

British Take Huge Toll of Fleeing Axis

Republicans Slice Demo Margins, Sweep Oregon

Bare Congress Majority Kept By 'in' Party

Administration Loses Many Strong Men; GOP Seats 205

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4-(AP)—Sweeping republican successes in a tense wartime election made actual voting control of the house a touch-and-go affair Wednesday night, although the democrats salvaged enough seats to block republicans from naming a new speaker.

The democratic party also retained a majority in the senate, though the republican flood-tide ripped wide gaps in the administration forces there.

President Roosevelt's party finally pieced together a bare majority of the house membership Wednesday night, but the opposition had edged so close that even slight defections from party regularity might shift the tally on important roll calls.

With only 8 house races undecided, republicans counted 205 seats, compared with 218 for the democrats, two held by progressives, and one each by American-labor and farmer-labor lawmakers.

The new senate lineup stood at 86 democrats, 33 republicans, and one progressive, with the outcome of a contest in Montana undetermined. Sen. James E. Murray, Democrat, held the lead in that state.

The republicans had made a net gain of nine senate seats, including that of 81-year-old George W. Norris, Nebraska independent.

As a result, they had their largest representation since the new deal drove to power nationally in 1932. Republican strength had dwindled to only 17 senate seats in 1937.

Of the 15 democratic senators elected Tuesday, 10 were from the party's stronghold in the south. But Oklahoma elected its second republican senator in 35 years when E. H. Moore, Tulsa oil man, retired democrat Josh Lee.

The administration lost other strong supporters in the senate. (Turn to Page 2)

Few Judicial Races Need Decision

PORTLAND, Nov. 4-(AP)—Upstate Oregon voters decided only a few district attorney and circuit court races in Tuesday's election. Most candidates were without opposition.

In the third judicial district, Marion county, George R. Duncan defeated the incumbent, L. H. McMahan, for position No. 1 of the circuit bench by 8117 to 7859 votes.

In the eighth judicial district, Baker county, Forrest L. Hubbard, veteran Baker attorney, led Lott D. Brown, 240 votes and was considered a sure winner.

Republican candidates for district attorney in several counties carried their party's state landslide into their elections.

Fred McHenry of Benton county, incumbent republican, defeated Karl T. Huston, democrat, for district attorney there, 2681 to 1886.

In Curry county Grant J. Williams, incumbent republican, won by a margin of about two to one over Jay Moltzner, democrat.

In Hood River county Teunis J. Wyers, republican recently appointed to fill out an unexpired term, defeated John Baker, independent, 1214 to 1119.

Robert L. Welch, Lake county republican district attorney candidate, had a 90-vote lead over (Turn to Page 2)

Sprague Sees '44 Promise, Republicans

Showing made by the republicans in Tuesday's election, both in Oregon and throughout the nation, gives promise of a sweeping republican victory at the presidential election two years hence, Gov. Charles A. Sprague declared here Wednesday.

Governor Sprague referred particularly to the substantial gains made by republicans both in the United States senate and house of representatives.

"Republicans should accept the results of Tuesday's election as most gratifying," Governor Sprague said.

Duncan Vote Margin 359

Incumbent Loses as Judge; 46 per Cent Vote Cast, County

George H. Duncan, republican state representative and Stayton city attorney, received a 359-vote majority over Judge L. H. McMahan Tuesday to win election to the Marion county circuit court bench, position number one, the unofficial count by the county clerk's staff of complete returns from all precincts showed Wednesday afternoon.

Representative John Steelhammer, Marion county, who Tuesday was reelected for another term, announced Wednesday that he definitely is a candidate for speaker of the 1943 legislative session.

Steelhammer said he already has received a number of pledges of support from house members. He is now serving his second term in the legislature.

Because of the high interest shown by the public in the Duncan-McMahan contest, Clerk Lee Ohmart said Wednesday he would ask the official canvassing board to complete its check of election boards' tally sheets first.

