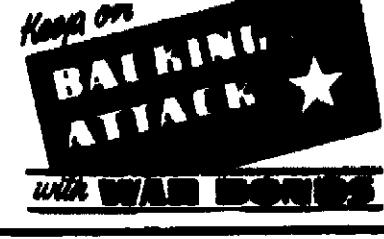




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# 8TH ARMY BEGINS NEW OFFENSIVE IN ITALY

## Yank Airmen Pound Germany

### RUMORS BUZZING ABOUT MEETING OF 'BIG THREE'

London—(P)—Simultaneously stepped up offensives on three sides of Adolf Hitler's fortress Europe suggested the possibility today that the stage is being set for a momentous war development—probably in the diplomatic field—which is believed both in London and abroad to be imminent.

Intensified allied aerial assaults on Germany from British bases, an accelerated Soviet drive into White Russia and a spurt in the Italian campaign coincided with continued

### REPORT PEACE PROPOSAL

Stockholm—(P)—The Bern correspondent of Svenska Dagbladet quoted the Swiss newspaper La Suisse today as saying that Germany had made a new peace proposal to be submitted to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

The three allied leaders, La Suisse said, are reported to be en route to a meeting in North Africa where they will consider the proposal.

The Svenska Dagbladet correspondent declared the entire Swiss report should be received with the greatest reservation, but he added that he had learned from German informants that there had been important activity recently among German diplomats.

reports from abroad hinting at a meeting between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and perhaps representatives of at least three other nations.

### Expect Dramatic Announcement

In connection with these reports, the Daily Telegraph declared in a dispatch from Switzerland that there is a general feeling there that the "big three" may be planning some kind of dramatic announcement—such as a last warning to Germany before launching a grand invasion of western Europe.

But an even more history-making event was viewed here as possible in the light of rumors that See—RUMORS—Page 5

## Four Killings, One Suicide in Philadelphia

Philadelphia—(P)—Two Philadelphia real estate operators were shot to death in their office today and a short time later a man identified by police as one of their employees shot and killed two women YMCA employees and then committed suicide.

The slayings occurred in widely separated sections of the city.

Detectives McCauley and Neil identified the dead as Samuel Clokey, 58, treasurer of the nationally famous Baptist Temple; his real estate partner, David Fink, 47; Mae Chappel, 29, a YMCA maid; Mrs. Norla Harley, 26, assistant to Henry Packer, executive secretary of the Christian street YMCA, and William Harrison, 58, real estate salesman who lived at the YMCA. Harrison and the women were Negroes.

Clokey was president of the George H. White Realty and Development company.

Herbert Silver, who lives near the North Broad street real estate office, was quoted by McCauley and Neil as saying he was talking with Clokey on the telephone when, over the telephone, he heard "five or six shots."

"White the shots were sounding, I heard a voice crying: 'No! Don't do it!' Silver said.

Silver notified police, who went to the office and found Fink sprawled on the floor in the center of the room and Clokey lying behind a desk.

### 300 at Rev. Baumann's Farewell Reception in SS. Peter & Paul Gym

About 300 parishioners packed the gymnasium of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church here Sunday night to attend the farewell reception for the Rev. Alloysius F. Baumann, who after serving for six years as first assistant pastor of the local church will leave November 30 to become pastor of the Sacred Heart church, Mondovi, Wis.

"He has done excellent work," declared the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Redding, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul church, and after Baumann's immediate superior. "He has ministered between 300 and 400 children... he was always ready for sick calls, or any service that was necessary. Those people whom he has helped into heaven are praying for his success tonight.... He was very close to me, very kind to me. I'll miss him more than anyone else."

**Colleague Speaks**  
The Rev. J. L. Brake, Monsignor Redding's other assistant, and a close associate of Father Baumann for the past 18 months declared: "For the first time which I can remember, I am out of words. I can only say that I never found a better or a closer friend... I wish him the best of luck—not luck but the fullness of God's blessing."

