

U. S. CARRIER PLANES BLASTING AT MANILA

Naval Battle Toll Raised to 58 Jap Ships

1,500,000 Filipinos Thus Far Liberated by Forces Of General MacArthur

(By the Associated Press)
Fresh from sinking or damaging 58 Japanese warships in the greatest naval victory of the Pacific war, American task forces are hurling hundreds of carrier planes across Luzon island at Manila from waters scarcely 100 miles away, Tokyo radio reported today.

The U. S. carriers were said to be operating several hundred miles northwest of Leyte and Samar islands where Gen. MacArthur has liberated 1,500,000 Filipinos in a land-consuming advance that outstripped Japanese gains in China.

The box score on the second naval battle of the Philippines announced by Adm. Nimitz showed 24 Japanese warships sunk, including four carriers, two battleships and nine cruisers; 13 probably sunk, and 21 damaged; U. S. Lost Six Warships.

This unprecedented victory, scored in last week's three-pronged naval battle, cost the U. S. Third and Seventh fleets six warships, including "considerable casualties" on five that went down in the battle of Surigao strait off the southern end of Leyte.

In the air the Japanese lost 171 planes. Ten U. S. aircraft were shot down, carrying with them 18 airmen.

Possibly only two Japanese ships escaped undamaged by the merciless fire of American warships, planes and submarines. Nippon's losses, totaling 500,000 tons, exceeded the combined warship toll taken in the four greatest previous naval battles of the Pacific war. No modern fleet has been so badly mauled in a single engagement.

How Japs Were Trapped
American submarines spotted and attacked 28 of 29 warships headed toward the Philippines from Singapore. Carrier and land-based planes bombed and strafed them as they split into two flotillas and threaded through narrow Philippine straits and into a double trap in the eastern Philippines.

Another force, nearly as large, sped down from Japan was detected by a scouting plane. Combined U. S. carrier forces raced north to intercept, caught yesterday.

Governor Dewey has three full-fledged speaking engagements on his calendar for the final week of the campaign, the first at Buffalo, N. Y., tomorrow night at 6 p. m. PWT over NBC. He is to speak in Boston Wednesday night, reserving his own last-Saturday night before the election spot for Madison Square garden in New York.

Traveling from Buffalo to Boston, Dewey will make stops at Pittsfield, Springfield and Worcester, Mass. He may spend

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 30. (AP)—State officials estimate that more than 44,000,000 persons will vote in the election a week from tomorrow.

The total vote estimate of 44,000,000 plus, which includes 3,392,000 service men and women, was compiled by the Associated Press from state officers who did their figuring on the basis of incomplete registrations and estimates of otherwise qualified voters. It compares with the actual total of 49,815,312 in 1940.

Thursday in Connecticut and Friday in New Jersey.

President Chides Foes
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China Plunged Into Crisis by Recall of U. S. General Stilwell

Kai-Shek Held Responsible For Situation Chinese Leader Fails to Effect Reform Needed To Stem Jap Invaders

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(AP)—China has been plunged headlong into a new military and political crisis by the recall of General Joseph W. Stilwell to Washington.

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Among American officials there is hope, but little real confidence, that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek will be able to put his military and political affairs in order without further delay.

High strategy of the war against Japan hangs on the outcome. But this crisis has been months in the making, with a virtual breakdown in China always possible.

The campaigns ahead—closer (Continued on page 6)

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SPECIAL NOTICE—Special delivery mail rates go up Nov. 1 from 10 to 13 cents on letters and first-class mail weighing not more than two pounds. The fee on other than first-class matter weighing from two to 10 pounds goes up from 15 to 17 cents—so don't get caught with your postage down.

Allied Bombers Lash Reich Cities

LONDON, Oct. 30.—(AP)—More than 800 U. S. bombers attacked Hamm, Munster and the twin port cities of Hamburg-Harburg today.

Germany's largest freight yards are at Hamm and the third largest serving the western front are at Munster. Hamburg area targets were oil refineries and processing plants.

The Fortresses and Liberators were out-numbered by 950 escorting fighters, many of which veered off on transport-hunting missions of their own.

The three-pronged daylight attack followed another sharp attack on Berlin by RAF Mosquitos last night.

The fast little Mosquitos also roamed far and wide over Germany, shooting up trains and road targets. Sweeping the areas from Penemunde to Dresden and Stuttgart to Frankfurt, they knocked out at least 14 trains and left several others burning.

Holland Nazis Slashed Into Reeling Units

LONDON, Oct. 30.—(AP)—Allied troops entered Roosendaal, last link in the German stronghold below the Maas, tonight.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—(AP)—The German stand in the southwestern lowlands had been cut into four dwindling pockets today and German forces below the Maas river were disintegrating under a concentrated air attack and the drive of allied armies racing to the Moerdijk escape bridge only six miles away.

Nazi Escape Route In Hungary Sealed

LONDON, Oct. 30.—(AP)—The last rail escape route for Germans in northeastern Hungary was blocked by the Russians today with capture of Csap (Cop) on the upper Tisza river, while to the north Berlin reported further Russian gains in the liquidation of an estimated 100,000 Nazis pinned against the Baltic sea.

A Berlin announcement said Soviet troops in western Latvia had captured Auce, communications center 70 miles east of Leipaja, a Baltic port.

The Moscow communique did not confirm the Berlin reports on the Latvia offensive, nor did it mention the East Prussian front, where heavy fighting has been raging along the Kaunas-Konigsberg highway.

