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Germans Will Wage Guerrilla Warfare to Death, Goebbels Says

ARTHUR NEIMAN CASE OPENS IN CIRCUIT COURT

The case of Arthur Neiman, charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, opened this morning in circuit court before Judge Herman J. Severson with counsel for the defense and the plaintiff giving an explanation of the case to the jury. Complainant and victim of the alleged assault is Arnold H. Kempen, chairman of the town of Rudolph.

District Attorney Hugh W. Goggins in his introductory explanation to the jury pointed out that Neiman had apparently without provocation accosted Kempen with derogatory language and then struck him several times. The altercation occurred on August 7 when Kempen was picking blackberries on the farm owned by Willis Neiman, Arthur's son.

Kempen, when questioned by Attorney Goggins, explained that after Neiman had struck him several times, Neiman started to kick him. Kempen then grabbed Neiman's heel, upsetting him, and then held onto his foot to keep him on the ground. Previous to that time, Kempen stated, Neiman made two attempts to grab his glasses and on the second attempt succeeded. Kempen said that while he held Neiman on the ground, a Mrs. Westphal who had come into the blackberry patch, spoke to the two men. After releasing Neiman's foot and turning to the speaker, Kempen said he turned back to find Neiman armed with a club which, Kempen stated, Neiman used to strike him on the side of the face. There was some question on both sides concerning whether Kempen had released Neiman's foot as he turned to speak to Mrs. Westphal or before he turned to speak to her.

Attorney John Roberts, counsel for Arthur Neiman, presented the defendant's side of the story, stating that it would be proven by testimony that the club was not used to strike a blow, that there were "no trespassing" signs on the property, and that Kempen had, by going into the grove, committed a criminal offense.

Attorney Roberts also pointed out to the jury that Arnold Kempen had previously been convicted on two charges of assault and battery. Mr. Kempen admitted the accusation and stated that the first conviction

London—(AP)—German Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels declared today that the allies have opened an all-out offensive against Germany and that the Nazis are prepared to wage guerrilla warfare to the death.

In a speech reported by the official news agency DNB and broadcast by Berlin, Goebbels said: "Our enemies have unleashed an all-out offensive on our frontiers of gigantic impact in order to win a speedy and, first of all, not too costly victory."

Allies Want War's End

The propaganda minister said the allies wanted to end the war in Europe before winter and before the November elections in the United States.

"Roosevelt would like to enter the presidential election campaign with victory in Europe being achieved," Goebbels was quoted as declaring on a visit to western front defenses. "Churchill has no time to lose either. He knows that, lacking any real war aims, the British public is utterly war weary, while on the other hand the German people cannot show any war weariness at all, because their frontiers, their national existence and the existence of the Reich are immediately threatened."

Another broadcast quoted Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's publication, Das Schwarze Korps, as saying: "The Germans will fight better in the enemy's rear than the Russians"

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Leaders Pay High Tributes To Al Smith

New York—(AP)—As leaders in every walk of life paid tribute to former Governor Alfred E. Smith, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today ordered all state flags flown at half-staff for 30 days.

"Our state and nation have just suffered the loss of a truly great American—Alfred Emanuel Smith," Dewey said. "The progressive measures which he sponsored are now a part of our American heritage. His distinguished career will always stand as an inspiration to the people of America."

Washington—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that with the death of former Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York "the country loses a true patriot."

In a statement issued at the White House, Mr. Roosevelt said in part: "The nation mourns the death of the Happy Warrior."

"Al Smith had qualities of heart and mind and soul which not only endeared him to those who came under the spell of his dynamic presence in personal association but also made him the idol of the multitude. To the populace he was a hero. Frank, friendly and warmhearted, honest as the noonday sun he had the courage of his convictions, even when his espousal of unpopular causes invited the enmity of powerful adversaries."

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Former President Herbert Hoover, who defeated Smith in the 1928 presidential election, paid this tribute: "Gov. Alfred Smith contributed a real part in building America. Great as that was, it was his qualities of character that will leave a mark on American life. He was valiant in political campaigns, but he was so intrepid in his honesty of mind, in his fairness and his sportsmanship that he won the esteem and personal friendship of every opponent."

