

# REDS CAPTURE NIKOLAEV, HEAD FOR ODESSA



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### DEMOCRATS TRIUMPH IN OKLAHOMA'S "TEST" RACE

#### Stigler Wins Congress Job In Light Vote

Threat-Terror Tactics Used by Administration, G. O. P. Loser Charges

(By the Associated Press)

Democrats rallying behind the Roosevelt administration banner have turned back a strong republican attempt to dislodge them from a congressional stronghold in Oklahoma.

Administration followers hailed the outcome of yesterday's special election in the Second Oklahoma district as a vote of confidence for the national leadership, since the issue had been fought on that basis alone.

Republicans, who had been spurred on by a near-win there in 1942 after more than two decades of democratic supremacy, viewed the result as inconclusive from the standpoint of detecting any shift in popular sentiment. They blamed rainy weather for holding down a rural vote which they said was predominately anti-Roosevelt.

The democratic candidate, William G. Stigler, attorney and former state senator, took an early lead and never was headed, according to E. O. Clark, a republican attorney, by a ratio of about 11 to nine. Total vote was around 38,000 in the presidential year of 1940 and 43,000 in 1942. Stigler fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Jack Nichols, a democrat who won by only 385 votes two years ago.

Senate Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky was called in to campaign for Stigler during the final hours. He asked for a verdict on the conduct of the national government.

Loser Charges Terrorism.

Senator Ed H. Moore (R., Okla.), who led the campaign for Clark on a "trial and test of the new deal" premise, declared when the votes were in:

"Both the federal and state new deal machines were in the district plugging every minute. The organization got the job done."

Clark said today a "well organized and financed minority under lashing and threats and terrorism of the combined state and national administration has again

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#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OVER the week-end, the Russians reach the Prut river on a 50-mile front. Roaring guns in Moscow salute the achievement.

It is quite possible that your map may not disclose the reason for the Russians' celebration of their arrival at the Prut. It is likely to show the Dniester as the boundary between Rumania and Russia.

The Russians, however, do not recognize Bessarabia, which lies between the Prut and the Dniester, as ENEMY soil. It was taken from Russia to be added to Rumania, and so Moscow looks upon it as merely RECOVERED Russian ground and takes the same attitude toward that part of Poland lying east of the Bug.

So, according to their way of looking at it, the Russians consider the Prut the first point at which they have reached their OWN borders, and so when they cross over they will be fighting for the first time on enemy ground.

The Prut, therefore, becomes a sentimental landmark of the utmost importance to them.

If you will take a careful look, you may not disclose the reason for the Russians' celebration as anybody as to the fighting in

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#### Rationing of Frozen Fruits, Vegetables to End; Points On Meat Hold During April

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—The government is expected to remove all frozen fruits and vegetables from the ration list soon and to continue present ration values on meats during April.

The action on frozen commodities is designed to clear crowded cold storage facilities for this year's production.

Point values on many beef cuts and most pork items were reduced this month to relieve freezer space filled to near capacity by record slaughterings of January and February.

Because meat stocks have not been materially reduced, the March values will be continued through April, authoritative sources at the War Food administration said.

Frozen fruits which may be made ration free include blackberries, blueberries, cherries, loganberries, raspberries, strawberries and some others. Frozen fruits which now do not require points include apples, applesauce and rhubarb.

Frozen vegetables which are expected to be taken off the ration list include lima beans, sweet corn and green peas. Most other frozen vegetables were removed from the list this month.

The present 16-point value for butter is expected to be continued for another month despite the fact that production, following the normal seasonal pattern, is increasing.

Meat Production Soars.

On March 1 the nation's cold storage and cooler space was 92 per cent occupied, as compared with 73 per cent a year ago. Stocks of meat were at a record level. So were frozen fruits and vegetables for this season of the year.

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles commented:

"Odd as it may seem, total civilian consumption of meat during the first year of rationing was at one of the highest levels in the country's history. The nation's farmers produced during 1943 almost 23 billion pounds of meat, a record amount."

Of the total output, Bowles reported, about six billion pounds helped feed American military personnel and fighting men of the allies. Some 17 billion pounds found its way to civilian tables.

"But even with these large supplies, rationing was necessary because of the tremendous increase in civilian buying power," Bowles said.

The War Food administration estimates there will be slightly more meat this year than last. WFA predicted a total production of 25 billion pounds for 1944, or about 132 pounds for each civilian, one pound more per person than was available in 1943.

