

By Charles A. Squire

While harvest festivals have been common from ancient times the United States alone has a national Thanksgiving day.

Through the centuries this state-ly chant echoed and re-echoed: "Te deum laudamus, te dominum confitemur; te aeternum Patrem; Tibi omnes angelie, Tibi cherubim et seraphim, omnis terra veneratur."

"We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting."

While the music and the text date from the fifth century, the hands of the great masters of music have rendered versions of the "Te Deum," sometimes on royal occasions.

Salem Plans Traditional Thanksgiving

Union Thanksgiving services at First Christian church at 10 a.m. today, a one o'clock football game on Sweetland field between Salem high school's Vikings and the Portland Jefferson Democrats, and the traditional turkey dinner in many homes will comprise Salem's observance of Thanksgiving day.

No turkey famine struck Salem, where many of the birds were marketed this week, but numerous families chose other fowl or cuts of meat, merchants said.

With office and store employees, Salem students take today off to offer thanks. Willamette university classes reconvene Friday and Saturday, while public and parochial schools will have the entire weekend of holidays.

Chetniks Take Montenegro

By LEWIS HAWKINS LONDON, Nov. 24-(AP)—Gen. Draja Mihailovic announced today his Chetniks have gained control over "the entire country of Montenegro" and the adjacent Adriatic coastal area exclusive of the fortress region, indicating his forces have hemmed in the Germans at the important port of Kotor.

Kotor is on Boka Kotorska, a gulf of the narrow strip of the Dalmatian coast that separates Montenegro from the Adriatic sea, the city is regarded as one of the greatest potential invasion ports of southern Yugoslavia.

In his announcement, made through the Yugoslav information office at Cairo, Mihailovic said his Yugoslav forces had been able to take over "the whole of Boka Kotorska beyond the fortress area."

The rival Yugoslav guerrilla forces of Gen. Josip Broz (Tito) reported fresh successes against the Germans farther north. A broadcast communique said Tito's partisans, aided by formations of the Italian Venezia division, had wiped out a Bulgarian battalion in a battle near Kremna in western Serbia, killing about 100 soldiers and taking 70 prisoners.

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Four Jap Ships Sunk; Betio Falls

American Devote Thanksgiving In Pacific to Mopping Up Island Campaign, New Drives

By MURLIN SPENCER SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, Nov. 25.—(AP)—American light naval forces sank four Japanese destroyers and damaged a fifth during the first hours of Thanksgiving day in a naval action fought for the first time in waters so close to the enemy's naval and air fortress at Rabaul.

A sixth destroyer alone escaped the torpedoes and guns of the Americans which emerged unscathed from the second naval battle to be fought in the northern Solomons.

Intercepting the enemy units off the northwest coast of invaded Bougainville shortly after midnight, the American ships—probably destroyers—virtually annihilated the Japanese after a long thrilling battle which ended with the two surviving enemy destroyers fleeing to the north.

The action was most daring for the Americans, pursuing the enemy to within easy range of Japanese air cover.

It was even more decisive than the first engagement in which five of 12 enemy ships were sunk and four others damaged.

Although the second battle opened shortly after midnight, it was not finished until just before dawn this American Thanksgiving day.

(Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, in his Pearl Harbor analysis of the new American victory in the mid-Pacific Gilberts, said the blows delivered recently against Rabaul's destroyers and cruisers helped impair Japan's ability to offer a naval counterstroke to the Gilbert invaders.)

The six destroyers were moving either south or southeast which would be in the general (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Mrs. Patton Says 'Georgie' Quite Sweet

NEW YORK, Nov. 24-(AP)—Mrs. George S. Patton, jr., wife of the lieutenant general, says her husband "makes a lot of noise. But he's quite sweet, really."

Coinciding with revelation that Patton slapped a shell-shocked private in Sicily, called him a "yellow-belly" and later apologized, Mrs. Patton's comment appeared today in an article in True Confessions magazine.

Mrs. Patton was quoted in the article, written by Eleanor Early, as asserting:

"My husband says that any man who says that he is not afraid in the face of fire is either a liar or an idiot. But that he is a coward only if he lets fear get the better of him."

Mrs. Patton said her husband was known as the "toughest, most hard-boiled general in the US army" but that he had a softer side.

She related how he recently sent to their Hamilton, Mass., home a package containing a Nazi flag and a rose satin bedspread, embroidered with white doves and posies, accompanied by a note which said:

"The flag is for the kids. The spread was first prize in a contest in Palermo 50 years ago. I thought it might be pretty on the piano. Love—Georgie."

