

Norway Reports Desertions Worry Nazi High Command

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 4 (U. P.)—quarters, listing deserters from the Norwegian Quarters reported today that the German high command was openly concerned over the growing number of deserters among its occupation troops in Norway and has issued warnings to local commanders to halt the defections.

The high command was said to have sent circulars to local commanders in Norway giving detailed accounts of these incidents and the punishment meted out to the captured deserters, apparently in the hope that these reports will help put a stop to the practice.

Several circulars were reported to have fallen into the hands of Norwegian patriots.

The circulars were said to be issued to the various German commanders at regular intervals, in many instances containing pictures of fugitives still being hunted and of others who were captured and shot.

A similar but more comprehensive report recently was issued from Adolf Hitler's eastern front head-

Sweden Reports

The British radio last night quoted Swedish reports of a riot staged by German U-boat crews recently in Tromsø, Norway.

The broadcast, heard by C. B. S. in New York, said the trouble started when a number of intoxicated German sailors "ran wild" in the base.

"They seized control of a U-boat moored nearby, then threw the boat commander into the water in his pajamas," the B. B. C. account said, adding that other officers then were thrown into the water.

The commotion continued until the German police arrived from Tromsø town and arrested the sailors after a sharp fight.

ALLIES CONTROL HUON PENINSULA

Finschhafen Captured by
Australian Veterans of
Middle East.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—Southwest Pacific, Oct. 4 (U. P.)—Allied forces were firmly in control of Finschhafen and the entire 7000-square-mile Huon peninsula today after a 93-day campaign that weakened the Japanese hold on all New Guinea, and a spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur declared that he would do more in the next half year "if they give us the means to do it."

Australian veterans of the Middle East desert campaigns stormed and captured Finschhafen Saturday, 11 days after their surprise landing on the coast six miles north of the seaport. They killed 100 Japanese marines in the final assault.

A second Australian force snapped off the enemy grip on the New Guinea coast between Finschhafen and Madang, 165 miles to the northwest, with an overland drive up the Markham river valley that outflanked all the Japanese coastal positions south of Madang.

Need More Men

The victory, coupled with the mid-September conquest of Lae and Salamaua, put MacArthur's troops astride the 70-mile wide Dampier straits separating New Guinea from New Britain, site of the enemy's main southwest Pacific stronghold of Rabaul.

Brig. Gen. Charles H. Willoughby, MacArthur's intelligence chief, told a press conference that the Salamaua, Lae and Finschhafen campaigns, which began with the landing of American reinforcements at Nassau bay on June 30, were conducted by numerically inferior forces which knocked out the best part of five or six enemy divisions at relatively light cost to themselves.

"There is a manpower shortage," he said, "we can't use these units to the point of exhaustion. Give us more and we will do more."

Willoughby conceded that MacArthur now has a balanced striking force at his disposal but insisted that "it is not decisive."

LIONS TO HEAR MAJOR

Ma. Edward Culiphier, chief of the orthopedic section at Billings General hospital, Ft. Harrison, and wounded soldiers will speak at the Lions club meeting Wednesday noon at the Claypool hotel.

POST-WAR ACTION AWAITED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (U. P.)—There was increasing belief here today that the Senate Foreign Relations committee may act this week on some sort of a resolution to define American post-war foreign policy.

The subcommittee meets Wednes-

day. Although Chairman Tom Connally (D. Tex.) is on record as opposing action at this time, other administration spokesmen have hinted something will be done soon.

IDLE HOUR CLUB TO MEET

Mrs. Charlotte Small is chairman of the Idle Hour club card party to be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Foodcraft shop.

SCANLON ACCUSES BIG DAIRY INTERESTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (U. P.)—

Big monopoly dairy interests were accused today by Rep. Thomas E. Scanlon (D. Pa.) of thinking of milk as a commodity out of which to extract prices rather than as a food.

Scanlon demanded an adequate

appropriation for the commodity credit corporation to finance subsidy payments to rolling back food costs to the September, 1942, level, and support for the administration program to avoid increased milk prices by subsidy and government allocation of feed to shortage areas.

Firemen and Engineers, will hold a pitch-in luncheon tomorrow at Castle hall. A business meeting will be at 2 p. m.

DIES UNDER TRAIN

BRAZIL, Ind., Oct. 4 (U. P.)—Alonzo Courtney, 35, Brazil clay worker, was struck and killed by a Big Four train north of Brazil yesterday.

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