

Allies Recapture Kokoda in New Guinea

Interest Light in Election

Wartime Ballot May Portend for '44 Presidency

By The Associated Press To be elected: 33 senators, 32 governors, 432 members of the house of Representatives, hundreds of lesser public officials, in 47 states. (Maine voted September 14.) To do the electing: An estimated 35,000,000 voters out of

Election Returns

Broadcasting direct from The Statesman offices, radio station KSLM will cooperate with this newspaper tonight in providing prompt and continuing returns on today's elections, local, state and national. The broadcasts, on 1370 kilocycles, will begin at 7:30 p. m. For list of ballot candidates and numbers, turn to page two; for "where to vote" list, to page three.

53,613,052 registered — an unusually low proportion. Number of voting precincts 129,257 in 47 states.

By The Associated Press Some 35,000,000 Americans, an unusually small proportion of the electorate, will vote today in the first wartime election since 1918, with the New York gubernatorial contest commanding general attention because of its direct bearing on 1944 presidential politics. A victory by Thomas E. Dewey, the republican nominee, would be viewed by many politicians as enhancing his prospects two years hence for the presidential nomination which eluded him in 1940, and the strength of his party in the pivotal Empire state.

And linked in large measure with the fortunes of John J. Bennett, jr., the democratic candidate, is the political future of James A. Farley, former democratic national chairman who sponsored Bennett's nomination over President Roosevelt's preference for Sen. James M. Mead. In addition to the New York contest, the election of members of the house will be closely studied. Ordinarily the balloting for house seats in a year which sees no presidential election affords an up-to-the-minute indication of how much support the public is

Help of Funds In Recreation Said Available

Advising the city defense recreation committee and organizations such as the Hostess league to incorporate to operate under the Lanham act, which provides for the use of federal funds for recreation, James W. Barton, director of the city security agency addressed a public audience Monday afternoon. Barton stated that the recreation services now provided by WPA may be continued with little or no financial support locally even though its agency apparently is to cease operation in that field, Barton explained that actual city sponsorship would require a special audit setup.

The recreational agencies should check sources of income, make a survey of needs, plan a program and make a budget, then file its request for money, he said. Representatives of the mayor's committee for defense recreation the Salem Art and Recreation center and other organizations interested in that activity gathered at the chamber of commerce Monday afternoon to meet with Barton and Miss Gladys M. Everett, Oregon director of the WPA service division.

Dimout Tuesday's sunset 5:55 p. m. Wednesday's sunrise 7:56 a. m. Weather: Sunday's max. temp. 53, min. 45. River Monday 1.3 ft. By Army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

They're In



DOUGLAS MCKAY



ALLAN CARSON

Without opposition at today's election, Sen. Douglas McKay and Rep. Allan Carson (pictured above) are assured election as senators from Marion county. McKay holds both republican and democratic nominations and Carson the republican.

Polling Opens At 8 o'Clock

Circuit Judgeship Interest Leads; 8 p.m. Deadline

Doors to 80 polling places will be opened in Marion county at 8 o'clock this morning by 730 election officials armed with ballots on which 20,000 or so voters may write X for the candidates and measure of their choice.

In 66 of the larger precincts, extra counting boards will go to work between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. to cut down the task facing the voting boards at polls closing time, 8 o'clock tonight.

Although the ballot includes a United States assembly, a congressional representative seat, a governor, a secretary of state and a full legislative ticket, it is a courtship contest that has attracted the greatest part of a militia campaign attention on the part of the electorate.

Interest has run highest, apparently, in the effort of Rep. George R. Duncan to unseat Judge L. H. McMahon from the circuit court bench, position number one. Next in interest has been Secretary of State Earl Snell's campaign for the governorship with Sen. Lew Wallace, the democratic contender.

Predictions of a light vote have gone to previously unrecorded lows, but they may be upset by a quiet sense of responsibility on the part of voters who read and discuss the war news more than the political talk and by the fact that the registration rolls for today's election contain less "dead wood."

After the summer waning out of old registrations, the total number of eligible voters in Marion county stood at 35,524, including 21,274 republicans, 13,976 democrats and 974 of other political affiliation.

Morgenthau Tells British Taxes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2—(AP) Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, back at his desk after a three-weeks trip to England, told newsmen Monday that Englishmen and Canadians individually were paying "about twice as much" income taxes as the average American. He did not offer any comparison of the other types of taxation paid in the two countries. The secretary said he had brought back "no new ideas" for additional taxation.

