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Bombs Start Huge Fires in Nazi Capital

Like Devastation Dealt Ludwigshafen; Yankees Again Hit Norway Base

LONDON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The greatest armada of RAF bombers ever dispatched to Germany blasted Berlin and Ludwigshafen last night, and today U. S. Flying Fortresses with fighter support attacked western Germany at unspecified places.

Two and four-ton blockbusters were among the explosives hurled on Berlin and Ludwigshafen. Incendiary bombs and high explosives dumped on the German capital started large fires whose reflection lit up the skies, although cloud formations prevented immediate observation of the results.

The exact number of bombers participating in the tremendous dual blow was not made known, but between 770 and 800 heavy bombers participated in some of the raids that leveled Hamburg and the air ministry announced last night's total topped all previous assaults.

Clearer weather prevailed over Ludwigshafen—home of the world's largest chemical works—and the second straight night assault on that industrial city resulted in very large explosions.

The twin mission cost the RAF 32 bombers.

Reports reaching Stockholm said the Berlin attack had been directed chiefly against the city's outskirts, where the bulk of the capital's great industries are located.

Norway Depot Blasted
U. S. Liberators, in an arduous 1,200-mile round trip yesterday, spread destruction through the Germans' biggest Norwegian airplane repair and maintenance depot at Kjeller, 11 miles outside Oslo. The operation followed by only 24 hours another American bomber flight to Norway to blast the Nazi's biggest electrolysis plant at Pjokan and the Knaben mines, Germany's prime source of steel-hardening molybdenum.

The Liberators bared through rough sub-zero weather without escort to blast the Kjeller depot, where increasing numbers of German fighters had been going for overhauling.

Of nine Liberators listed as missing, three made forced landings in Sweden, where the crews were interned. Eight enemy

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REDS SEIZE KIROSTEN, TRAP GOMEL GARRISON

Nazis Hurdled Back After Brief Success

Foe's Base at Rechitsa Also Falls, Cutting Off Escape by Rail Route

MOSCOW, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Russian armies pushed forward toward old Poland today from their newly captured bases of Korosten and Rechitsa and brought German counterattacks to a standstill on the lower flank of the great Kiev bulge in the western Ukraine.

Capture of Gomel, White Russian rail center 25 miles east of Rechitsa, appeared near.

The army newspaper Red Star said German forces which attacked three times in the Korosten sector, 20 miles east of Russian-held Zhitomir, with superior numbers of troops and tanks, had retreated under a hail of Russian artillery shells. Counterattacks in the Zhitomir sector also were repulsed. These were the areas where the red army drew back Wednesday in its first retreat since mounting its summer offensive beyond Belgorod.

(The German communiqué said Russian attacks were on a reduced scale in the Dnieper bend and that German counter thrusts broke stiff resistance in the Kiev area, turning the red army out of a number of localities. The Germans said bitter fighting continued in the Korosten and Rechitsa areas and their Paris radio asserted that the Kiev-Zhitomir railway had been cut by the nazis).

Red Star said the possession of Korosten and Zhitomir gave the Russians a wedge deep in the German lines with full rail facilities for moving reserves and supplies.

40 Miles From Poland

At Korosten, the Russians were within 40 miles of the old Polish frontier and 190 miles from the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE'S little shooting news—except in Russia, where the shooting is continuous. Even there, the news reflects a lull in startling developments while the Russians catch up with themselves.

INTERESTING statistics:
At the nearest point (East Prussia), the GERMAN BORDER is only 275 miles from the Russian field guns.
The Germans now hold only 150,000 square miles of Russian territory—roughly the combined area of the states of Oregon and Idaho.

A point to remember: In another month the Russian front, including the great marshes such as the Pripiet, will be frozen solid.

THE fighting in Italy is still relatively mild. Having obtained important air bases around Foggia, we seem in no great hurry to get on to Rome—or to northern Italy.

One guesses the Germans may be holding on in Italy, retiring SLOWLY, burning, dynamiting and butchering as they fall back as an OBJECT LESSON to other occupied countries—such as Rumania, Hungary, etc.

Saving, in effect, to the people of these countries: "This is what YOU'll get unless you help us FIGHT OFF the Russians, British and Americans."

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War Department Refunds \$13 Billion; Demands for Tax, Draft Slashes Result

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The army's disclosure that it has more money than it needs touched off today a series of developments and comments that gave an entirely new complexion to the nation's war production effort to date, and what's needed in the future.

Out of the announcement that the War department is turning back \$13,000,000,000 to the budget bureau, came these significant turns:
1. The army was pictured as considering the mighty production effort at its expansion peak. Some drastic cutbacks, notably in small arms ammunition, already have been made because enough material is on hand or because battle experience has dictated shifts.
2. The army's manpower needs have been revised downward by more than a half-million men and, so, opponents of the father draft in congress promptly seized upon this as another argument for their point.