Approximately 46 per cent of Marion county's registered voters cast ballots Tuesday.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 4-(AP)—State representatives of Multnomah and Clackamas counties will meet here Thursday night to consider candidates for speaker of the house.

Harvey Wells, veteran Multnomah representative, said at least three candidates would speak.

They are William M. McAllister, Jackson county; Herman M. (Turn to Page 2)

British Ship Sinking Told

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4-(AP)—The navy announced Wednesday that a medium sized British merchant vessel had been torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the middle of September in the Atlantic off the northern coast of South America. Survivors have been landed at an east coast port.

All of the 47-man crew were picked up by an American naval vessel about ten hours after the sinking. They were landed at a Caribbean port and finally were brought to the United States.

The sinking, including the loss of a small American merchantman announced earlier in the day by the navy, brought to 515 the Associated Press tabulation of announced western Atlantic ship losses since Pearl Harbor.

Six crewmen were killed in the submarine attack on the other ship, but 25 others, including the captain, were rescued.

Late Returns Oust Pierce; Edges Large

Stockman Added to All-Republican Congress Body

PORTLAND, Nov. 4-(AP)—Straggling returns from eastern Oregon Wednesday night ousted the veteran Walter M. Pierce, democrat from congress and gave republicans a clean election, seeking his sixth term in the house of representatives, trailed Lowell Stockman, republican, 25,784 to 15,994, in 383 of the second district's 433 precincts.

Pierce's defeat meant that Oregon, for the first time since 1931, would send an all-republican delegation to congress.

This was the state picture: Dem. Rep. US Senate 0 2 US Representatives 0 4 State Senate 3 27 State Representatives 9 51

The overwhelming republican victory was best illustrated in the state house of representatives, where the GOP gained 13 seats at the democrats' expense. Not a single republican incumbent was defeated, and three of the nine elected democrats were unopposed.

The margin of senate minority leader, Charles L. McNary, who did not even come home to campaign, kept mounting over his democratic opponent, Walter Whitebeck. It was 203,884 to 61,383 in 1691 of the state's 1770 precincts.

Rep. James W. Mott held a 48-827-to-27,021 lead over Earl A. Nott, democrat, in 497 of 500 precincts in the third district.

Harris Ellisworth, Roseburg publisher, defeated Edward C. Kelly, Medford, in the new fourth district of southwestern Oregon. In 332 of 384 precincts Ellisworth's margin was 26,992 to 16,969.

State officers likewise went to the GOP. Earl Snell was swept into the governor's chair by a huge 211,039 to 61,812 margin over Democrat Lew Wallace in 1691 of the 1770 precincts. In the same number of precincts Robert S. Farrell, Jr., led Democrat Francis Lambert, 164,127 to 92,149. (Turn to Page 2)

Singer, DAR Disagree Anew

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4-(AP)—Marian Anderson, Negro singer, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Wednesday disagreed again over plans for an appearance in the organization's constitution hall.

