

Japs Launch Full-scale Offensive

Willkie Flays Censors

Talk Demands Plans to Free World's Races

2nd Front, Sending Of More to Allies Seen Essential

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—(AP) Wendell L. Willkie reiterated Monday night his demand for a second front in Europe and asserted that the record of the war to date was not such as to inspire "any sublime faith in the infallibility of our military and naval experts."

Reporting to the nation on his recent globe-girdling air tour of allied and neutral nations, Willkie described as "misdirected censorship" the idea that non-military experts or persons unconnected with the government should refrain from making suggestions about the conduct of the war—"military, industrial, economic or political."

"Let's have no more of this nonsense," Willkie declared. "Military experts, as well as our leaders, must be constantly exposed to democracy's greatest driving power—the whip-lash of public opinion, developed from honest, free discussion."

The speech was broadcast throughout the United States over the four major networks. It was not censored.

At another point, Willkie said, "I reiterate: We and our allies must establish a second fighting front in Europe. I also hope that shortly we can put the considerable force in India to aggressive use in an all-out attack on Burma, as General Wavell has urged."

After describing what he termed a "reservoir of good will" existing in the nations he visited on a trip which took him to the middle east, China and Russia, the titular head of the republican party asserted that this reservoir, nevertheless, was leaking "dangerously" through holes which were not punched by Hitler, but by us.

One of the leaks, he said, was the "tragically small" amount of war material reaching the embattled legions of the United Nations, and warned that "if we continue to fail to deliver to our (Turn to Page 2)

Nelson Wires Appreciation To Newspaper

Appreciation for The Statesman's aid in carrying on the nationwide scrap drive was expressed by Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board, in a telegram received Monday by Gov. Charles A. Sprague as president of The Statesman Publishing Company. The wire also asked the newspaper's cooperation in a continuation of the campaign.

Nelson's message read: "I feel that the nation owes the newspapers a debt of thanks for the invaluable service that they have rendered through the newspapers united scrap metal drive. I am reluctant to call on you further at this time. The results of the newspapers' campaign however have been so great and more industrial scrap is so essential to solve the nation's winter supply problem that I am asking you to give what effort you feel is appropriate toward its collection along the lines outlined recently by your national committee."

Admiral Kalbfus Changes Duties

BOSTON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The navy announced Tuesday that Adm. Edward Clifford Kalbfus (ret.), president of the naval war college and commandant of the naval operating base at Newport, R.I., would be ordered to duty on the general board of the navy on November 2.

He will be succeeded in Newport by Vice Adm. William Satter Lee Pyle, recently transferred from the Pacific area, said the announcement, issued by first naval district headquarters.

Yank Bombers Raid Canton And Hongkong

WITH THE US AIR FORCES IN CHINA, Oct. 26—(AP)—Hitting the Japanese in a new quarter, American bombers delivered a destruction one-two punch against Hongkong early Monday and Sunday in a spreading offensive which now has carried the air war to the enemy the length and breadth of occupied China.

Monday's raid flattened Hongkong's main electric power plant a few hours after the colony's sprawling waterfront was set aflame Sunday afternoon by the greatest assault yet executed by airmen of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's China command. The second Hongkong attack was coupled with another attack on the enemy's Whitecloud airdrome near Canton, some 90 miles away, and there big fires and explosions were set off.

The Japanese, caught flatfooted at Hongkong, lost 10 fighters and probably five more out of formations which challenged the Americans after they had loosed their bombs in the first attack. Against these enemy losses the Americans lost one bomber in their initial sortie; none in the second.

McKay Called To Army Duty

Plans to Take Leave From Legislature; Named Captain

Marion county's second republican nominee for state senator at the November election was Monday called to active duty with the army, and Sen. Douglas McKay announced he was dropping the legislative title only temporarily to accept the military rank of captain.

"Under the new law passed by the most recent session of the state legislature I am entitled to continue in the senate, asking only a military leave after qualifying. The county court then must appoint a senator pro tem," McKay said, suggesting that Allan Carson, if elected, probably will follow the same procedure. McKay holds both democratic and republican nominations for reelection.