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#### Farmer Crazy by Draft Kills Wife, 4 Children, Self

INDEPENDENCE, Wash., Mar. 29.—(AP)—Faced with a 1-A draft classification and the apparent haunting fear of what would happen to his farm, his wife and four small children, a young farmer went berserk yesterday with his 12-gauge shotgun, killing them all and then himself.

Sheriff J. W. McIntosh said his investigation of the tragedy showed Bernard Arends, 33, wiped out his family and himself because he had been reclassified in the draft.

The Arends children slain were: Mary Frances, age 6; James Michael, 4; Robert Otto, 2; and six-weeks old baby Elizabeth.

As reconstructed by Sheriff McIntosh, Mrs. Arends, about 30, a registered nurse, heard the shooting from the house while hanging the family washing outside.

She rushed into the house. All but one of the children lay dead on the living room floor.

The mother, the sheriff declared, then struggled with her husband as he leveled the shotgun at her. She picked up a .22 caliber rifle without knowing how to use it, attempted to defend herself, but after a wild melee rushed out of the house.

Her husband, the sheriff said, then shot her to death on the porch steps.

He then turned the shotgun on himself.

The Arends had a 30-acre farm and were considered well-to-do by their neighbors.

Friends said Arends brooded over his reclassification and that the more he talked about it the worse his mental state became, declaring he didn't care to live any more if he should be taken from his family and inducted into the army.

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Rehabilitation Bill Signed by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the bill authorizing United States participation in activities of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration to the extent of \$1,350,000,000. Specific appropriation of the funds remains to be made by congress.

#### Imphal Not Freed of Japs' Land Threat

Aerial Smash by Allies Fails to Ease Pressure On Vital India Bastion

NEW DELHI, March 29.—(AP)—Allied fighter planes have smashed a big bomber thrust made in support of the Japanese invasion of India, downing 24 planes, but enemy ground forces are pressing hard northeast of Imphal and "our troops have taken up new positions," the southeast Asia command announced today.

The Japanese invasion column in the Ukhrul area 32 miles northeast of Imphal in India is maintaining pressure despite "heavy casualties in these attacks," the communiqué from Admiral Mountbatten's headquarters said.

"Allied fighters fought a running battle, one of the greatest in this theater, over northern Burma Monday with the escorted Japanese bombers, knocking down 11 bombers and 13 fighters and probably bagging six others."

The Japanese, apparently aiming at the Chabau and Ledo areas of upper Assam, were forced to turn back without dropping their bombs.

Four other Japanese aircraft trying to intercept allied fighters were destroyed the same day, and two more were knocked down Tuesday for a two-day bag of 30, the communiqué said.

A recapitulation meanwhile showed the Japanese had lost 133 planes, with 16 more probably destroyed and 41 damaged in the air and ground, against allied losses of 33 ships between March 1 and March 28.

Lt. Gen. Stillwell announced that 5,423 Japanese troops had been killed in northern Burma

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#### Allies Withdraw Troops From Two Hills at Cassino

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Mar. 29.—(AP)—Indian Gurkha troops who had clung stubbornly to Hangman's hill, an exposed knob just below the peak of Monastery hill overlooking Cassino, have been withdrawn, headquarters disclosed today as violent artillery and mortar duels thundered in and around the town.

At the same time allied photographic interpreters reported that bombers had cut all the rail lines from northern Italy to the German frontline area.

Hangman's hill had been occupied by the Gurkha troops for nearly two weeks, and they could be fed and supplied sufficiently only by air. Withdrawal of New Zealanders from hill 202 on the slopes of Monastery hill also was disclosed.

The strategic importance of the two features was lost when the general offensive against Cassino failed to dislodge the Germans, it was explained.

This, plus the difficulties of removing the wounded and bringing air-borne supplies made continued retention of the high ground valueless, headquarters officers said.

Hotel Artillery Target.

Allied heavy guns laid down a barrage on German positions in the vicinity of the strongly defended Continental hotel, smashing a German troop concentration forming up near the ruins of the hostelry. German multi-barrel guns, with tank artillery supporting, hammered at hill 193.

French troops also smashed another small assault on hill 915, which they are holding.

Allied artillery scattered a German infantry formation taking positions for an attack three miles west of Cisterna in the beachhead below Rome. Anti-aircraft batteries downed four out of 25 air raiders and Spitfire patrols destroyed three more. All of the Germans' bombs fell into the sea without hitting any ships.

Allied planes yesterday shot down a total of 13 enemy craft against a loss of 10. About 40 German planes were sighted over the battle area.