Turkeys Plentiful, State Institutions' Holiday Dinners

Although the state of Oregon bought less than 1000 pounds of turkeys for this occasion, there will be plentiful servings of the festive bird with all the trimmings today for the inmates of state institutions, it was reported Wednesday by Roy Mills, secretary of the state board of control.

Most of the institutions are now raising their own turkeys, Mills explained.

Approximately 2500 patients and attendants at the state hospital will sit down to Thanksgiving dinner at noon while the 850 prisoners and guards at the state penitentiary will be served later in the day. Special Thanksgiving dinners also are scheduled at Fairview home, Hillcrest school, the state training school for boys, the schools for the blind and for the deaf, and at the state tuberculosis hospital.

By CHARLES H. McMURTY PEARL HARBOR, TH, Nov. 24.—(AP)—American invasion forces completed the conquest of the mid-Pacific Gilbert Islands Tuesday with the capture of Betio island and its strategic airfield after killing most of the 4,000 defenders.

Conquest of this key island in the Tarawa atoll came as other United States ground forces hunted down the remnants of Japanese on Makin and Abemama atolls, already firmly in American hands. The Gilberts provide a potential springboard for new amphibious or aerial attacks on Japan's outer island defenses.

A desperate enemy counter-attack before noon Tuesday failed to shake the marines' grip on Betio. The leathernecks of the second division broke it up. Then they forged on to take control of the island before nightfall.

This fierce action, which placed the last of the three invasion points in the Gilberts in American possession, came on the fourth day of the central Pacific offensive, the first American campaign in that area, it was announced today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

The capture of Makin was announced yesterday and the situation on Abemama was said at the time to be such as to assure speedy conquest.

Few prisoners were being taken, Admiral Nimitz said. Some 4,000 Japanese were believed slain on Betio alone. There the enemy had concentrated the bulk of his Tarawa forces to defend its air base facilities.

A fleet spokesman said the Japanese counterattack really speeded the seizure of Betio. It enabled the "Devil Dogs" to concentrate their fire on masses of Nipponese instead of hunting them out one by one in small groups. The Nimitz communique also (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

French Adhere To Charter

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN ALGIERS, Nov. 24-(AP)—The French consultative assembly unanimously expressed France's adherence to the principles of the Atlantic charter and the enunciation of the Moscow conference today after Gen. Charles De Gaulle made a new demand for complete allied recognition of his government.

The assembly said the French Committee of National Liberation, which De Gaulle heads, always had observed France's treaty obligations and then voted approval of France's junction with the other allies in the common war effort for the total defeat of the axis.

In adopting a motion presented by its foreign affairs commission the assembly referred inferentially to the Lebanese question by complimenting the national committee for "having settled the recent incident" without harming French collaboration with the allies or French interests.

Rent Control Committee Names Mrs. Estes Secretary

Members of the rent control committee created recently by the city council announced Wednesday that Mrs. Herman Estes, the former Alice Speck of Salem and a Willamette university law college graduate in 1938, had been selected as executive secretary to receive registrations of rental property and administer the program under the committee's supervision.

The rent control offices will be established in the council chamber at the city hall early next week and registrations will be in order as soon thereafter as the necessary forms are printed, it was announced.

The committee has indicated that the deadline for registration may be January 1, although a final decision on this point has been withheld. Owners of rental dwelling units will be charged a fee of \$1 for the first unit registered and 50 cents for additional units under the same roof, these fees to finance administration of the ordinance.

Mrs. Estes' husband, an attorney before entering war service, is a first lieutenant in the army air

Yanks Bombard Toulon, Sofia

Peaceful Toulon Harbor Before Raid



This is a general view of the harbor at Toulon taken a number of years ago where 62 French warships were reported scuttled to keep them from falling into the hands of the Germans when they took over the city.

Yank Troops Eat Turkey All Over World

By HALE BOYLE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 24-(AP)—There will be turkeys aplenty tomorrow for hundreds of thousands of American troops in the Mediterranean theater, many of them for the second time observing the historic holiday overseas.

The army has made every effort to see that front line troops in Italy get the lion's share of the turkey supply but an unofficial survey indicated the big majority from Casablanca to Tunis also will get a chance at white meat or drumstick.

The air force saved the day for many by flying 68 tons of cold storage birds on emergency delivery from a ship which docked far from the area in which they were to be distributed. Planes of the trooper carrier command flew them from the harbor to the Tunisian field where refrigerated trucks met the planes and rushed off packed full of fat birds.