Carson, nominated by republicans at the spring primaries, is now stationed at Fort Knox, where he is attached to the air service as an intelligence office official. He previously had served in the state house of representatives. McKay, a first lieutenant in the last war for a period of 30 months, was wounded in the Argonne. He was a member of the 91st division. He has been ordered to report to the service command at Fort Lewis on Saturday.

Nazi Raiders Bomb England

LONDON, Oct. 26—(AP)—German raiders struck at England from the cover of low clouds Monday, killing at least eight persons along the south coast and inland, and giving London two raid alarms, the first there in a week.

Two of the bombers were shot down, and others were damaged in dog-fights over the English channel with an interception screen of Spitfires and Hurricanes.

Anti-aircraft batteries along the channel coast were in action sporadically through the day, and guns on the outskirts of London fired at one plane which was hidden in the clouds.

No bombs were reported in London, but there were some attacks in the home counties. Several persons were killed and others injured in a town in south-eastern England. One was killed and six were hurt near a town in the home counties.

145 Firms Fail

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Business failures for the week ended October 22 numbered 145 against 132 in the preceding week and 1788 in the like period last year, Dun & Bradstreet reported Monday.

Reds Maintain Volga Lines, Oust Wedge

Fighting in Factory Area; Battles Heavy In Other Regions

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Oct. 27

(AP)—The red army, supported by fresh reserves, maintained its lines in Stalingrad Monday in a see-saw battle in which the Germans drove a wedge into Russian positions in one sector and then were forced to withdraw, the soviet midnight communique said Tuesday.

The main fighting took place in a factory area in the northern part of the city, presumably around the red October Foundry works, and consisted of both tank and infantry assaults which continued without a halt five hours. "The Germans succeeded in driving a wedge into the soviet defenses," the communique said, "but were attacked from the flank, overwhelmed and forced to withdraw."

In this engagement about 750 Germans were said to have been killed and three tanks destroyed. (A German radio report heard in London said the Russians had launched attacks both north and south of the red October Works in an effort to relieve German pressure against the soviet stronghold.)

Northwest of Stalingrad fighting continued on a number of sectors. The communique said the Russians in this area had wiped out three companies of German infantry, destroyed four enemy ammunition dumps and ten dugouts.

There also was heavy fighting in the Black sea area, on the Leningrad front and around Voronezh, about 300 miles above Stalingrad.

Northeast of the Black sea port of Tuapse, the communique said, (Turn to Page 2)

Three Killed In Crash of Auto, Truck

Truck and private car collisions on highway 90 north and south of Salem so similar as to be declared "startling" by state police resulted in deaths of three Olympia, Wash., young people and sent the Richmond, Calif., women to a hospital with serious injuries Sunday, and left a 10-months-old uninjured.

Shirley Prior, 18, and Eddie Ball, 16, were trapped in the light car which met a truck head on a mile north of Woodburn shortly before 8 o'clock Sunday morning. When the car's gasoline tank exploded the automobile and its occupants were wrapped in flame. From the blaze, residents of the area dragged Ben D. Bentley, 17, driver, who died three hours later in a Salem hospital. Bodies of the other two were not identified for several hours.

The trio were said to have been en route to Eugene, where Miss Prior's father is a veneer plant employe. The car in which they rode was registered to Thomas Bartley, route one, Olympia. Driver of the truck was William John Kelly of Oswego, who officers believed was completely exonerated of blame by conditions of the accident. A witness reported having driven behind the truck for several miles, using its lights as a guide, declaring to state police that much of the time the heavier vehicle had traveled approximately 15 miles an hour. (Turn to Page 2)

Legion Commander Lauds Willkie Talk

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 26—(AP) Roane Waring of Memphis, Tenn., national commander of the American Legion, said Wendell L. Willkie's report Monday night to the nation on his world tour for President Roosevelt was a "most magnificent exposition of the present situation, the present war aims and our failures so far to take a broad, definite stand of America's job in bringing about our victory."

