

Plane Toll in Prior Attacks Raised to 376

Jap Army in Philippines Isolated as Tokyo Warns Land Invasion Imminent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—A large task force of superfortresses attacked Okaya, on Japan's island of Formosa, the 20th bomber command announced today in a communique which identified the city as "the most important air target south of Japan proper."

The communique said that "none of our aircraft so far has been reported lost." Okaya is a vital Japanese repair base. "The mission was carried out from bases in China," the announcement said.

(By the Associated Press) A "large force" of land-based B-29 Superfortresses slashed at Formosa today in a flaming two-way attack which Tokyo headquarters said was coordinated with a third day's bombing of the island by carrier planes.

Increasing aerial fury over the fortress underlined a Japanese admiral's warning to his people that the American offensive precluded an invasion of the Philippines. He added that landing operations against Formosa and the Ryukyu islands also were possible behind this vast bomb curtain.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the 20th air force, reported that a "large force" of Superfortresses made today's assault and said details would be announced when received.

A broadcast Japanese communique said 100 Superfortresses made the raid, following two morning attacks by 450 carrier planes.

Heavy Toll Taken Adm. Nimitz announced that (Continued on page 6)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS TWO or three weeks ago, the Office of War Information (OWI) issued a report predicting that Germany would go down "before or not long after the end of 1944." Last week it put out a follow-up to the effect that the failure of allied air-borne troops at Arnhem makes "more remote" the chances of victory in Europe this year.

If OWI would spend a little more of its time seeing to it that we get the news as it happens and a little less gazing into the crystal ball and predicting what is going to happen, it might be better for all of us.

THE truth is that NOBODY knows when the war in Europe is going to end. So much depends upon things that can't be predicted unerringly in advance—the "breaks," as we say in football. Breaks, for example, like the attempted end run at Arnhem. We MIGHT have caught the Germans unprepared there and got clear around BEHIND their Stiefried line before they could stop us.

But we didn't. They got to Arnhem with "the mostest men fustest."

WE might plan a mighty, concentrated blow against a narrow section of the German line with success depending principally upon a bombardment from the air such as was never seen or dreamed of since the world

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Proposed Ban on Japs' Return Gets Pro, Con Argument

AUBURN, Wash., Oct. 14.—(AP)—Cmdr. Melvin H. McCoy, navy survivor of the Bataan "march of death" from a Japanese prison camp, and R. B. Cozzens of San Francisco, west coast assistant to Dillon S. Meyer, director of the War Relocation Authority, gave verbal approval and disapproval to actions of the Re-member Pearl Harbor league last night.

McCoy told the league, formed to prevent return of Japanese and Japanese Americans to the Puyallup and White River valleys, that trouble would likely arise if veterans returned from the Pacific to find their homes still surrounded by Japanese. "I believe it would be better if the Japanese remained away from us. If they return they will undoubtedly be discriminated against and people in that category are not apt to be good loyal citizens," McCoy said.

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Rich Railway Lines Lashed By Bombers

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Great fleets of more than 2,200 American and British bombers, with more than 1,100 fighters as escort, battered at railways and industrial targets in Germany today, delivering the main blows to Cologne and Duisberg 5 to 40 miles inside the reich's frontier.

Duisberg was drenched with one of the greatest concentrations of bombs loosed over a Nazi city in daylight. More than 1,000 RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes dropped more than 4,500 tons of explosives and incendiaries on the railways, inland port and industries there.

Another armada of more than 1,000 U. S. bombers struck at railways, freight yards and other objectives at Cologne 20 miles to the south. Still other formations of Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed military objectives in the Saarbrücken and Kaiserslautern areas.

British Lose 14 Bombers First reports indicate that great damage must have been done at Duisberg, an air ministry communique said. Fourteen British bombers were lost.

The American planes hit five freight yards at Cologne less than eight hours after British Mosquitos gave it a softening up blow last night. Cologne lies less than 40 miles east of Aachen on the road to Berlin.

U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators also returned to German Silesia today, blasting a synthetic oil refinery at Blechhammer, 75 miles southeast of Breslau, and a plant at nearby Ordol while other bomber formations hit communications in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Work Progressing On Timber Plant At Shady Point

R. A. Heintz, owner and president of the Heintz Construction company, Portland, was in Roseburg today inspecting the progress of the work being done by his company for the Diamond Timber company, which is constructing a large log pond at Shady Point. The company has moved in a large amount of heavy equipment and has completed excavation of the upper section of the pond and has made a good start on the dike work.

Form carpenters have completed the forms for the concrete spillway, and concrete will be poured the first of the week by the Red-Mix Concrete company.

Grading has been completed for the railroad spur and a diesel power plant is being installed which will permit continuous work. Two 10-hour shifts are being maintained.