Reds Lose Nalchik, Hold Volga; Allies Trap Desert Nazis

Council Leaves 'Stop' Signs To Railroads

No Funds Budgeted For Recommended 17 Crossings

Railroads, not the city of Salem, must post the official "stop" signs at 17 specified intersections within Salem if the resolution passed Monday night by the city council bears fruit. Requested by the Oregon Railroad association to erect official traffic "stop" signs at crossings inside the city as a safety measure because of the heavier and speedier use currently made of railway tracks, the council had asked the recommendation of its traffic and police committee.

Without funds budgeted for the signs, but recognizing the need for them, Alderman L. P. LeGarde said Monday night, the city's authorization for action by the railroads seemed the most effective action his committee could recommend. Three Oregon Electric crossings, not marked by the state highway commission, and 14 Southern Pacific crossings were recommended for the traffic labels.

While the 17 are not all the crossings within the city, they represent those most heavily traveled by automobiles which have not yet been treated as through thoroughfares, LeGarde said.

The council passed for the first two readings an ordinance which would enlarge state terminal routes out of the alleyway between High and Church streets, running between Court and Cheeketa streets. Action was taken at the request of the stage lines using the terminal, whose representatives had explained by letter that Salem is receiving and will receive still more of the traffic occasioned by the presence of Camp Adair in the area. Asked (Turn to Page 2)

Hill Appeals Again for Full Draft

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2—(AP)—A new demand for a compulsory manpower mobilization program came Monday from Senator Hill (D-Ala) after a priest and physician sketched for a senate labor committee a picture of a nation striving for utilization of its human resources under a "guess work" system lacking co-ordination and authority.

The appeal of patriotism and the pressure of war time public opinion—particularly in smaller cities—were blamed by Dr. Frank Leahy, chairman of the government's central board of procurement and assignment for the medical profession, for a shortage of doctors in some sections of the country.

In many areas too many doctors were volunteering, he said. In order to keep them in their home community, "there should be some way where by responsibility for the decision would be taken off the individual physician."

"You simply can't get your maximum results from a voluntary system," Hill, member of the senate and democratic whip of the committee, commented. "In a total war, you've got to meet your total needs and the only way to do this is by an overall selective service."

Disturbed by widespread complaints that many draft boards were inducing men vitally needed in war factories, officials of the manpower commission disclosed new steps Monday to put a stop to the practice. Thousands of printed forms will be sent out to the factories in a week or ten days and factory managers will be asked to fill them out with information showing what positions in their plants are indispensable and why.

After being checked by manpower officials here, the forms will be sent to local draft board authorities for their guidance.

Jap Retreat Forced in Solomons As Troop Convoy Blasted, Buna

American Subs Sink 7 Ships In Far East

Marines Make Gains On Guadalcanal; Down 5 Planes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2—(AP) A slow Japanese retreat on Guadalcanal island was announced Monday by the navy, together with word that American submarines had sunk seven enemy ships in the far Pacific.

The Japanese withdrawal began Sunday (Solomons island time) after the Americans unleashed a battering assault by dive bombers, Flying Fortresses, fighting planes and a small force of marines.

The marines crossed the Matinkau river, attacking to the westward, and one wave of the devildogs "made an advance of two miles with comparatively few casualties," a communique said.

While flying Fortresses supported this thrust by hammering the withdrawing foe, American fighter planes and dive bombers strafed and blasted at enemy positions throughout the day.

"Enemy artillery fire was silenced," the navy said. During the same day, naval fighting planes, Grumman Wildcats, carried the attack to the Japanese base at Rekata bay. They strafed buildings, started a fire and destroyed five enemy planes on the beach. Heavy anti-aircraft fire damaged some of the Wildcats, but all planes returned safely.

Summarizing activities for the day and a half which preceded these developments, the navy said American aircraft made four attacks on Japanese positions on Guadalcanal. Five Wildcats took on a formation of six enemy fighter planes and destroyed four of them without damage to themselves.

These four Japanese planes, and the five destroyed at Rekata (Turn to Page 2)

Allocation Of Materials Set, Nelson

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2—(AP) War Production Chairman Donald M. Nelson Monday ordered unprecedented control over America's scarce materials "so that they will be used where they will make the maximum impact on the enemy" and predicted America's war production would reach its peak by the middle of 1943.

Materials will be allocated under a system called the "controlled materials plan" or CMP. Nelson said that as the plan is put into effect gradually between now and July 1, 1943, it will force the most careful budgeting of the materials that go into nearly every military and civilian article of manufacture.

By eliminating excessive or badly-timed use of materials, he told a press conference, it should increase production appreciably. By smoothing out production schedules and avoiding temporary shutdowns of some war plants for lack of materials, as happened this summer, he added, the plan could also provide steadier employment for labor.