US Carrier Wasp Lost

Torpedoes Destroy 3rd In Pacific

Most of Complement Saved; Ship on Way To Aid Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The navy announced Monday night the aircraft carrier Wasp was sunk in the southwest Pacific while covering reinforcements to Guadalcanal on September 15.

Attacked by an enemy submarine about 2:50 p. m., the afternoon of September 15, the Wasp received three torpedoes near her magazine and gasoline tanks, resulting in many explosions and serious fires.

The fires could not be brought under control, the ship was abandoned three hours after the attack and about 8 p. m., an American destroyer sent torpedoes into her, completing her destruction when all hope of saving the carrier had been abandoned.

The navy said the carrier sank at a time when there was no enemy forces nearby, and for this reason the announcement of her loss was delayed as long as there was any chance the Japanese did not know of her sinking.

A navy communique said the 14,700-ton Wasp was part of a task force covering the delivery of supplies and reinforcements to the army-navy-marine corps forces in the Solomon Islands.

About 90 per cent of the men on board—she had a normal complement of 1800 men—were rescued. The commanding officer, Capt. Forrest P. Sherman, 45, of Melrose, Mass., was not a casualty so far as navy officials now know, officers said.

The Wasp was launched April 4, 1939, at the Bethlehem Steel company, Quincy, Mass., and was commissioned at Boston April 25, 1940. She was 688 feet long, had a beam of 80 feet eight inches, and normally carried at least 72 planes.

Early this year the Wasp was used to ferry planes to the island of Malta in the Mediterranean.

The Wasp is the third aircraft carrier whose loss has been announced by the navy since the start of the war. The 33,000-ton Lexington was sunk in May, in the battle of the Coral sea, and the 19,500-ton Yorktown was lost at the battle of Midway in July. That leaves the fleet with four known carriers—the 19,900-ton Enterprise, the 33,000-ton Saratoga, the Hornet of 20,000 tons and the Ranger, about the same size as the Wasp.

The carrier was the seventh vessel in the navy to bear the name "Wasp," the first being an eight-inch schooner of the continental navy which was part of the first American squadron to put to sea during the revolution.

Poll Tax Ban Given Okeh

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Opponents of the poll tax won a round Monday when the senate judiciary committee approved, 13 to 5, a bill banning the tax as a prerequisite to voting in primaries or elections involving federal offices.

Senator Connally (D-Tex.), whose state is one of the eight collecting a poll tax, issued a statement in which he called the bill unconstitutional.

"This bill means federal control of elections," he said. "Don't let the states or the people forget that fact. However, ambitious may be poll tax requirements, they are not as bad as federal bayonets at the voting booth."

There was some indication the bill's opponents might stage a filibuster, if necessary to stall its passage in the present session of congress.

Weather

Sunday's max. temp. 65, min. 34. River Sunday -4.5 ft. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed. Forecast: Tuesday's sunset 6:05 p. m. Wednesday's sunrise 7:45 a. m.



The Wasp, US aircraft carrier which only a few months ago broke through to land reinforcements on Malta island in the Mediterranean, was sunk in the southwest Pacific September 15, the navy announced Monday. She was launched three years ago.—IIN Photo.

Coffee Ration Inaugural Set

November 29 to Start Program; Consumer News Revealed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Coffee rationing starts November 29, the government announced Monday, but it will be more liberal than the bugaboo which has frightened housewives in many cities into hoarding and over-buying.

One pound every five weeks will be allowed for every person who was 15 or older when sugar rationing started last May. This works out to slightly more than one cup a day, and in households where children 15 or older do not drink coffee, the grownups can have the children's share as well as their own.

Moreover, it will still be possible to get a cup of coffee in a restaurant regardless of how much is used at home. Details of the rationing for restaurants are still to be announced but it probably will follow that of sugar, restricting commercial users to a certain percentage of their former consumption.