Schedule McMurray Here Sunday Night

Cong. Howard J. McMurray, former University of Wisconsin forum lecturer on political economy and known here as a speaker on several previous forums sponsored by Witter vocational school, will open the forum series here Sunday night when he speaks in Lincoln high school music room on "What Kind of a Peace?" W. A. Sprise, vocational school director, announced today.

Mr. Sprise said that there had been efforts made to get Cong. McMurray here earlier in the summer but that it had been impossible to get him until this time.

The meeting Sunday night is open to the public, without admission.

Elks Open Season With Dinner Meeting

Over 80 members of the Wisconsin Rapids Elks club attended the opening dinner meeting of the new season on Tuesday evening at which time 27 candidates for membership were announced.

Dwight Teas, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced Elks members who each told briefly the whereabouts of an Elks man in service. The local lodge has 26 members now in service, and the group learned that these men are now serving on many battlefronts throughout the world.

Music was provided by the regular Elks orchestra.

DINNER PLANS CHANGED

The testimonial banquet for William Kenny to be held in conjunction with the Eighth district American Legion conference at Marshfield on Thursday will be held at the Elks club at 7 p. m. instead of the armory as previously announced.

PRESIDENT SIGNS LEGISLATION FOR SHIFT TO PEACE

Washington—(AP)—President Roosevelt, signing two bills providing tools for the shift from war to peace, has served notice that his administration wants something more "no less fair" than that given farmers and returning veterans.

Mr. Roosevelt put his signature yesterday to the surplus war property bill which Surplus Administrator William L. Clayton has called unworkable. With less distaste he approved the overall demobilization act creating an office of war mobilization and reconversion.

But Mr. Roosevelt expressed his hope that congress, when it reconvenes after elections, will "promptly" rectify what he called deficiencies in the latter measure.

What Is Needed

Still needed to complete the kit of reconversion tools, he said, are: back-home travel pay for discharged workers; nationwide minimum standards of unemployment benefits and unemployment pay for federal employees.

As it stands, the bill is a "states-rights" measure, with the federal government guaranteeing the state payments by providing help when state funds run low.

New Chiefs Not Named

The guessing game over four new appointments required by the laws was prolonged by Mr. Roosevelt for at least six weeks, with present odds favoring Fred M. Vinson, now director of economic stabilization, to take over the key post, that of running OWMR.

James F. Byrnes has done a "magnificent job" as head of the office of war mobilization, the president said, but he has asked release from the government. Since the permanent appointment requires senate confirmation, Mr. Roosevelt said he had decided to send the name to congress when it assembles Nov. 14. Byrnes meanwhile stays on.

A chairman and two other members of the new surplus property board, charged with disposition of \$100,000,000,000 worth of government goods and property, also remain for future appointment.

Happy Warrior Of New York, Al Smith, Dies

New York—(AP)—Alfred E. Smith, 70, native of New York City's east side, four times governor of New York state and 1928 Democratic presidential candidate, died today.

Death came to the man who made the Brown Derby famous at 6:20 a. m. (EWT) in Rockefeller Institute. Dr. Raymond P. Sullivan, his physician, said lung congestion and acute heart failure were the causes. He had been transferred to the institute Sept. 23 from St. Vincent's hospital where he had been treated for an intestinal and liver disturbance since Aug. 10.

Only last night a dozen red roses arrived at the hospital for him from President and Mrs. Roosevelt. It was Mr. Roosevelt who nicknamed Smith the "Happy Warrior" when he nominated Smith for the presidency in 1928.

The close political and personal friendship between Mr. Roosevelt and Smith cooled, however, in 1936 when Smith took what he called "a walk" from Mr. Roosevelt and the Democratic party and supported Alf Landon for the presidency. He again opposed the New Deal in 1940, stumping for the Republican candidate, Wendell L. Willkie.