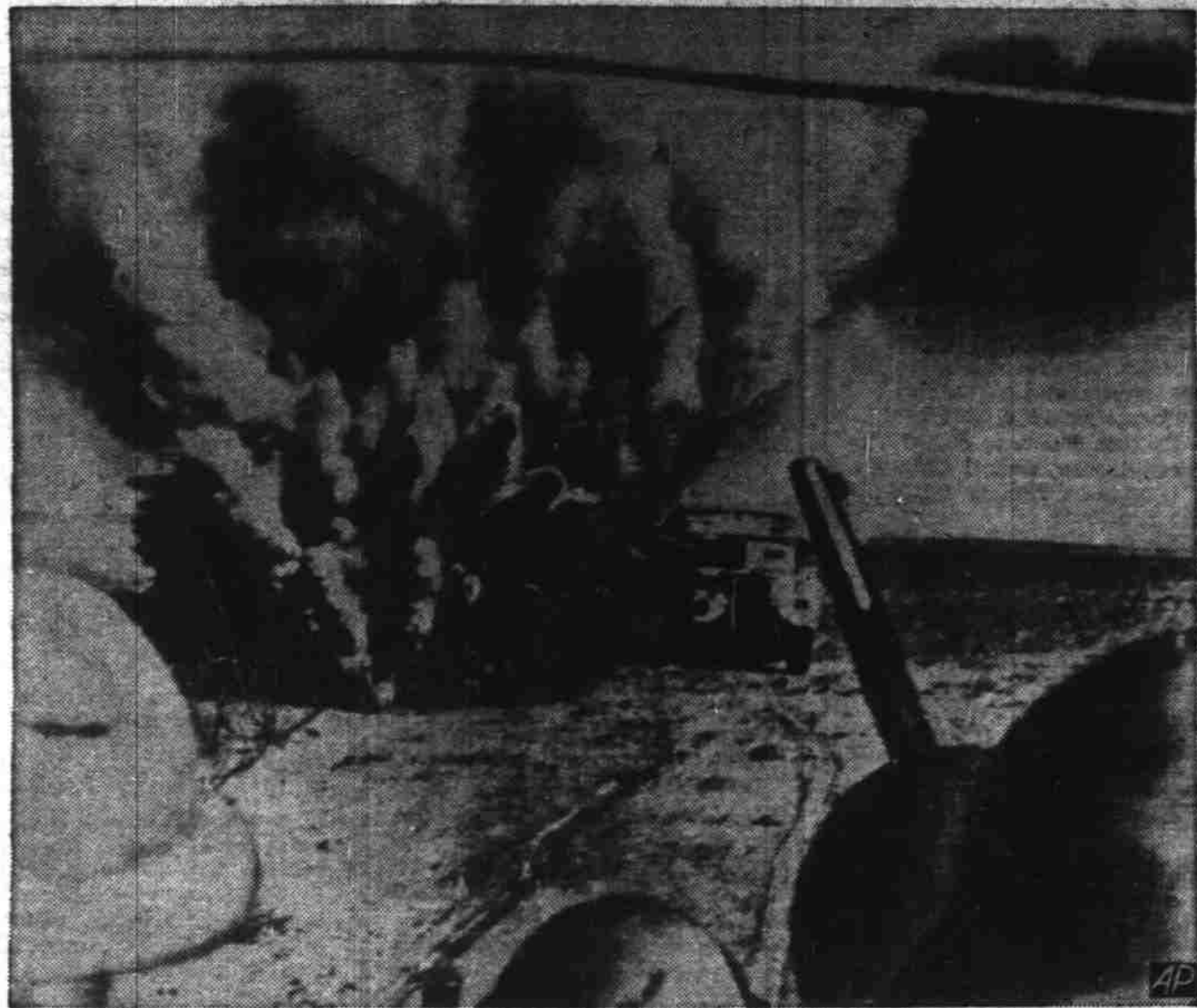
The singer last month informed the DAR she would sing at a war benefit concert in the hall from which she was barred in 1938—provided the management made no attempt to segregate the audience on the basis of color, and on condition that she be allowed the use of the hall on future occasions.

The executive committee of the DAR announced Wednesday it had rejected these conditions. Fred E. Hand, managing director of the hall, wrote the singer's manager that no appearance of any artist can ever be considered as a precedent insofar as future engagements in constitution hall are concerned.

Yankees Arrive in Palestine JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (delayed)—(AP)—News that United States troops have arrived in Palestine was released Wednesday with publication of an article in "The Palestine Monthly" entitled "Welcome to American Soldier Guests."

(The Swiss radio Tuesday broadcast a report that American troops had arrived in Syria and Palestine. Last month the German and Italian radios had reported the arrival of American troops in Syria and Lebanon. There was no allied comment on these reports.)

Truck Advances Through Shellfire



A British army truck carries infantry through German minefields in the North African desert despite shells bursting alongside it. This official British picture was transmitted by radio from Cairo and shows action as the newest allied drive began to clear axis forces from North Africa.—Associated Press Telemat.