3. It was disclosed that preliminary steps already are under consideration for government and industry to work out tentative plans to reconvert war factories to peacetime production. Some officials said this would have been done before but there was a fear of giving the impression the war was won and thus engendering a letdown.

Tax, Draft Cuts Urged.
Announcement of the giant refund was made by Chairman Snyder of an appropriations subcommittee that handles army finances. It immediately brought demands on capitol hill for lower taxes, closer scrutiny of federal

expenditures and a stop to the father draft.
While the Pennsylvania observer said the "welcome news to all of us who are disturbed over the mounting public debt" has no immediate bearing upon the need to raise additional revenue, Senator Downey declared that increased taxation might be partially avoided by the army curtailment.
Chairman May of the house military committee construed the Snyder disclosure as "additional evidence that there no longer is a need for drafting pre-war fathers."

"The original army appropriation for this year was based on estimates of total manpower of 8,200,000," May said in an interview. "The admission that a reduction in funds is now in order because of downward revisions in manpower needs indicates to me that we don't need pre-Pearl Harbor fathers."
Draft Bill Quiz Slated
May said he intended to call before his committee probably next week Major General Lewis E. Hershby, selective service director, to detail plans for administering new father-deferment legislation passed yesterday by the house and slated for senate action next Monday. The legislation puts pre-war fathers at the bottom of the draft list and permits their induction only after the nationwide pool of available non-fathers has been exhausted.

The Snyder announcement, coupled with a recent series of ordnance plant shutdowns, suggested that even more extensive reductions in war production are in prospect.
It was the first official indication that overall production-for-war plans are being sharply curtailed. Drastic shifts already have occurred, but military officials have insisted that they reflected merely changing needs, a shift of emphasis but not a reduction in total output.

It's no secret that the army has found itself with an excess of plant capacity in some categories, notably small arms ammunition and shell loading, and the army's explanation has been the unexpected efficiency of individual plants.

BERN, Switzerland, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The publication today of a speech Marshal Henri Petain was never permitted to deliver discloses that the aged French chief of state has proclaimed a new constitution designed to turn France back to democracy.
He also has attempted to decree an end to all acts ordered by his axis-collaborating government chiefs since July 10, 1940, the speech reveals.

The Journal de Geneve printed the text of his address today. It gave further support to reports considered highly reliable that Petain has resigned but Chief of Government Pierre Laval and the nazis have exerted every effort to forestall the possibility of his resignation becoming effective.
(French-Spanish border reports reaching Madrid said the nazis were making frantic preparations to take over if the Vichy government collapses.
The aged marshal has adamantly refused to tell the French people that he has "asked" German police and the military to keep order in the nation, thereby denying the nazis an excuse for rushing troops to Vichy, these reports said.)
The Journal said that authorization for broadcast of the speech "had been refused by the fuhrer's general headquarters."
In his speech, Petain declared that France no longer could have "adventurous rivalries, factions, anarchy and murderous struggles."

It was learned privately that he hoped to turn the nation to democracy and a stable government that would stand during an allied invasion and could establish itself as the nation's legitimate government superior to that of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's committee of national liberation.
The marshal was pictured as distressed by the committee's disputes and convinced that Frenchmen within France must save the nation.

PORTLAND, England, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Mayor Earl Riley of Portland, Ore., told the people of Portland, Dorset, today:
"We in America think Winston Churchill is the best prime minister we ever had. He could be president of the United States any day, and Roosevelt prime minister of Britain."
Riley is touring under auspices of the U. S. Office of War information.

Yank Fliers Ruin Nazi Air Base, Greece

Companion Field Also Rained; Mud Still Bogs Down Armies in It

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Striking for the fourth successive day at German planes massed for a continued attack in the Aegean, American bombers virtually completed destruction of Eleusis airfield at Athens, yesterday and bombed another enemy air base at Larissa on the Greek east coast.
The fourth devastating attack on Eleusis airfield in as many days was made by Flying Fortresses whose bombs were shown in photographs to have destroyed or damaged more than a dozen enemy planes on the ground and left many fires burning.

The Fortresses encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire but only half a dozen fighters in the vicinity, and these were driven off by the P-38 escort.
Mitchell bombers, meanwhile, assaulted the Larissa airfield on an important rail link between Athens and Salonika, and dumped tons of explosives on the Grosseto and Terni railroad yards north of Rome in Italy.