Smith had not taken an active part in politics in recent years, devoting himself instead to management of the Empire State building and aiding in bond drives and other civic activities.

A prominent Catholic, Smith knew he was dying "and was praying all the time," said the Rev. John Healy, his pastor, who was present when death came. Father Healy said Smith "passed on peacefully." His death occurred five months to the day from the death of his wife, Catherine Dunn Smith.

A few minutes after he died Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Quillinan, a son-in-law and daughter, and Mrs. Emily Warner, a daughter, arrived at the hospital.

Smith rose from humble surroundings on Manhattan's east side to a place where he never was out of the public eye.

He was defeated for the presidency in 1928 by Herbert Hoover. Although he carried only eight



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SCOUT LEADERS HEAR HOFFMAN

Scout Executive William Hoffman of Wausau told south Wood county Boy Scout leaders at a meeting at the Lowell school here Tuesday night that the 1944 summer camp was the largest on record. Mr. Hoffman also outlined objectives for each troop, with special emphasis on getting Tenderfoot scouts to advance to Second Class and then to First Class. He brought out the point that there are more scouts in south Wood county than ever before.

Several annual events were discussed, with dates being set for them. The Court of Honor will be held on November 18, 1944, with many awards to be made at that time. If proper arrangements can be made, a waste paper collection is to be carried out by the Boy Scouts on October 14, 1944. The date for spring Camp-O-See was set for May 12 and 13, 1945, which is three weeks earlier than a year ago. The earlier date was arranged in the hope that there will not be a conflict with other boys' activities.

The next Scoutmasters' Roundtable will be held on November 7, 1944 at 7:30 p. m., at the Lowell school.

FDR Requests Petrillo To Lift Music Ban

Washington—(AP)—President Roosevelt today called on James Petrillo, of the American Federation of musicians, to lift his ban on the making of musical recordings, saying "what you regard as your loss will certainly be your country's gain."

Mr. Roosevelt sent a telegram to the musicians union head terminating a case which long has been before the war labor board and stabilization Director Fred Vinson.

In the wire he said that because war emergency is not created by the union ban the government cannot force the musicians to return to making records but that it should be lifted "in the interest of orderly government."

President Meets With Top Military Chiefs

Washington—(AP)—President Roosevelt today scheduled a late afternoon meeting with top military commanders, but the White House gave no indication of the purpose of the conference.

On the calling list were General George C. Marshall, chief of staff; Admiral Ernest J. King, chief of naval operations; General H. H. Arnold, commander of the air force; and Adm. William D. Leahy, the president's own chief of staff.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Auburndale — S/Sgt. Elmer W. Schroeder, 22, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. William Draxler, Auburndale, was slightly wounded in France on September 16, according to word received by the parents.

CITY'S BUDGET FOR 1945 GIVEN ALDERMEN'S O. K.

Wisconsin Rapids aldermen Tuesday night unanimously approved adoption, without change, of the city's budget for 1945. The complete budget had been published (September 28) and at the public hearing Tuesday night there was no discussion from the audience, scarcely any from the aldermen themselves.

The budget calls for a tax levy of \$555,667.70 compared to \$549,956.40 for 1944, \$549,054.80 in 1943, \$539,443.44 in 1942 and \$541,071 in 1941. The tax rate will be \$28 per \$1,000 valuation, same as in 1943 and 1944, and lower than the \$28.80 in 1942 and the \$30 per \$1,000 in 1941.

The total budget required for all purposes, including schools, debt retirement, state tax, county taxes, and general city needs aggregates \$735,917.70. Estimated receipts total \$230,950, leaving the \$555,667.70 to be raised by a general levy on all taxable property in the city. Approval of the budget was voted after a detailed reading and explanation of the figures by Mayor William T. Nobles.

Appointment Justeson

In a brief session unmarked by much discussion, aldermen also approved naming City Clerk Nels Justeson as agent of the council in all matters pertaining to the Wisconsin municipal retirement fund.