#### Talk Attacks Envoy of U. S. In Argentina

Invitation to Armour to Leave Implied in Blast Of Pro-Nazi Minister

NEW YORK, Mar. 29.—(AP)—The New York Times and the Herald Tribune, in dispatches from Montevideo, said today that Gen. Luis C. Perlinger, Argentina's minister of the interior, had violently attacked United States Ambassador Norman Armour in an off-the-record discussion of the international situation with a group of Argentine newspapermen.

The dispatches to both newspapers said Perlinger did not mention Armour by name but that he had made it obvious to whom he was referring.

The interior minister also was said to have assailed the war aims of the United States and Great Britain and to have predicted that all of the present beligerents would soon unite to fight Russia.

The New York Times said Argentine newspapermen who heard Perlinger described the interview this way:

"Perlinger, who spoke with energy and severity, referred to the Argentine international situation. He affirmed that he was neither a nazi nor a fascist but an Argentine and said he was against all those foreigners who had the presumption to say that Argentina did not know where she was going."

"We know that this war is not being fought for liberty but for other things which we must later be prepared to accept. It is not possible therefore that we should continue smiling at the ambassador of a certain country that refuses to maintain relations with us who are masters of our house. That is not possible and I myself am the first to look with an angry face at that gentleman and all Argentines should do the same thing."

Bid to Armour to Leave.

The Times said Perlinger was believed to be a "political and personal rival of War Minister Col. Juan Peron and observers predict that a showdown between them cannot long be deferred."

The Herald Tribune's dispatch said Perlinger's remarks were "considered an invitation to Armour to leave the country and follows the line laid down by Ar-

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#### Electrical Goods Firm Opens Roseburg Branch

A new business, dealing in electrical supplies, fixtures and home appliances, has been opened by the firm of Trowbridge and Flynn at 118 W. Cass St. The firm has headquarters at Medford and the local branch is under the management of H. E. Rinabarger.

The business will be devoted to sales and service of electrical supplies and appliances, as well as home and industrial wiring.

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#### Deferment of Farm Workers Left To Local Draft Boards Under New Decision Also Scrapping Unit Plan

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—(AP)—Yielding to demands from agricultural state senators, Major General Hershey, selective service director, agreed today to leave local draft boards the responsibility for deferment of farm workers.

Merging from a closed conference with Hershey and Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) of a senate agriculture committee, announced that Hershey had agreed to scrap the unit system which long had been the basis for farm deferments.

Russell and Senator Tydings (D-Md.) said the decision, which Hershey promised to put into operation immediately, should have the effect of stemming "military inroads upon farms which imperil war food production."

Instead of the unit system, under which farm worker deferments are based on the extent of production of livestock or commodities in which the employee

#### Firebug Tries To Repeat in San Francisco

Timely Discovery of Blaze by Woman Tenant Saves Apartment House

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 29.—(AP)—A firebug, believed by police to be the same man who yesterday sent 22 persons to their death in the flaming New Amsterdam hotel, struck early today at an apartment house in another part of the city.

Quick action by a woman tenant, coming in late from work, prevented the flames from doing more than slight damage.

"It was the same type of work as that of the man who set the other blazes," said Inspector Arthur Finnegan of the fire marshal's office.

There had been 11 other incendiary fires here in two days, climaxing by the New Amsterdam hotel blaze early yesterday, in which 22 persons were killed and 30 injured—the city's heaviest toll of life by fire since 1906.

Doubled police patrols cruised the city's streets overnight. An appeal was made to all hotel and apartment house operators to be on the alert.

Woman Prevents Tragedy

About 1 a. m. today Nellie Bury was riding up to her apartment in the five-story apartment building at 537 Hyde street when she noticed flames spreading from papers scattered along the second-floor hall and against the stairway and elevator well.

She stopped the elevator, jerked off a shoe and bent the fire into embers, then hurried to her third-floor apartment, got a pail of water and doused the embers.

Police Inspector L. Lang, one of the first officers to reach the scene, said the blaze was "unquestionably touched off by a firebug."

"If the flames had not been put out so promptly, the stair and elevator wells would have spread the fire quickly through the building," Lang declared.

"There was enough paper scattered around to have fed the fire until the walls caught. In fact, the carpet already was on fire and the walls scorched when the woman put the blaze out."

Fire Chief Albert J. Sullivan said a six-footer between 30 and

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#### Transportation to Vets Hospital Here Assured

PORTLAND, Mar. 29.—(AP)—Service men committed from Multnomah county to the Veterans' hospital at Roseburg will be provided transportation by the Veterans' administration.

The announcement was made yesterday following a conference called after the American Legion reported that the family of an ex-serviceman had been obliged to pay his way to the Roseburg hospital.

