

ALLIED TROOPS CLOSE TO NAPLES EARLY ENTRY INTO CITY EXPECTED

Reign Of Terror Naples Made Into City Of Nazi Horror

By DON WHITEHEAD WITH THE U. S. NAVY IN THE GULF OF SALERNO, Sept. 28 (Delayed)—The once beautiful port of Naples is now a ravaged city of horror.

Desperate German troops—rolling the tortured city by terror—are spreading destruction, machine-gunning women and children and forcing soldiers and civilians alike into slave labor battalions.

The port is rapidly becoming a shambles. Refuges, and harbor facilities are being blasted and burned day and night.

New Credence For Marshall Reports Lent By Refusal of Roosevelt To Deny Rumors of Command Appointment

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt left the gate swinging today for Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, to move to any new or enlarged command over Allied arms.

Appeals For Credit Body Food Chief Asks Extension of Agency's Life

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Michigan Town Honors General

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Nazis Fight To Maintain Bridgeheads On Dnieper

But Reds Keeping Up Pressure

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW—(AP)—Unrelenting concentrations of troops and tanks in the battle for the Dnieper River, the Germans counter-attacked strongly today in a bid to maintain their bridgeheads on the eastern bank.

Frontline dispatches show the enemy holding favorable positions, launching line to twelve counter attacks daily with powerful air support.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda reported that at one point a Red Army unit had in a "critical situation" at one time, but Soviet artillery came to its relief.

Zaporozhe lies on the east bank of the Dnieper behind a solid ring of fortifications. The main part of Dnepropetrovsk, the suburbs of which have been reached, lies on the west bank.

Today's German counter-attack, as indicated by Berlin radio, German troops engaged in heavy defensive fighting on the Dnieper front, but without success yesterday, but wiped out their losses with counter attacks.

The Communist added Russian attacks at several points on the west bank of the central Dnieper were frustrated, and the enemy threw bombs, rained constant tommy gun fire.

A sharp new Red Army advance was reported in White Russia today, as the German counter-attack was repulsed.

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The Germans, routed out of the mountain strongholds in six days of heavy fighting, were in general retreat, leaving the Allies in complete possession of the Sorrento Peninsula which separates the Bay of Naples from the Gulf of Salerno.

American and British troops of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark began the final attack on the enemy's extremely strong mountain positions at dawn yesterday and by noon had captured Nocera, vital road center at the beginning of the coastal plain leading to Naples.

Exploitation of important naval base on the southern shore of the Bay of Naples, also fell quickly into Allied hands as the Germans withdrew in a flight that may not cease until they reach the River Volturno, well north of Naples.

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Bloody Finale Is Neared On Guinea

Australians Taking Heavy Toll of Jap Defenders of Finschhafen

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(AP)—The bloody battle for Finschhafen exacting a heavy toll among the Japanese defenders and the supporting bases of the enemy for 300 miles to the northwest along the New Guinea coast bombed into impotence.

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Post-War Bill Shelved

Senate Group To Draft Own Declaration

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee decided today to postpone the House-approved Fulbright "lasting peace" resolution and to draft its own declaration of post-war foreign policy.

Without specifically mentioning the Fulbright proposal, Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas, announced that the subcommittee of the full committee, which he heads as well as its full committee, would "draft a resolution" expressive of its attitude and recommend it to the full committee.

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