and is preparing for a third world war.

2. That Hitler and his henchmen are serious in their threats never to surrender and are ready to wage guerrilla warfare even after the German army has been broken.

Legionnaires will have their annual chicken chowder on the cottage of Legionnaire Von Holliday on Sunday. They report that it will be strictly a stag affair.

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GERMANS SAY THESE ARE CAPTURED ALLIED PARATROOPERS—Caption for this German picture serviced by Pressens Bild, Swedish picture agency, says it shows allied paratroopists captured by the Germans in Holland. (AP wirephoto by radio from Stockholm.)

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FDR Indorses Hull's Peace Plan for Reich

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The order was issued in a letter to Leo T. Crowley, chief of the foreign economic administration, and while it covered non-German subjects in its eight points, it apparently is the outgrowth of the sharp division in the president's postwar cabinet committee over a German peace plan submitted by Secretary Morgenthau.

This division reflected a fundamental policy disagreement between Secretaries Stimson and Hull on the one hand and Morgenthau, who proposed the virtual de-industrialization of Germany to prevent its making future wars.

Hull and the state department, which had exercised unquestioned direction of long-range German planning until Morgenthau was appointed for his plan, have tentatively counted on restoration of Germany's industrial economy under ruthless allied controls. Under the president's order today this policy now apparently is to prevail.

Point seven of the president's letter to Crowley said:

"You have been making studies from the economic standpoint of what should be done after the surrender of Germany to control its See—PEACE—Page 7

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Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 68; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 31; temperature at 7 a. m., 33.