While Warhawks hammered shipping along the Yugoslav coast, venturing up the Krka river, where they sank one steamer and damaged two others, bombers took advantage of the improved weather to sweep along the front to attack motor convoys, particularly in the Ascoli and Aquila areas.

Mud Bogs Down Armies
While a slight improvement of the weather permitted lively patrol activity and some artillery duelling on the Italian land front, flooded rivers still prevented large-scale action and deep mud still bogged down most of the heavy equipment of the Fifth and Eighth armies.
Eighth army units, felling their way through rough country toward the Sangro river on the

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Caif Slaughter on Widespread Scale Looms in Oregon

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Slaughtering of calves was expected today to become widespread in Oregon dairy industry because farmers were reported unable to sell them or afford to feed them.
The killing of two-day-old calves by Albert Wardin, Hillsdale dairyman, yesterday prompted S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent to predict:
"Thousands of calves will be slaughtered in Oregon if the price ceiling of dairy products is not lifted. . . . Some drastic action must be taken or the dairy industry, particularly in the Portland area, is faced with ruin."
Wardin, owner of a 300-cow herd, said, "I hate to do it, but it's my only way out," as he killed the calves. He said he could not find a market for the animals and could not afford to fatten them.
Until price regulations are changed, he said, he would continue the slaughtering.
OPA said it knew the dairymen were in difficulty but contended the number of cows being milked in the state has increased steadily for 18 months.
"Slaughter of young bull calves by dairies is a common practice," said Earl Hald, OPA price executive. "To raise the ceiling price on milk would only add to the reasons for killing calves. The dairymen kill the animals because they can't afford to feed them milk at present prices."

Farmer-Consumer Mart in Portland Given K. O.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Portland's farmer-consumer market, outlet for tons of surplus fruits and vegetables during the harvest peak, was wiped out of existence today.
An emergency ordinance which would have extended the market until January 1 was defeated yesterday by the vote of Commissioner Fred Peterson. Only one vote was needed for defeat since an emergency ordinance requires unanimous council approval.
Peterson said the farmers' estimate that only 1,083,000 pounds remained to be marketed was too small to justify the city-sponsored plan's continuation in view of the city's size.
Willamette valley farmers, Multnomah Pomona growers, Portland clubwomen and consumers asked the council to continue the market. They were opposed by retail grocer organizations and a retail clerks union.

Portland Mayor Deals Oral Bouquets to Britons

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Raids Follow Up Plans Of Adm. Nimitz

Marshall, Gilbert Isle Bases of Japs Pounded Five Successive Days

PEARL HARBOR, T. H., Nov. 19.—(AP)—For five days in a row American airmen have raided Japanese bases in the Marshall and Gilbert islands—perhaps as a "softening up" for sea and land fighting Admiral Nimitz says the United States now is ready to wage in the Central Pacific.
Liberators from Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale's 7th air force began bombing these outposts one day after the commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet in an Armistice day address spoke of an early offensive, and they have kept it up ever since.
Tuesday they swooped on the airbases of Jaluit in the Marshalls and Wednesday on Tarawa, major Japanese base in the Gilberts, both of which have been raided twice since the new aerial assaults were started.
They have lost neither men nor planes on any of the five days of raiding, and the only aerial opposition they have encountered came at Jaluit Tuesday, where the Americans probably destroyed an enemy seaplane in a formation feebly attempting interception. Large

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Marines Raze Jungle, Captured Jap Says

WITH U. S. FORCES ON BOUGAINVILLE, Solomons, Nov. 19.—(AP)—A captured Japanese infantry officer paid this left-handed compliment to the American line:
"Marines are not such good jungle fighters. But the trouble is the marines tear down the jungle. After a while there is no jungle left to fight in."

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Single Food Control Bill Has Bi-Partisan Support

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Republicans as well as democrats will support the Fulmer bill to place in the War Food administration responsibility for full control of the nation's food program, in the opinion of Representative Horan (R-Wash.).
Speaking for the republican food study committee, Horan said he opposed subsidies and believed enactment of the bill would dissolve the confusion of conflicting authorities, allow for real stabilization of the food program and assure continuous food production.
"It would give the War Food administrator full control of food. Today . . . it is merely advisory in such matters as manpower, machinery, transportation rationing and prices."

Unneighborly Kids Feel Law's Restraining Hand

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19.—(AP)—A superior court judge handed down an order yesterday designed to insure the morning slumbers of Mrs. Peggy Amira, and incidentally other swing-shifters in her neighborhood.
The order restrains Rose Marie O'Neill, 13, and Mrs. Amira's 7-year-old son Billie from "yelling, screaming and/or screaming" before 10:30 a. m. It also prohibits such pastimes as digging holes in each other's yards, climbing on garages, and squirting water on windows.