Representatives of 10 Catholic organizations spoke brief messages of appreciation and farewell, and presented Father Baumann with envelopes containing gifts as tokens of gratitude.

**Various Speakers**  
Clemente Santoski spoke for the Catholic Order of Foresters; Mrs. Vincent Nash, for the women of the COF; Darrell DeWitt for the Holy Name society; Miss Myrtle Konash for the Stella Maris sodality; Donal Love for the Catholic Youth organization; and Miss Jane Ritchay for the Rosa Mystica sodality.

Mrs. Exeter Ticknor paid Father Baumann a farewell tribute in behalf of the Mothers' club; Bernard Boles, for the Knights of Columbus; Mrs. Selina Rousseau for the Catholic Daughters of America; and Mrs. William Bodette for the Loyal Legion of Mary.

**Women Pay Tribute**  
Speaking for the women of the parish Mrs. C. G. Mullen thanked Father Baumann for his manifold services, praising especially his activities with the children and young people of the parish. "The little children all came to love Father Baumann. The members of young people's organizations felt that he was one of them. He carried out an excellent program of Catholic action, and set a fine example of obedience, piety and kindness for us all."

A. A. Ritchay, speaking for the men of the parish, expressed the great respect and affection in which Father Baumann is held by all. "A layman's life has been described as a series of compromises," he declared "but that is not true of a priest, and certainly not of See—BAUMANN—Page 5

### Overrule Objections to 56 Letters

Chicago—(P)—A general objection by 37 corporate and individual defendants to 56 letters introduced by the government on Friday in support of its charges that the defendants had violated the anti-trust laws in the cheese industry was overruled today by Federal Judge W. J. Campbell.

The court continued hearing specific objections to 19 letters tentatively allowed in the record between the late J. C. Demes, originally one of the defendants who was an official of the merchandising department of the Cudahy Packing Co., and R. J. Rowe, manager of the Dow Cheese Co., Fond du Lac, Wis., relative to brick cheese prices from 1885 to 1940.

The court in addition overruled objections to 52 of the letters and part of another, ordering three completely stricken from the record.

### Man Is Critically Injured With Ax

Medford, Wis.—(P)—Jim French, 77, was in a critical condition at a local hospital today with wounds which Undersheriff John McQuillen of Taylor county said apparently had been inflicted with an ax.

McQuillen said that a service station attendant was called to the nearby French residence Saturday night by Mrs. French and found a man lying on the floor bleeding profusely. The ax lay nearby the undersheriff said.

McQuillen said that Mrs. French was to be questioned today in an effort to determine how her husband was injured.

**WRITER HOSPITALIZED**  
Allied Headquarters, Algiers—(P)—Daniel DeLuce, Associated Press correspondent assigned to the Eighth army in Italy, has been hospitalized there with a severe case of impetigo. The infectious skin disease has been widespread among troops in Italy in recent weeks.

While the malady is not serious, it frequently requires several weeks' treatment.

### FOLLOW UP RAID BY BRITISH ON WESTERN REICH

London—(P)—American heavy bombers supported by fighters attacked targets in northwest Germany today on the heels of an overnight attack on western Germany by the RAF.

While the American heavy bombers were continuing the stepped up, big scale destruction of German war centers, twin-engined American Marauders also streaked out over the channel today to blast at Hitler's air power in a raid on the Nazi airfield at Chievres, in Belgium.

### Dare Nazis to Act

The blows directed against Germany both last night had today been in bold defiance of German threats of reprisals for last week's attacks on Berlin, said to have left a third of the Nazi capital in ruins.

Objectives of the night or day raids were not announced immediately, but a British statement said the night raiders were Mosquitos.

### Berlin Quiet Again

Berlin had its second successive raidless night while the sirens were kept whining in western Germany by the Mosquitos.

The great force of bombers seen streaming across the channel during the night apparently was a fleet of minelayers.