#### Noted Humorist, Economist Dies



Stephen B. Leacock

TORONTO, Mar. 29.—(AP)—Stephen Butler Leacock, 74, Canadian humorist and economist, died last night.

His first book, "Elements of Political Science" was published in 1906, and from that time until his death he wrote more than 40 books, as well as many articles and essays.

After his wife died of cancer in Liverpool in December, 1926, he gave most of his fortune to cancer research.

Trap Outlet Narrowed

The Second Ukrainian army was busy on other sectors of the center, however, driving south to take two towns near the later railway into Rumania. Other units operating to the north, Moscow said, captured Linkovits, 15 miles southeast of Kamenets-Podolsk, thus narrowing the neck of the sack on large German forces reported cut off in their retreat from Proskurov.

Forty miles northwest of Czernowitz, Bucovina capital, in whose outskirts red army troops were reported fighting, Marshal Zhukov's First Ukrainian army captured Gvozdetz, 11 miles northeast of Kolomea on the Czernowitz-Lwow railway and only 40 miles from the formidable Carpathian mountain barrier, through which the famous "Pass of the Tatars" leads into Czechoslovakia.

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#### W. V. Dennis New Superintendent of Roseburg Schools

Walter V. Dennis, superintendent of schools at Clatskanie, Oregon, has been employed to serve as superintendent of Roseburg schools, starting with the fall term, it was announced today by E. J. (Bud) Ellison, chairman of the board of school directors.

Mr. Dennis will fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Superintendent W. M. Campbell, who will leave the employ of the district at the end of the current school year.

A native of Oregon, Mr. Dennis spent his early life at Rogue River, where he attended elementary and high school. He worked his way through Albany college, where he also took post-graduate work, majoring in education and physical science. He also majored at University of Oregon in school administration.

He had seven years of teaching experience in Lane county and was a superintendent of schools at Rogue River for five years. He has been at Clatskanie for the past two years.

Mr. Dennis received very high recommendations from educators throughout the state, Chairman Ellison reported.

Long Pleased With Roseburg

"We have long been admirers of Roseburg and the surrounding community," Mr. Dennis stated today, "and we are greatly pleased at the opportunity to become a part of the life of this city."

He spent today in Roseburg familiarizing himself with the schools after meeting with the board of directors last night to accept the contract.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are the parents of a 12-year old son, Donald Lee. They plan to establish residence in Roseburg in June.

Mr. Dennis is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Kiwanis club, and Phi Delta Kappa, national educational society. He is president of the Columbia Schoolmasters club, and vice-president of the Columbia County School Teachers association.

Superintendent Campbell, who has not yet announced his future plans, reports that several applications to fill vacancies in the teaching staff of the local schools have been received. Twelve vacancies exist, slightly below the number existing last year.

He reports that Helen Saar, now teaching at Lookingglass, has been elected to an elementary position in the Roseburg schools. She has been teaching in Douglas county since 1937.

The election, however, does not change the number of vacancies as Dorothy Bennett, teacher of the third grade at Rose school, who was given a contract to teach next year, has offered her resignation and is contracting to teach at Springfield.

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#### Central Germany, French Coast Get New Aerial Blows

(By the Associated Press)

Flying Fortresses bombed central Germany and Liberators today pounded the French invasion coast near Calais in the aerial offensive which U. S. headquarters said was "aimed primarily against the Luftwaffe on the ground and in the air."

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In the house of commons, meanwhile, Sir Archibald Sinclair, secretary of state for air, said the German fighter force in western Europe still is formidable, and that undoubtedly many hard battles lie ahead.

#### Other Forces Swarming to Czech Border

Prut River Crossed in Drive to Rumania, Old Poland Lunge Deepened

LONDON, Mar. 29.—(AP)—Gen. Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian army pushed across the South Russian steppes from captured Nikolaev toward the great Black sea port of Odessa today, while 300 miles to the northwest other Russian forces were reported within 40 miles of the Czechoslovakian frontier.

The Russians were advancing on Odessa along a curving 175-mile front. Further west in Bessarabia, a soviet communiqué said, units of Marshal Konev's Second Ukrainian army were within eight miles of the Odessa-Tiraspol-Iasi railroad—last principal escape artery from the port.

Berlin asserted that Konev's army, stretched along the east bank of the Prut river boundary line of Old Rumania, had crossed that stream to assault the strategic rail junction city of Iasi, but neither the Russian communiqué nor front dispatches confirmed this report of the first soviet invasion of axis territory.

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#### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rabinowitz

A late press dispatch says President Roosevelt is still a little "hoarse." Deletion of one vowel is suggested to convey the possible fourth term hint that he shouldn't be changed while crossing a stream.