Portland Pastor Named Foursquare Church Head
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 30.—(AP)—Pastor of the church of the Foursquare gospel here for 16 years, Dr. Harold Wesley Jeffries has announced his succession to the late Aimee Semple McPherson as pastor of Angelus temple in Los Angeles.

Appointed by Rolf McPherson, son of the famous evangelist and president of the Foursquare corporation, Dr. Jeffries will assume the pastorate Dec. 1.

One Prune Grower Bags Bear, Another Sprints 500 Yards for Gun, Downs Deer

By the Associated Press
The weekend uncovered the usual quota of hunting anecdotes. At LaGrande, Archie McNeil found his prunes rapidly disappearing from the trees, set a trap. Next morning he collected a brown bear that dressed out 350 pounds.

Hunters at Dallas moved out into the mountains, came back empty handed. Then one of them, Oscar Loewen, was circling through his prune orchard on the hunt for pheasant when he spotted a deer. He dropped his shotgun, sprinted 500 yards to his house for a legal rifle, and dropped the three-point buck.

Down in the Coos bay area, duck hunters complain bitterly of the worst shooting they've seen for seasons. Reason? The weather's been too good—lack of rain so depleted the sand hills lakes that the ducks just went right by.

Big Farms May Be Cut up For Vets

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—(AP)—A possibility that America's large land-holdings would be broken up to provide farms for war veterans was mentioned here by the associate administrator of the farm security administration.

R. W. Hudgens told interviewees that the west's shrunken frontiers would leave some 250,000 agricultural-minded servicemen without available farms.

"The slogan 'go west young man' was alright a generation ago," he said. "But migrations of pioneers, dust bowl refugees and war workers have used up the good land of this section.

"We are getting 50 letters a day from veterans wanting land. There simply isn't going to be enough to go around."

Overturning Tractor Kills Child, Aged 8

Loren Calvin Parry, 8, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when a tractor driven by his grandfather, John Parry, overturned in a drainage ditch at the Parry farm in the Nechesse district. Other members of a group of six riding the tractor and cultivator suffered minor injuries.

The machines were being taken to the back section of the farm to be used in constructing a fire stop. Included in the group were Mr. Parry and his three grandsons, Dale, Loren, 8, and Ronald, 5, together with a neighbor, Milford L. Jones and the latter's son, Lavern, 17.

As the tractor was approaching a drainage ditch, it struck loose soil, causing the bank to cave in, overturning the machine. Mr. Parry and Loren were pinned under the tractor, the child being crushed to death. Mr. Parry escaped with bruises, while others of the party were only slightly hurt.

An investigation was conducted by Coroner H. C. Stearns assisted by Sheriff Bud Carter. Loren was the son of John Les.

Boy Strangled to Death Playing at Commands

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(AP)—Deputy Chief Inspector John J. O'Connor said today that a too-realistic game of commands led to the strangulation death of four-year-old William Drach yesterday.

The boy was found by his father, John Drach, a Bronx apartment house superintendent bound and gagged in the dumb-waiter shaft of the building.

Inspector O'Connor said an older brother, Robert, eight, tied William with a clothesline about the neck, secured his hands behind his back, tied his feet and roped arms and legs together. Two handkerchiefs were wrapped around Williams' face.



NEMESIS OF JAPS RESCUED—Major Iloff D. Richardson (left), 26, of Maywood, Calif., former PT boat officer, who missed the last plane for Australia by three days, led guerrillas in the Philippines for 2 1/2 years, harrasing the Japs and helping to kill or wound 800 of them. Tearfully glad to hear of his rescue by U. S. invasion forces is his mother, Mrs. Velma Richardson (right), holding the message informing her of his safety.

F. D. R. Dates Final Talk At Boston; Dewey Slates Swing Into New England

(By the Associated Press)
Optimism in the fourth term camp was voiced by the White House today with a hint that President Roosevelt will make only one more major campaign speech—at Boston, probably Saturday night.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early reported Mr. Roosevelt "feeling fine" after his 2,000-mile trip through seven states, concluded yesterday.

Condemnation Suits Filed For Access Road Job
Three suits for condemnation of property required for the extension of Second Avenue South as a part of the Roseburg-Rock Creek access road project, were filed in circuit court today by the state highway commission.

Defendants are Leona Creason Koff, Gertrude Rast and other members of the Rast estate, and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Hammock.

Two other tracts, one belonging to the Schloeman estate and the other to A. J. Young, former Mayor of Roseburg, are involved, but settlements are expected without court action, it was reported. The Rast property cannot be acquired without going through court, because of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kidder, two of the defendants, are civilian prisoners of war in Manila.

The suits are being filed by the state highway commission at the request of the city of Roseburg as the state law permits the state to enter upon property for construction work as soon as the suits are entered in court, while final action by the courts would be required in the event the litigation was conducted by the city.

The city of Roseburg has contracted with the state to pay settlements, damages and court costs.

Turkey Processing Cost Target of Complaint
PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—(AP)—The OPA has been asked to change turkey regulations which keep flocks of 100 birds on the market at prime prices.

In a telegram to the agency, the Oregon republican charged that marketing rules were forcing growers to pay up to \$1 per bird for processing. In place of the customary 35 cents.

New Hybrid Cantaloupe Born of Five-Year Job
MONMOUTH, Ore., Oct. 30.—(AP)—A new hybrid cantaloupe, which averages three pounds from dry soil and six pounds from irrigated land, has been developed here after five years' work.

The melon, grown by Aaron Pike, is a combination of Spear and Hearts of Gold types, and has sweet, very thick, firm flesh.

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