Agreed to send the city clerk, city treasurer, city engineer, building inspector, mayor, city attorney and four aldermen to the annual conference of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities in Milwaukee late this month.

Accepted a maintenance of way committee's recommendations that a skating pond 100 feet by 300 feet be constructed along Alton street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues and that a warming house be erected there; also that plans for a baseball diamond on Bender field be continued.

Water Mains on Chestnut

Approved a sanitation and water committee's acceptance of the petition to construct water mains on Chestnut street between Fourteenth and Eighteenth streets, cost to be \$4,520 of which the city would pay \$3,385 and property owners \$1,185.

Referred petitions for a sewer and water mains on Tenth street north from Washington to Franklin street, and one for a sidewalk on Thirteenth street north from Baker to Washington, to the maintenance of way committee.

The ordinance regarding citations and carcals, discussed at the September 5 meeting of the council and published in The Tribune, was approved without comment.

Alderman W. Maude Reeves suggested that the maintenance of way committee set up a lead limit on Tenth avenue south where, said Reeves, the General Chemical company's 13-ton trucks were breaking up the blacktop paving. Reeves suggested that the trucks be detoured over other routes.

Indict 30 Employees In Philadelphia Team Strike Case

Philadelphia—(AP)—A special federal grand jury which investigated the Aug. 1-7 Philadelphia transit strike today indicted 30 employees of the Philadelphia Transportation company on charges of violating the war labor disputes act.

The government immediately asked U. S. District Judge Guy K. Bard to hold each of the indicted in \$500 bail for trial.

The unauthorized strike tied up all bus, trolley and subway traffic in Philadelphia, causing war production losses and giving rise to race violence.

Four of those indicted were arrested during the strike on charges of violating the war labor disputes act.

Nash-Kelvinator Workers Return

Lansing, Mich.—(AP)—Members of local 13 UAW-CIO voted today to return to work at two Nash-Kelvinator plants until Monday, pending action by the war labor board. The members voted at a mass meeting to go out on strike Monday if the WLB has not taken action by then.

Approximately 6,500 had been idle.

FDR ADDRESSES EDUCATORS

Washington—(AP)—Approximately 250 education leaders from 44 states are to be addressed by President Roosevelt late today during the first White House conference on rural education.

Mc Quinn's Home Run Drives in One to Win For Brownies 2 to 1

Sportsman's Park, St. Louis—(P)—Mort Cooper, ace Cardinals pitcher with 22 victories and seven defeats this season, and Denny Galehouse, 32-year-old veteran of the Browns, were on the mound today as the National and American league champions opened the first all St. Louis world series before a crowd of about 35,000.

Galehouse, a Sunday pitcher at the start of the season, has a record of nine triumphs and 10 setbacks for the year.

The starting lineups:

Browns: Gutteridge, 2b; Kreevich, cf; Laabs, lf; Stephens, ss; Moore, rf; McQuinn, 1b; Christian, 3b; Hayworth, c; Galehouse, p.

Cards: Hopp, cf; Sanders, 1b; Musial, rf; W. Cooper, c; Kurowski, 3b; Litwhiler, lf; Marion, ss; Verban, 2b; M. Cooper, p.

Umpires: Sears (NL) plate; McGowan (AL) first base; Dunn (NL) second base; Pigras (AL) third base.

FIRST INNING

Browns: Gutteridge flied to Marion back of third base.

Kreevich fanned on four pitched balls and Laabs also struck out.

No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

Cardinals: Hopp flied to Laabs on the first pitch.

Galehouse threw three balls in striking out Sanders.

Musial singled past second, but Walker Cooper flied out to Kreevich in center.

No runs, one hit, no errors, one left.

SECOND INNING

Browns: Stephens was thrown out by Mort Cooper.

Moore worked the count to three and two and then walked.

Litwhiler came in to take McQuinn's high fly.

Christman was called out on strikes.

No runs, no hits, no errors, one left.

Cardinals: Kurowski flied deep to Moore.

Litwhiler struck out on three pitches.