And those who care to substitute tea, cocoa or other beverages for coffee at certain meals can drink all they wish. No rationing (Turn to Page 2)

Puerto Rico Legislators Flay Tugwell

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Gov. Rexford Guy Tugwell appeared briefly Monday before the opening session of a special legislature and 18 representatives and nine senators promptly walked out to the raucous jeerings and catcalls of a packed gallery.

The legislators, members of an opposition coalition, promptly cabled President Roosevelt that they had abandoned the joint session in "protest to the mis-government" of Tugwell. In earlier days of the New Deal, Tugwell was a presidential advisor.

"Desirous of cooperating in the most decided manner in the war effort, we must seize this occasion to remind your excellency of the emergency necessity of removing Gov. Tugwell," the angry legislators cabled to Mr. Roosevelt.

Their walkout, incidentally, disclosed that parties favoring his administration had a safe though narrow margin since 21 of the 39 representatives in the lower house remained to hear Tugwell's brief address.

In it he asked the legislature to maintain the island's buying power, to maintain a minimum of imports of necessities, to broaden a program to stimulate local food production, to fix just price levels and to provide public works relief for the unemployed.

Bolivia Leader Dies

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Arturo Molina Campero, former foreign minister and former president of the senate, died Monday.

Honor to Navy Set in Ships And Programs

November 29 to Start Program; Consumer News Revealed

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Shipyards in the Portland-Vancouver area maintained their one-a-day launching rate Monday and three more ships will go down the ways Tuesday as part of Oregon's observance of Navy day.

Henry J. Kaiser's Vancouver yard laid another tank-landing "mystery ship" into the Columbia river at noon, following up the launching of the Liberty ship Charles Goodyear at his Oregon Shipbuilding corporation Sunday.

Tuesday, Commercial Iron (Turn to Page 2)

Hershey Asks Longer Hours

Competing Wages Get Blame for Shortage, McNary Informed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, declared Monday that "we are not getting the maximum from our manpower" and suggested more efficient industrial management and longer working hours as a partial answer.

"Every person in the nation must give of his maximum ability to the war effort," he said in testimony before the senate military committee considering compulsory manpower legislation.

Hershey opposed any drafting of manpower for civilian tasks, at least for the present. He took the position that further steps could be taken under the existing setup. In addition to more efficiency and longer hours in industry, he suggested that unnecessary absences of workers be reduced, that unessential agriculture be curtailed, that labor pitting and discrimination against women be ended and that voluntary recruiting be abandoned by the armed forces in favor of inductions through selective service.

On the other hand, Secretary of War Stimson contended that labor shortages did not result altogether from the demands of the (Turn to Page 2)

'Goody' Prices To Be Higher

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Christmas "goodies" may be slightly higher this year, the office of price administration said Monday.

OPA authorized distributors to use the same percentage markup over cost in 1942 as they used on the same articles during 1941. Because of higher material and labor costs, OPA said, prices may be slightly above those prevailing last year.

The authority applies to such food products as minced meat, plum pudding, Christmas cookies, fruit cake, holiday candy, glazed or candied fruits, stuffed dried fruits, and pitted and macedinated dates and date products.

British Pierce Rommel Lines

Air Battle Fierce Over Desert; Axis Prisoners Taken

By DON WHITEHEAD

CAIRO, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The armored force of the British eighth army was in fighting position Monday night well inside the axis El Alamein line, and at the end of three days of attack it appeared certain that the imperial and allied troops had successfully accomplished the first phase of the battle.

The allied infantry had battered holes in the static defenses of the Rommel forces, at the same time attacking with tank support on both flanks. The closely following armored divisions of the eighth army rushed through to positions behind the forward German and Italian troops. Enemy counter-attacks failed to dislodge them, and 1450 prisoners fell into allied hands.

The allied air offensive was pursued with undiminished vigor Monday though the bombers found fewer targets. Edward Kennedy, Associated Press correspondent with the air forces in the desert, cabled late Monday enemy formations seemed more dispersed than ever.