Winter Joins Aleutians Battle; Aircraft Only Way to Supply Yankees

HEADQUARTERS, Alaska Defense Command, Nov. 4-(AP)—The business of defending Alaska has entered a new phase. There will be no official changeover, nor is the date exact all over this sprawling territory; but to all intents and purposes, winter is now beginning in a war front where the Japanese put up much less of a fight than does the weather.

Actually, nobody knows yet just how the United States army will fare through the next six months with ice for highways and zero as a high mark on its thermometer. Tests have been made; men deliberately have been cold and hungry discovering just how an army can expect to exist. But the actual experience begins now.

Winter here offers a queer mixture of conditions, some of them paralyzing, some of them better than summer. For example, scattered along the Arctic and sub-Arctic coasts are United States army bases, outposts, airfields, manpower concentrations and signal stations, which can be supplied only by sea or by air.

Plans were laid last winter to supply most of these during the summer months when vessels had to battle only heavy seas and bad anchoring conditions to reach them. Icebergs floated then, but the pack which acts as an impenetrable winter wall shutting off Bering straits and the Arctic ocean was breaking up.

Then the Japanese struck Dutch Harbor. While navy ships and army airplanes combined to drive them back from the continent, the supply ships for the cold weather posts had to wait. Some of them were near the bottom of the barrel on food. Others, taking on sudden new strategic importance, had to be supplied immediately with men and ammunition.

Whole garrisons were moved by air transport while the supply ships were held up or busy on their urgent jobs. The arriving troops dug into (Turn to Page 2)

Moore Wins Council Race Upset in a previously-announced city election results was revealed Wednesday as the "official unofficial" count gave Lloyd H. Moore, active Salem Eagle and hardware company employe, a lead of six over Clark Craig for the post of alderman from the big sixth ward.

R. O. Lewis was winner in the fourth ward, with 425 to Charles Heltzel's 253 votes, while Alfred Mundt held a total of 4775 to L. F. LeGarie's 2416 in the record-ship contest.

Moore led in the third precinct, 119 to 78; in the 19th 146 to 134, and in the 20th 108 to 72. Craig took the 25th ward 139 to 88 and the first 150 to 127.

Soviets Hold Ground, Gain



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Northwest and Black Sea Areas Feel Red Initiative

MOSCOW, Thursday, Nov. 5 (AP)—The red army held its ground in Stalingrad and the central Caucasus Wednesday and scored successes on the Black sea front and northwest of Stalingrad, the soviet midnight communique said Thursday.

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On the other two major fronts—northwest of Stalingrad and in the Black sea area—the red army continued to hold the initiative and captured a number of German positions in both areas.

The Germans were reported to have been forced to withdraw some of their elite troops from Stalingrad to meet the threat to their left flank northwest of the city after red army riflemen, ferried by night across the Volga, entered the battle.

The communique said, however, that the Germans continued to attack all soviet positions inside the Volga city with both tanks and infantry, indicating there had been no decrease in the intensity of the fighting. It said 1000 Germans were killed and eight tanks disabled during the day, without any gains in ground.

Strengthened by the reinforcements, Russian troops northwest of Stalingrad captured five dugouts and fortified positions, while soviet artillery demolished nine blockhouses. About 130 Germans were killed in this area, the communique said.

In the central Caucasus area, where the Germans are trying desperately to reach the historic Georgian military highway, main artery across the lofty mountain barrier, the Russians claimed to have repulsed all attacks in the big battle southeast of Nalchik.

Vichy Gives Axis 35 Ships

LONDON, Nov. 4-(AP)—The pro-German Vichy government has decided to turn over to the axis 35 former allied merchantmen in Mediterranean ports, the British ministry of economic warfare said Wednesday, as new demands were made by French Fascist Jacques Doriot for "an immediate understanding between France and Germany about the defense of French colonial possessions in Africa."