Lombardi Faces Assault Charge, Damage Action

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Ernie Lombardi, catcher for the New York Giants, must appear in court Wednesday to answer a charge of assault and battery growing out of a night club flare-up.
He was arrested at his Oakland home yesterday on the complaint of Wade Jones, Richard, Calif., war plant foreman, who charged that Lombardi broke his nose and inflicted a severe gash under his eye in an impromptu display of fistcuffs last Nov. 10.
Jones' attorney, Adrian Talmquist, said he was drawing up a \$10,000 civil action against the baseball player.
Lombardi was released on bail pending the hearing.

Kin of Rommel Enlists in Wacs



Wonder what Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel would think if he knew his cousin, Ruth A. Hertz, above, of Pittsburgh, Pa., had joined the American Wacs. Upon departure for the Wac camp at Des Moines, Iowa, Miss Hertz said, "I would like to go overseas to see my cousin in an allied prison camp."

Butter Supply for Civilians Not to Increase, Advice

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The amount of butter available for civilian use will not increase in the next few months, even though the government has discontinued its purchases until April, and prospects for greater production are slim, the Office of War Information said today.
Chief obstacle to increased milk production next year is the feed situation, the report said.
The war food administration now is asking feed processors voluntarily to give first distribution preference to milk production and feed shortage areas.
Diversion of milk from the manufacture of dairy products other than butter already has reached a point where basic civilian needs for such products as evaporated milk, ice cream and cheese are barely being met.
"The final alternative to obtain more butter is to cut down further on sales of whole milk," the report said, "a step which might bring about a cumbersome and expensive program of consumer milk rationing."
Present high ration point values for butter should improve distribution, the report said, because original point values were set so low that supplies were bought up in butter producing areas before they could be distributed elsewhere.

30-Day Holding Limit Set On Ordered Shoes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The OPA ruled today that beginning Nov. 24 dealers may not hold shoes for customers more than 30 days without payment of ration stamps.
For shoes purchased on a will-call, lay-away or special order basis, the deadline for stamp payment has been the end of the current ration period. With stamps now good indefinitely, a time limit is necessary so that shoes will not be set aside until a new stamp becomes valid, OPA said.

Crime Penalty Avoided By Induction Into Army

Bert Lehnerr, 18, recently arrested on a charge of aiding a prisoner to escape, pleaded guilty upon arraignment in circuit court today, but was granted a postponement of sentence to permit induction into the army.
Lehnerr was accused, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court, of aiding a companion to escape from City Officer Thomas.

Food Subsidy Plan Bids For Public O. K.

Victory Hope Resting On 'Back Home' Urge; Bread Price Hike Forestalled

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Outnumbered in congress, backers of the administration's food subsidy idea hope now to get the public so steamed up over the issue that President Roosevelt will win his point because of pressure from back home.
This strategem of prolonged debate in both house and senate was described today by those who conceived it as calculated to bring out all the points of the brawling controversy. Thus, they believe, the consumer will be moved to raise his voice in time to save the subsidy program before it is abolished by law.
As the house entered the second day of debate on the bill outlawing such government financed price controls, the administration forces rested their case squarely on the argument that abolition of subsidies means inflation. Foes, such as Rep. Haleck (R-Ind.), countered that subsidies never would have been necessary if "a really effective" system of price control had been adopted in the first place.
Sticking by their guns meantime, the Economic Stabilization authorities went ahead with a new \$9,000,000 a month subsidy to hold bread prices at their current levels while permitting millers to pay higher prices for wheat.

Fuel Rationing Clamp On Northwest Eased

SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Oregon, Washington and the 10 northern Idaho counties have been exempted from the stringent national fuel rationing order of Nov. 19, fuel rationing officials announced last night.
At the same time, however, they stated the consumer-dealer priority plan which has been in effect for two months would be continued.
Under the plan, according to Roscoe A. Day, chief of the northwest solid fuel rationing branch, a consumer outlines his year's needs. The dealer fixes his delivery priority on the basis of the percentage of a year's needs which he has on hand. By this plan, a consumer with only a quarter of his year's needs will get delivery before one with half his supply.

6-County Budget For Boy Scouts Fixed at \$15,390

Executive heads of the Willamette Boy Scout council, meeting in Roseburg this week, voted a budget of \$15,390 for the year's activities in 1944. This sum, applicable to the six counties in the district comprising the council, represents an increase of \$2,000 over the budget of the present year, and is occasioned by the employment of an additional executive, who has been in service since last July.
A date for a public canvass to raise the budget fund was left to future determination. It was stated, however, that the solicitation, as in the past two years, would be on a non-quota basis for the six counties—Benton, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry and Lincoln.

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