The Germans who have been strangely weak in the air put more planes aloft. Their bombers overnight dropped anti-personal bombs and the Messerschmitts were more active in the forenoon.

Consequently, Kennedy reported, there were more dogfights and by noon six axis fighters had been reported down with the loss of five allied planes.

On land, the Germans are concentrating their own tanks for the major battle which is expected to bring the main armored forces of both sides into direct conflict. (Unofficial dispatches received in London said that the allied ground attack had overrun two axis defense lines in one sector, advancing two miles, or half-way (Turn to Page 2)

Navy Casualty List Has 408

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The navy issued its 15th casualty list of the war Monday, reporting 408 men from 43 states and Hawaii, killed, wounded or missing.

Most of these casualties, said the navy, resulted from combat with the enemy.

Some of those listed as missing, the navy said, may have been rescued at sea or landed at isolated spots from which they could not communicate with naval officials. The list covered navy and marine corps, but not coast guard personnel, and included men from all states except Delaware, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota and Wyoming.

The list—194 dead, 142 wounded and 72 missing—brought to 15,814 the total casualties announced since the start of the war for the navy, marine corps and coast guard—navy: 3788 dead, 1069 wounded, 7752 missing; marine corps, 630 dead, 515 wounded, 1896 missing; coast guard, 35 dead, nine wounded, 120 missing.

US Force Holding Position

Destroyer Sunk By Jap Planes; Jap Ships Hit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Japanese have launched a full scale, land, sea and air assault against American positions on Guadalcanal, the navy announced Monday night, and American forces in the Solomons area have lost one destroyer sunk and an aircraft carrier severely damaged.

The damage to the carrier is in addition to the loss of the carrier Wasp, which the navy revealed, earlier in the night had been sunk in the Solomons in September.

In two days of fighting in the Solomons beginning Sunday (Solomons time) American forces have shot down 22 enemy planes and damaged three enemy cruisers and two Japanese aircraft carriers.

Severe damage, the navy said, was inflicted on a Japanese heavy cruiser and a Japanese light cruiser, but the extent of damage to the other enemy ships are not known.

The big Japanese attack on Guadalcanal began Sunday (Saturday here) with army troops and marines holding their positions on the island against a determined drive on their southern flank, while enemy cruisers and destroyers shelled them from the sea.

The next day, an aircraft carrier task force of the US Pacific fleet exchanged aerial blows with the enemy northwest of Guadalcanal, with one American carrier severely damaged and the destroyer Porter sunk in this action.

"Other US vessels have reported lesser damage," a navy communique reported. "Two enemy aircraft carriers were damaged in this action, the details of which are still incomplete."

The communique said that during the early afternoon of October 25, following the Japanese attack against the American southern flank and the shelling by enemy surface ships, American Douglas Dauntless dive-bombers attacked a force of enemy cruisers and destroyers north of Florida Island, scoring a direct bomb hit which damaged and stopped one enemy heavy cruiser.

Shortly after this action, 16 Japanese dive-bombers attacked (Turn to Page 2)

ARP Declares Response to Dimout Good

Response to new dimout regulations in both business and residential districts of Salem was close to satisfactory and violations were because of lack of understanding and minor, members of the city air raid precautions board declared as they met Monday for luncheon.

Block wardens are assigned the duty of spreading information concerning dimout orders and assisting householders in their districts with checking to make sure they are obeying them, Supervisor C. E. Guenther declared.

Enforcement of the regulations within the city is handled by city police, who on Monday had listed on their blotter the names of only one violator.

Strict enforcement with the county has been ordered by Sheriff A. C. Burk. Deputies from his office went on the alert to answer complaints Monday night.

Dionne Quints Have First Permanents

TORONTO, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Dionne quintuplets experienced the thrill every small girl looks forward to Monday when they had their first permanent wave. "Is that going to happen to me?" asked Yvonne as she watched Marie's hair put up in curls.