Lester Laurers, superintendent, and his assistant, George Ziger, have moved their residences from Portland to Roseburg.

Harry Bryson, who is supervising the construction work on behalf of the timber company, reports the work is being done in a most satisfactory manner.

Man Hit in Hotel Fight Not 'Roosevelt's Friend'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Senator Green, democrat of Rhode Island, today said that members of the A. F. of L. teamsters union involved in the so-called "battle of the Statler" following President Roosevelt's opening speech at that hotel September 23 had been identified "to some extent."

None, he said, "was a personal friend of the president."

One of two navy officers who said they took part in the fracas, Lieut. (j. g.) Randolph Dickins, Jr., told newsmen after the incident that he had been told by bystanders that he had struck "a personal friend of the president," and could expect a reprimand.

Speculators Make High Profit on Oregon Farms

PORTLAND, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Farm speculators have bought Oregon farms and sold them six months later for a 50 per cent profit, H. H. Williamson, agricultural relations advisor from Washington D. C., said today.

Control of farm land prices is one of the most difficult wartime problems for agricultural leaders, he told a group of farm representatives here.

Northwest Scouts-Cubs Roster Now Totals 57,002

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Region eleven, Boy Scouts of America, now boasts a membership of 57,002 Cub and Boy Scouts. H. C. Muzar, deputy regional executive, declared yesterday. The membership represents a gain of 14,891. The region includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Restaurant Accused of \$7,000 Overcharges

PORTLAND, Oct. 14.—(AP)—A Portland restaurant charged with raising prices enough to account for \$7,000 in overcharges was defendant today in a suit filed by the OPA.

AMERICANS LUNGING DEEPER INTO AACHEN; RUSSIANS SEIZE RIGA, BLOCK NAZIS' FLIGHT

East Prussia Now Slated For Assault

MOSCOW, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Fall of Riga, Latvian capital and last Baltic city that remained to the Germans, released two powerful Russian armies today for a thrust southward toward East Prussia. (The German radio denied Riga's capture.)

(The transoceanic propaganda agency's version was that German troops evacuated the eastern part of the Latvian capital, but still held the western part.)

(Reporting a new Red army landing on Saare, off the Estonian coast, the German radio said 14,000 troops, 5,000 refugees and 18,000 war prisoners had been evacuated in the Nazis' retreat from the Baltic islands.)

Announcement of the red army's entry into East Prussia in force from the frontier belt 12 miles northeast of Tilsit may be made tonight.

Nazi Flight Plan Unsettled Riga, a city of 385,000, whose capture was announced last night by Marshal Stalin, was taken by storming the port area on the mouth of the Dvina, after the Russians crossed supposedly impassable swamps on the north-east. Thus the soviet forces blocked a German plan for a seaborne evacuation.

A correspondent of Red Star, soviet army newspaper, said the enemy tried to burn Riga and had demolished centuries-old St. Peter's church. However, a swift Russian breakthrough prevented complete destruction of the city.

The German commander, Col. Gen. Scherner, was reported to have ordered wholesale executions among the wavering troops. Eleven Nazi soldiers were removed from a movie house in Riga and shot in the street for being absent without leave, a soviet dispatch said.

Belgrade Penetrated (Although the Russian communique said nothing of a direct attack on German soil in East Prussia, Berlin reported massed soviet tank assaults on the East Prussian garrison at the port of Gdansk and a large-scale red army attack across the Narew river in northern Poland on the lower side of East Prussia.)

Russian troops and their Yugoslav partisan allies are "fighting the enemy in the streets of Belgrade," a broadcast communique (Continued on page 6)



YANKS TOSS STREET CARS AT GERMANS—Grinning American engineers load a German trolley with 88-mm shells and dynamite abandoned by nazis as they prepare to roll the street car down a steep grade into the heart of the bomb-blasted city of Aachen. The engineers still have a week's supply of the "secret weapons"—they call them V-13s—and a good steep grade along which to roll them.

Roosevelt Turns Down Invitation to Talk At Forum; Berle Raps Dewey for Effort To Link Administration With Communism

(By the Associated Press) President Roosevelt has declined an invitation to speak at the concluding session of the New York Herald Tribune forum next Wednesday night. His republican opponent, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, will address the forum that evening.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early, announcing Mr. Roosevelt's decision not to speak, referred newsmen to Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan for an answer to the question why the invitation was turned down. The president usually has addressed the forum in other years.

Governor Dewey will speak on the topic, "This Must Be the Last War."

With the main contenders for the presidency in an oratorical lull this week-end, the rival vice-presidential nominees centered their efforts on California's weighty bloc of electoral votes.