By ROBERT EUNSON SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, Nov. 25-(AP)—Roast turkey and dressing, heaped on mess kits, were the order of the day in New Guinea today.

America's Thanksgiving day bird, brought by transport planes for the past week across the Coral sea, was enjoyed by air corps men, engineers and infantrymen stationed in the jungle war theater.

In Australia, American soldiers all day heard their Aussie friends say "Happy Thanksgiving day," an expression which may not be exactly traditional but is an example of the way the Aussies want the boys to feel at home.

Enough turkey was shipped to New Guinea so that each soldier got one pound. The same quota was supplied hospitals and other units in Australia.

Several picnics and dances were given by Australians for the Americans in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. One program even went so far as to include a hog-calling contest which Australians understand is a prominent sport in America.

Soviet Ukrainian Army Cracks Counter-Attack

By JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Thursday, Nov. 25-(AP)—Russia's Ukrainian army rallied to crack the furious German counter-attack in the Kiev sector on the 11th day yesterday, killing 1500 nazis and blasting 32 enemy tanks in bitter defensive fighting which improved soviet positions in the Chernyakhov and Brusilov sectors.

"All attempts of the Germans to penetrate our defenses met with failures," the Russians announced today in their first communique to suggest that the German onslaught had reached its climax.

The German-inspired Vichy radio, in the first mention of Leningrad in weeks, said Russia's second city had been bombed by German heavy artillery, perhaps indicating the Germans might move in this long quiet area. Germans were last reported close to the city on the west and south.

Since German Field Marshal Gen. Fritz von Manstein began the most important nazid counter-attack in four months in the Ukraine, the Russians have admitted the loss of Zhitomir, an important rail junction 80 miles west of Kiev. They also have conceded the loss of some populated places in the Chernyakhov, Korostyshev and Brusilov sectors of their westernmost salient.

Brig. Gen. Walter E. Pyron, the army's petroleum expert, wound up the testimony with an assertion that military necessity dictated the decision to develop the oil fields near Norman "in the dark days of 1942."

His testimony, like that of Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, was in sharp contrast to the verdict of Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes that the whole project "ought to be junked now."

General Pyron could not enlighten the committee as to whether the army contemplated an expansion of the pipeline and refinery included in the so-called Canol project.

Truman said that Lt. Gen. Breton Somervell, chief of the army's services of supply, who directed the construction of the Canol project, "will be called to the stand just as soon as he returns to this country."

Patterson raised the possibility of expansion yesterday in pointing out that the original pipeline and the refinery at White Horse were built on the basis of an anticipated recovery of 3000 barrels of oil a day from the Norman fields. There now is a prospect of 30,000 barrels a day.

B & O Passenger Crashes Freight

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 24.—(AP)—A Baltimore and Ohio passenger train crashed into a freight train at nearby Newton Falls tonight. First reports indicated a number of persons were injured.

The B&O divisional office at Akron identified the passenger as the Ambassador, eastbound from Detroit to New York, but said it had no further details.

Several injured persons were taken to Warren City hospital.

Expect Jutland Raid

LONDON, Thursday, Nov. 25-(AP)—A Stockholm dispatch tonight relayed a Danish press service report that the Germans have massed an army of 250,000 in Jutland in anticipation of an allied invasion there.

Tough Luck!

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 24-(AP)—It may be a sad Thanksgiving for one family.

This want ad appeared in a Cheyenne newspaper: "Strayed: turkey in vicinity of 24th and Carey. Reward."

House Shouts Disapproval Proposed Tax

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24-(AP) The administration was dealt its second major defeat in as many days as the house today shouted approval of a \$2,139,300,000 tax bill, repudiating the treasury's request for \$10,500,000,000.

The second wartime revenue measure was tossed over to the senate a day after the house voted overwhelmingly to kill the food subsidy program, described by President Roosevelt as the keystone in his anti-inflation bulwark.

Passage was by standing vote, 200 to 27, without a rollcall.

With many members anxious to spend Thanksgiving at home, the speed of action probably constituted a record for a tax bill, only six hours being consumed in debate although two days of discussion had been scheduled.

Some speakers demanded curbs on government spending and on "bureaucracy," instead of higher taxes. Others claimed the measure was a weak approach to wartime taxation.

Rep. Robert Lee Doughton, 80-year-old chairman of the ways and means committee and usually an administration supporter, led the bi-partisan attack on the administration's claim that a multi-billion dollar tax program is essential not only for war financing but also to siphon off large purchasing power now bidding for scarce consumer goods.