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REFUSE LOOT OF AXIS IS WARNING

Washington—(AP)—The United States and British governments have sent notes to neutral nations requesting that they prevent axis leaders from "retaining their loot" or "finding safe haven" for their wealth in neutral territories.

Reviewing methods by which enemy officials and particularly Nazi leaders have sought to plant wealth for their future use in neutral safety, a state department statement issued today declared: "In anticipation of impending defeat, the enemy is increasing these activities in order to salvage his assets and to perpetuate his economic influence abroad and his power and ability to plant future aggrandizement and world domination."

The request for measures against protecting the wealth of "enemy governments and leaders and their collaborators" apparently went to all neutral countries except Argentina.

Officials said that although Argentina is the one nation about which most apprehension has been expressed with respect to future Fascist activities, neither the British nor American request went to Buenos Aires.

1,200 Nazi Planes Destroyed in Month

London—(AP)—The U. S. Eighth and 15th air forces together destroyed more than 1,200 German planes and dropped approximately 60,000 tons of bombs on military and industrial targets in Europe last month, headquarters of the U. S. strategic air forces announced today.

More than 35,000 tons of explosives were dropped on targets in Germany proper, the heaviest tonnage ever released on the Reich in a single month by the American air forces.

Group Assigned To Study Italy's Needs

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DRIVE LAUNCHED AGAINST COLOGNE DEFENSE GUARDS

London—(P)—American tanks rumbled today into a 2 1/2 mile breach torn in Germany's Siegfried line above Aachen and fanned out, bringing their guns and armor into support of a doughboy drive against backstop defenses guarding Cologne.

The First Army smash had carried two miles into Germany itself, AP Correspondent Don Whitehead reported. Supreme headquarters earlier declared the drive had carried three miles beyond Ubach, a mile into the frontier, to one of the enemy's main escape roads above Aachen.

Infantrymen had torn the broadening hole in the west wall defenses, beating off three German counter-blasts.

Fight at Fort Driant

U. S. Third Army men 125 miles to the south fought as bitterly at Fort Driant, stronghold of the ring of fortresses guarding Metz. Supreme headquarters announced capture of the fort, but a later front dispatch said doughboys were clinging to surface positions in the fort, which is honeycombed by tunnels, against increasingly furious enemy resistance.

The Americans broke into the fort on the Moselle river's west bank after a two-day battle, and set fire to crude oil sprayed into tunnels to underground fortifications in efforts to burn out the Germans. Other units captured Mazeres Les Metz, seven miles north of Metz.

Heavy Artillery Opposition

The U. S. First Army men above Aachen fought with air and artillery support to widen their new breach in the German west wall defenses. The Germans were firing artillery in the heaviest concentrations of the invasion.

The First Army battled along a main escape road north of Aachen, and was cutting off that stronghold city in developing its wedge.

Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' First Army struck on east of Ubach, taken in breaching the Siegfried line. Its units fought along and across the main northeast road from Aachen to Gladbach. Aachen (Aix-La-Chapelle) already was flanked on the south by the first major breach in the west wall line. Advance Cautious

A front dispatch said the First Army still was gaining on this third day of its new offensive and the Germans were reforming stragglers into new battle groups.

At Dunkerque, last channel port held by the Germans, a 48-hour drive permitted evacuation of civilians before the final assaults by British and Canadian troops eager to avenge the memory of the Dunkerque withdrawal of 1940.

On the Dutch front, British troops repulsed a German attack north of Nimegeen, and allied forces at Overloon to the southeast cut down half of the Germans who mounted an assault there. In Belgium slow advances were scored northeast of Antwerp.

On the southern sector in France, the U. S. Seventh Army took three villages northeast of Epinal. Progress also was scored northwest of Lefort in the resuming push toward that gateway to southwestern Germany.

Surplus Property Chief Resigns

Washington—(AP)—War Mobilizer James B. Byrnes today announced the resignation of Will L. Clayton as surplus property administrator.