Berle Answers Dewey While Dewey polished an address set for St. Louis Monday night, on a topic announced as "the urgent need for honesty and competence in our national government," the White House took a pot shot at one he made in Charleston, W. Va., a week ago.

It released a letter to President Roosevelt from Adolf A. Berle, assistant secretary of state, saying (Continued on page 6)

Japs Allow Capt. Weikel Family Correspondence

Captain Ivan W. Weikel, son of Mrs. D. O. Tower of Coos Junction, has at last received messages from his family. Captain Weikel was captured by the Japanese at the fall of Bataan and is a prisoner of war at Zentsuji, Japan.

In a letter to his wife, a resident of Corvallis, he reports he has received 21 letters from his wife, one containing her picture and that of his son, together with 10 of his mother's letters and one from his father.

He is permitted, he reports, to write only six letters each year, and these must be to his wife.

Kellogg Prisoner Says Nazi Treatment Good

Staff Sergeant Ralph H. Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Holcomb, Kellogg, is getting "surprisingly excellent treatment" in a German prison camp, according to a letter, dated July 3, 1944, received by his parents.

Sgt. Holcomb, a radio man and machine gunner with the 8th air force, was taken prisoner when shot down over Germany June 21, 1944. In his letter he reports that he is "physically O. K."

He has high praise for the work of the American Red Cross, which, he reports, "is doing a wonderful work and the boys appreciate their aid very much."

Capt. George L. Eckert Reported Wounded

Captain George L. Eckert, husband of Mrs. June W. Eckert, Roseburg, is listed in an army release today as being among Oregon men wounded in action. He was serving in the Asiatic theater.

Eastern Oregon Scene Of Fatal Plane Crash

CANYON CITY, Ore., Oct. 14.—(AP)—A plane crash, heard yesterday by deer hunters in Grant county, was reported by Sheriff L. B. Hazlett today.

Keep On Buying The 5th war loan is over but the war isn't. Don't wait for the 6th drive. Steady, continuous buying of bonds means less on the national quota when the next call comes.

Nazis Fail in Attempts To Aid Garrison

Last Escape Gap From Burning City Reported "As Good as Closed"

(By the Associated Press) Flame throwers, grenades and machineguns slowly blasted a path toward the center of the smoking hulk of Aachen today for U. S. First army troops battling warily from street to street against spotty resistance.

American bombs and shells also ripped apart a reckless Nazi attempt to break through the half-mile gap in the American ring around Aachen. In 48 hours of fiery combat the Germans lost 84 tanks and 30 fighter planes, and still more German tanks were rolling up, shifted from Holland.

The Aachen escape gap now was "as good as closed," an officer at the front said.

But some German reinforcements possibly had slipped into the burning city, and a front patch estimated 2,000 Germans were left there, fighting back more desperately now. In five days an American division has taken 1,000 prisoners.

Germans had to be squeezed from pillboxes and dug from wells and cellars of ruined houses. Allies Gain Near Aachen Four miles north of Aachen, tank-reinforced Germans threw in (Continued on page 6)

Bulgarians Leave For Moscow to Plead for Peace

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—The Ankara radio, without confirmation from other sources, said today that a Bulgarian delegation had left for Moscow to ask for peace, and said a Bulgarian armistice delegation also was on its way to the Russian capital.

The radio said its information came from an official Bulgarian announcement. Bulgarian leaders, who lived technical state of war with Russia on September 9 after the soviet declared war on the Balkan kingdom to force her withdrawal from partnership with Germany. The kingdom had declared war on the United States and Britain, but not on Russia.

The Bulgars have been maneuvering to win concessions involving Grecian Thrace and Macedonia, however, the Greeks have served notice that the Bulgars must withdraw from Greek territory, and the British and American governments are reported to have backed them up.

Prime Minister Churchill recently announced that the Bulgars would have to work their way back into allied grace, and the Russians have demanded active Bulgarian participation in defeating the nazis as a condition of an armistice.

The German communique announced today an attack by "Bulgarian divisions" on German troops along the western border of Bulgaria.

Oregon Spud Shippers to Get Refrigerator Cars

PORTLAND, Oct. 14.—(AP)—A statement released by Sen. Guy Cordon's office said today that refrigerator cars would be released at once for Deschutes and Crook county potato growers through a special permit obtained by Cordon.

Refrigerator cars will be made available for Klamath basin growers "as soon as possible," the statement said.

Klamath area growers protested the recent regulation which prohibited use of refrigerator cars for potato shipments, charging that potatoes could not survive the wide changes of temperature in moving from Oregon to California.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

Less than three months are left in 1944 and Berlin is still a long way off—by land. And winter is coming on. But don't lose optimism. Hitler et al are as good as kaput and when it's all over Germany will stay put.