"In my opinion, such a crushing burden of taxation would be far worse than any real or fancied (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Charles Ray Funeral To Be Held Saturday

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 24-(AP)—Private funeral services for Charles Ray, country boy star of silent films, will be held Saturday, Miss Beverly Ray, his sister and only close relative, announced today.

Ray, who made and lost \$2,000,000 during his movie career, died Tuesday of a throat and mouth infection.

Eighth Army Troops Clear Approaches to Nazi Main Line

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 24-(AP)—Stabbing forward over rough terrain through six intervening towns and villages, Eighth army troops have seized the two Sangro river towns of San Angelo and Alfedena near the center of the Italian line, virtually clearing the approaches to the Germans' main defense system along a 45-mile stretch of the Adriatic sea.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British and Canadian fighters plunged 10 miles due west from their last reported position at Castiglione to capture San Angelo on the eastern bank of the Sangro after routing the enemy from the mountain towns of Capracatto, Castel Del Giudice, Cianini and Mariano, a headquarters announcement said today. San Angelo, whose full name is San Angelo Del Pasco, is 28 miles inland from the Adriatic.

In a final five-mile advance into the burning and gutted town of Alfedena, which was fired by the nazis two days previously,

the Eighth blasted its way through the stoutly-defended villages of Montenero Val Coccinara and Bocca. Alfedena, some 45 miles from the eastern end of the battle line, is on the very backbone of Italy, near the sources of both the Sangro and Volturno rivers which flow in opposite directions to the sea.

Although the Germans still held difficult heights east of the Sangro river between San Angelo and Alfedena, the two wedges driven to the stream by Montgomery's troops guaranteed that the enemy soon would be forced back across the Sangro along its entire length. Only then would the allies be in position for a major assault against the nazis' winter line from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian sea.

The capture of Alfedena placed the Eighth army astride a fork of a main north-south road where it splits into two highways, one running on each side of the main range of the Apennines and both leading to a main lateral road to (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Viaduct At Cannes Struck

Submarine Pens, Docks, Repair Stations Targets

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 24-(AP)—Large formations of Flying Fortresses attacked the Nazi-controlled French naval base of Toulon today and Liberators raided Sofia, it was announced tonight.

(Toulon, the Mediterranean base where most of the French navy was scuttled a year ago, had never been bombed before by allied planes.)

(Sofia was heavily attacked by American bombers in daylight last November 14. The Bulgarian capital had air alarms as early as August and in September allied planes dropped leaflets to warn the city that raids would come.)

A group of Flying Fortresses branched off from the main formation which struck at Toulon to bomb again the coastal rail viaduct of Antioch near Cannes, about 60 miles east of Toulon.

The targets of Toulon and Sofia are more than 1000 miles apart. The Flying Fortresses were escorted by Lightnings while the Liberators made their flight over the Balkans and back without escort.

At Toulon the large formation of Flying Fortresses of the 15th air force bombed submarine pens, docks and repair facilities.

Liberators from the same air force struck again at railroads and yards at Sofia, reported largely evacuated of its civil population after the last raid.

(Berlin radio broadcast recorded by the Associated Press in London said the Liberators attacked in waves over Sofia and some were shot down. The text of the broadcast:

"On November 24 enemy planes flew in waves over the territory of Bulgaria. Anti-aircraft defense went into action in time and successful air combats took place.

(At some points bombs were (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Lt. Sennatt Is Missing

Lt. George M. Sennatt, bombardier of a Flying Fortress, is missing in action following a bombing raid over Europe, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Althea R. Sennatt, who is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett T. Hane, at 864 Mill street. The last bombing mission in which he participated, so far as Mrs. Sennatt knows, was on October 20. That was the date of a raid on a non-ferrous metal plant in western Germany.

Lt. Sennatt visited Salem in July of this year but has not lived here. He and Mrs. Sennatt were married December 31, 1942. He was a college student in Wisconsin when mobilized with the national guard in 1941, later transferring to the air corps. His mother, Mrs. James Fitzpatrick, lives in New London, Conn.

Monmouth Closes Schools; Polio Cases Reported

MONMOUTH, Nov. 24—Monmouth schools, both high school and grade school, will be closed until December 8 because of two cases of infantile paralysis in this area.

Charles K. Hamer, 8, was taken to Doernbecher hospital in Portland Wednesday while a small child in the Simmons family is also reported to be suffering from the disease.

The Hamer boy's father is with the US army overseas, his mother is employed in Corvallis and he has been making his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hamer in Dallas.

Dr. Ivan Millhapp, who is a member of the faculty of Oregon College of Education and director of the training school, said that it seemed wiser to close school until more was known of the situation.