The new blow followed the disclosure that approximately \$2,500,000 is being spent to expand the already mighty British-American aerial offensive from Britain—an offensive which reached a new peak of intensity only last week.

Of the total, the air ministry news service said, about \$52,000,000 will be spent on airfields and depots for the U. S. Eighth air force.

### Nazi Air Power Weakens

Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, Eighth air force fighter command chief, declared in a broadcast to the United States that German air power definitely is growing weaker as the might of the allies increases.

The Germans threat of dire reprisals for the devastation wrought in Berlin came from Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, who said darkly in a broadcast speech that German industry was working feverishly night and day to turn out the mysterious weapons through which Britain would be paid back with "interest and double interest."

It was a familiar propaganda line, but listeners here were intrigued by one angle in his speech—an assertion that British raiders had dropped "masses of phosphorus canisters" in Berlin. Goebbels seemed to imply that the British were using new and more deadly type of incendiary bomb, causing some speculation in London newspapers.

### TOKYO VERSION

New York—(P)—The Tokyo radio today broadcast a Japanese Imperial headquarters communiqué acknowledging loss of contact with Japanese forces on Tarawa and Makin islands in the Gilberts which have been captured by United States troops.

### Estimate \$2,000 Fire Loss Sunday

Firemen Sunday answered two calls, one at the James Brockman home, 621 Saratoga street, where fire in the attic burned through the roof and caused damage estimated by firemen at approximately \$2,000.

Firemen were called at 12:15 p. m. and crews of two fire trucks fought the blaze until nearly 2 p. m.

At 4 p. m. two trucks responded to a haystack blaze at the Mrs. William Powell home, 1311 Sixteenth street south, where minor damage occurred.

Cause of the Brockman blaze is undetermined, although it is believed that defective wiring was source of the fire.

### 49th Victim

The bomb pierced the ship's armor and exploded inside with a flash that lit up the night sky. It was the 49th enemy warship sunk or damaged in the northern Solomons during November.

A spokesman for Adm. William F. Halsey, south Pacific fleet commander, reported that more than 1,000 Japanese had been killed in a 10-day battle on Bougainville, invaded at Empress Augusta bay See—WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 5

**Individuals and groups from an eight-county area are arranging transportation and making final preparations to attend the one-day recreation leadership training center to be held at Wood county normal school here on Saturday, December 4. The intensive program of recreation training is sponsored by the State Recreation Leaders' laboratory, and is under the direction of representatives of county and normal schools, church groups of all denominations, county agricultural and home demonstration agents, and boy and girl scouts.**

All persons of high school age and over who are interested in training for recreation leadership, and who reside in Wood, Taylor, Clark, Marathon, Waushara, Portage, Adams, or Marquette counties may attend the "Fun For All" meeting, according to Mrs. Carl Kolb, Wisconsin Recreational training See—RECREATION—Page 5



CHRISTMAS PACKAGES ARRIVE FROM HOME—Mail call has an even greater attraction than usual for these doughboys dashing to the mail truck loaded with Christmas presents from home for troops in Italy. (AP wirephoto by signal corps radio.)

### Uncle Sam Is Ready to Tap 300,000 Men For Draft During January

Washington—(P)—Some 300,000 men, far more than the war manpower commission expected to be called, may be called by Uncle Sam for military service in January.

WMC had indicated that army draft requirements would drop sharply after the first of the year, but the war department has certified a January call twice as large as expected.

### Quota Remains Same

As a result, the combined army-navy monthly quota will remain at its present level of about 300,000 at least for the first month of 1944. The war department had to increase the January call by more than 50,000 above replacement requirements because of lagging enlistments in the WAC and due to the failure of draft boards to meet their October quotas.

The draft boards' below-standard induction figures were attributed by selective service officials to uncertainty over father draft legislation and consequent reluctance to order pre-Pearl Harbor parents to report.

Congress already has passed and sent to the White House legislation placing pre-war fathers at the bottom of the draft pool.