October Bonds Exceed Quota

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2—(AP) War bond sales during October totaled \$214,355,000, exceeding the national quota of \$175,000,000, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced Monday. It marked the second consecutive month in which the quota was passed, although the month's total was below that of July and September. Due to variations in seasonal income and other factors, the quota—based on a \$12,000,000,000 annual mark—have varied from month to month.

Aussies Push to North Side



Glimpsing a steady drive through the Owen Stanley mountains, Australian troops were reported Tuesday (Australia time) to have recaptured Kokoda, where Japanese forces began the advance last summer that carried them to only 32 miles from the allied base at Port Moresby. Flying Fortresses also prevented an enemy troop convoy from landing reinforcements at Buna.—Associated Press Telegram.

Chinese Airmen Attack Jap Bases at Hankow; Blow Heaviest of War

CHUNGKING, Nov. 2—(AP)—The fledgling Chinese air force attacked Japan's mid-China base at Hankow Monday, three squadrons slashing at the Japanese concession and the waterfront in a pre-dawn raid which Chinese dispatches indicated was the heaviest blow struck by Chinese aviators in this war.

The central news agency said fires set were visible for 30 miles. The attacking force was believed to be the largest used by China in her war with Japan, now in its sixth year.

Hankow, China's largest inland city, is 585 miles up the Yangtze river from Shanghai and was occupied four years ago.

The first squadron to attack it cascaded several tons of high explosives on military headquarters and establishments in the Japanese concession. The second and third squadrons dropped more than ten additional tons of explosive and fire bombs on supply depots and warehouses on the river front. Central news agency reported extensive damage.

The Chinese returned without loss, meeting no Japanese fighters and only sporadic ground fire, the agency said.

The Berlin radio, quoting a Japanese army spokesman at Hankow, said two planes attacked the region of Hankow and Wuchang, which is across the river. The axis version was that three bombs fell over Wuchang setting two thatched Chinese houses afire (Turn to Page 2)

Price Ceilings Need for Fall

Salem merchants are warned today by the war price and rationing board that they must establish maximum prices of fall and winter seasonal commodities under the OPA maximum price regulation No. 210 before such articles may be sold. Pricing under this regulation is necessary because these commodities were not generally sold in March when the general maximum price regulation's base period was designated, John Vaughn, executive secretary of the board explained.

Lebanon Plywood Workers Strike

LEBANON, Nov. 2—(AP)—Employees of the Evans Products company plywood mill here were on strike Monday. The 715 workers said the company did not live up to the rules. The strike was called Sunday after a vote of 210 to 18, President John Gambelin said. He said the case would be submitted to a war labor board representative in Portland.

Aussies Drive Into Enemy's Starting Point

Bombers Chase Jap Reinforcements, Hit Two Ships

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Tuesday, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Allied ground forces have recaptured Kokoda, chief inland base of the Japanese in New Guinea, and frustrated a Japanese attempt to land strong reinforcements at Buna, the strategic coastal base 60 miles east of Kokoda, the allied command announced Tuesday.

The midday communique told how allied bombers chased away the enemy convoy and carried on a running fight with it throughout Monday, damaging two transports carrying about 7000 men by many near hits and at least one direct hit on one vessel.

The reinforcements apparently were intended to strengthen the hard-pressed Japanese forces in the Kokoda area which have been pushed back steadily for several weeks from the south side of the Owen Stanley mountains, where their drive on Port Moresby had collapsed.

These troops, weakened by weeks of jungle fighting, have offered sustained resistance at only one or two points in their withdrawal and they appeared to be still unable to cope with the Australian jungle forces.

Tuesday's communique said the Australians continued to pursue the retreating Japanese beyond Kokoda.

Allied bombers surprised the Japanese convoy as it was attempting to land troops near Buna. The convoy consisted of two large transports of approximately 12,000 and 10,000 tons, the communique said.

In the escort were a light cruiser and a destroyer, protected by nine Zero fighters. The attack was launched by heavy bombers which did some damage by near misses and caused the convoy to retire to the north. In mid-afternoon medium bombers swept in and scored near hits on both transports.

Two bombs hit within 15 feet of one transport and two more bombs hit within 25 feet of the other vessel.

This attack was followed at dusk by an assault off the south coast of New Britain with heavy bombers which scored a direct hit on one transport and many near hits on both. The allied planes also heavily strafed both the transports and the escort vessels with machine-gun fire.

A strong force of allied medium bombers attacked the Japanese-held town of Dilll on the north coast of Portuguese Timor, (Turn to Page 2)

Malta Bags 131

CAIRO, Nov. 2—(AP)—Malta's air defenders shot down 131 enemy aircraft during October and damaged 200 others, 50 of which were probably destroyed, an official tabulation showed Monday night.



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