While Doriot was making his demands before the national congress of the French peoples party in Paris, both the Berlin and Vichy radios were carrying reports of huge allied naval concentrations at Gibraltar. The Vichy radio quoted a dispatch from La Linea, Spain, as saying the vessels included transports loaded with American troops.

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Desert Retreat By Rommel Hit From Skies

Allies Claim Destruction Of 600 Planes, 260 Tanks In Pursuit of Axis Force

By EDWARD KENNEDY CAIRO, Nov. 4-(AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's axis desert forces were officially declared in full and disordered retreat Wednesday night across the sands of western Egypt, pursued relentlessly by British imperial ground forces and under constant attack from above by American and allied airmen.

"The Nile valley is saved," London military commentators added. "General Montgomery has accomplished his objective of smashing the enemy's military force."

They indicated that a "pellmell rush" across the desert, with resultant exhaustion of troops and machines and strain on supply lines, could not be expected. However, the Eighth army still was advancing.

A special allied communique said General Von Stumme, Nazi second in command, had been killed in the 12-day fight which preceded the flight of the "disordered columns," and 9000 axis prisoners had been taken, including Gen. Ritter Von Thoma, commander of the Afrika Korps, and other topflight German and Italian officers.

The joint communique announced these tremendous axis losses in less than two weeks of battle: "Exceptionally high" casualties in dead and wounded: 600 planes; 260 tanks destroyed or captured; 270 guns and; 50,000 tons of shipping laden with supplies."

Allied air losses were described as "light," in the 12-day bloody break-through by which the British imperials hope to smash with finality the axis position in Africa.

(The British communique was issued about the time the Berlin radio was admitting "British local successes" but insisting that Marshal Rommel still retained the initiative. The radio quoted one German agency dispatch as saying that Rommel personally led one successful counterattack against the British center which compelled the British "to relinquish captured ground.")

(Later the Berlin radio issued a series of bulletins in which it (Turn to Page 2)

Razors, Blades Cut; Scarcity Not Menace

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4-(AP)—The war production board cut off safety razor manufacture for civilian use and placed all razors and blades under strict restrictions Wednesday — but (hear! hear!) the nation's menfolk were assured there's no need to start bristling up.

In the first place, the WPB predicted that there would be "blades for everybody" in civilian life in 1943, since millions of the men are in uniform.

And besides, if worse came to worse, the average American male could whistle happily through his whiskers with the assurance that the 800-odd tons of high grade steel to be saved by the shutdown would go into such things as commando knives.

To prove there should be plenty of blades for some time, WPB pointed out that production next year will be approximately 2,750,000,000, which is a 20 per cent reduction from the record 1941 output, but a 12 per cent increase over 1940.

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Rationing Of Mileage Explained Are you one of the many motorists who are wondering just what this "mileage rationing" program is all about, how it works and what you have to do to obtain a gasoline card? If so you will want to study a list of 46 questions and answers on the subject prepared by the office of price administration. The list appears on page 13 of today's Statesman.

Leads Fight L.T. GEN. B. L. MONTGOMERY Commander of British Eighth Army in North African Desert. (Turn to Page 2)

Nazis Rushing Aid to Africa Greece Says Three Or Four Divisions Sent from Russia ISTANBUL, Turkey, Nov. 4-(AP)—Reports from Greece said Wednesday that the Germans are rushing three or four divisions of troops from the Russian front to Africa to aid Field Marshal Rommel.

Four trainloads of rail troops passed through Athens Monday at great speed en route to embarkation points for transfer to the island of Crete and then across the Mediterranean to Africa, these reports said. LONDON, Thursday, Nov. 5-(AP)—A Reuters dispatch said Thursday that the Italians had asked the British for a truce to enable them to bury their dead in Egypt. The dispatch, from Cairo, did not say whether the request applied to the whole of the Italian forces on the Mediterranean-Qattara front. BERLIN (From German broadcasts), Nov. 4-(AP)—The Transocean News agency quoted German military authorities Wednesday night as saying that the present fighting in Russia is only of "local importance" in comparison with the ferocity of the battle now going on in Egypt.