### Dependent On 2 Factors

WMC officials were unable to say how the stepped-up army induction rate would affect fathers. Whether a drop in draft calls can be expected in February depends largely on the ability of draft boards to make up their October quotas by the end of January and on the future of the WAC enlistment drive, they added.

They are evidently put out most of the time with a view of creating overconfidence among the allies in carrying on the war to a successful conclusion and in that way impairing the whole vigor of the war situation on the allied side."

Hull did not elaborate but the implication was clear that he considers the peace rumors to be axis inspired.

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Army officers have expressed satisfaction with the performance of the women soldiers and have indicated they would welcome hundreds of thousands of them, but enlistments to date number only about 60,000.

### Elmer Davis Complains

Disclosure of the new draft requirements came on the heels of a complaint from the office of war information that WMC officials were withholding manpower news from the public. OWI Director Elmer Davis, in a memorandum delivered to WMC Chief Paul V. McNutt, said the manpower commission has employed a "rather hostile" attitude toward the press.

McNutt told reporters that WMC had not attempted to "conceal" any of its activities but that his information division was seriously understaffed because of lack of funds.

### George Schneider Is Shot by Deer Hunter

George Schneider, 35, living at 2611 Eighth street south, ended his deer season in Riverview hospital here, recovering from a bullet wound in the thigh.

Mr. Schneider was hunting in the Chequamegon forest area, between Park Falls and Fifield in Price county Friday afternoon when he was struck by a stray bullet which entered the thigh from in front, left the body from the posterior portion of the thigh.

Hunting companions took the wounded man to a Park Falls physician for first aid and returned him to his home here Friday evening. Saturday night he was removed to the hospital here at suggestion of his physician.

The bullet wound went through the flesh but did not encounter the bones of the upper leg or thigh, making complete recovery possible at an earlier date if the wound were complicated by a fracture, the physician said.

It is not known who fired the shot which wounded Schneider.

### Stresses Obligation to Returning Vets

South Bend, Ind.—(P)—"We'll start a bonfire that will burn Washington squirrel cage down unless the men returning from war get their just desserts," Warren H. Atherton of Stockton, Calif., national commander of the American Legion, declared at a war bond sales meeting Sunday at the University of Notre Dame.

"We have one duty to those who come back," he said. "We can't shed the responsibility by giving them a small amount of money and letting the veterans subsist on charity. We must enable them to continue their education and give the maimed vocational training."

Beloit, Wis.—(P)—Miss Loreta Schleier, 19, Rock county, was killed this afternoon when the plane she was piloting crashed with another just east of here and plummeted to the earth, H. A. Schultz, chief of detectives for the coroner's office, said.

Both planes, according to Schultz, took off from the south Beloit airport. The other plane was piloted by Donald Dresselhouse.

### PUSH NORTHWEST OF SANGRO RIVER ALONG ADRIATIC

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—(P)—The Eighth army, called upon by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery to hit the Germans a "colossal crack" and to drive them north of Rome, struck out in a new offensive in the darkness of Sunday morning from its Sangro bridgeheads and is making good progress in the face of enemy flamethrowers, allied headquarters announced today.

The attack, delivered at night in typical Montgomery style, was preceded and backed by a terrific air onslaught. It was carried out by veteran British, Indian and New Zealand divisions rushing forward in the flashing light of an "exceptionally heavy" artillery barrage.

Bombard Civitanova

Before the Eighth army's wheels were set churning westward from the bridgehead into the enemy's hill positions toward Rome, British destroyers laid down a bombardment on the enemy port of Civitanova, 20 miles south of Ancona on the Adriatic coast.

A second bridgehead at Archi, 13 miles inland from the Adriatic, was hammered out as the attack progressed, broadening the Eighth army's foothold on the north side of the most serious obstacle encountered by Montgomery since he set foot on the Calabrian toe last September.

To the southwest, a British cruiser and destroyer also hurled broadsides into the Minturno area just north of the Fifth army's front.

Americans in the right of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's front also seized more high ground