It came a day after President Roosevelt signed legislation setting up a board to supervise disposal of an estimated \$100,000,000,000 worth of war goods, legislation Clayton previously had branded unworkable.

The Texas said he would step out of office the day a majority of the new board is sworn in. He added, however, he would remain in an "official capacity" for a "reasonable time."

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Cloudy and a little warmer tonight and Thursday, occasional rain Thursday and in south portion tonight.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 60; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 43; temperature at 7 a. m., 51.

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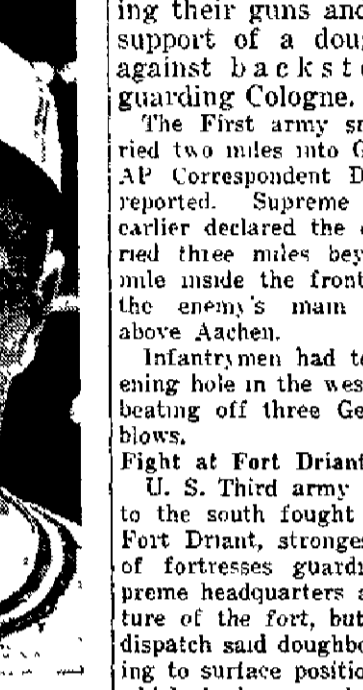
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DENNIS GALEHOUSE



MORTON COOPER

Dale Staeger Is Killed in European War

Pfc. Dale Staeger, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Staeger, 117 D street, Nekoska, was killed in action in France on September 7, according to a war department telegram received by the parents Tuesday. He was serving as an assistant gunner in a tank division in the Seventh Army.

Private First Class Staeger was born at Babcock on June 25, 1922, and attended the Babcock grade school and Alexander high school in Nekoska, graduating from high school in 1940. His chief interests while in school lay in the direction of athletics and music. Following his graduation, he worked as a salesman for the Grode-Nash Paper company for two years and then was employed by the Nekoska-Edwards Paper company until his entrance into the armed forces on January 20, 1943.

Inducted at Fort Sheridan, Ill., he received his training at Fort Knox, Ky., and then went overseas, landing in Aitric on June 26, 1943. He participated in the major battles of Cassino and Rome and in the invasion of southern France. His parents last heard from him in a letter dated August 30 from France.

In addition to his parents, Private First Class Staeger is survived by two brothers in the service, Corporal John 21, an ordnance army clerk in France who has been serving overseas with the Third Army since last November, and Private First Class Milton, who is training in radar at Drew Field, Fla. Two other brothers, Earl and Paul, and two sisters, Jean and Donna, are at home. He is also survived by his fiancée, Miss Audrey Sarver of Nekoska.

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DISTRICT BANK MEETING OCT. 11

Bankers from 16 Wisconsin counties will convene in Wisconsin Rapids next Wednesday for the annual meeting of Group 6, Wisconsin Bankers Association. President of the 16-county bankers' group is Charles V. Stark, assistant cashier of the Wood County National bank here.

Key speakers at the afternoon business meeting in the Witter hotel are Willard G. Aschenbrenner, president of the state association and vice president of the American Bank and Trust company, Racine, Wis., and R. A. Bezizer, member of the American Bankers Association commission on country bank operations. He will discuss service charges.

Bankers and their wives will attend the banquet in the hotel Wednesday night, when committees will give their reports, officers will be elected and a humorous philosopher will speak in an entertaining vein.

Mr. Stark will preside at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Other officers of Group 6 are A. J. Greiner, Stetsville, vice president and N. G. Oertel, Stevens Point, secretary-treasurer.

Last Air Prisoners Out of Bulgaria

Rome—(AP)—The withdrawal of 442 captured allied fliers from Bulgaria was completed yesterday when 24 wounded men landed at an Italian air base from Cairo. The first men crossed the Bulgar border into Turkey Sept. 10 following Bulgaria's surrender.

A 14th air force announcement said all the injured made the trip in good condition and like those brought here earlier, told stories of life in overcrowded prison camps where food and medical care were poor.

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