



Under full steam a Japanese aircraft carrier flees US navy carrier-based planes east of Luzon island, Philippines, in the historic sea battle. Navy caption said "smoke seems to be coming from deck . . . picture made one hour and a half before she keeled over and sank." This action was October 24 and navy thought the carrier was the Zuitaku of the Shokaku class. (AP wirephoto from US navy)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The relation of the chief executive, who in democratic countries is usually a civilian, to the military commanders in time of war is always a difficult one. The natural attitude of the military experts is to resent any intrusion by the civilian into their sphere. On the other hand the executive, who feels keenly the pressures from the public who are impatient for victory and highly critical of defeat, is constrained to take a hand in the selection of commanders and the determination of strategy.

President Lincoln had many unhappy experiences in trying to get federal generals to fight and win; and he even laid out directions for plan of attack when McClellan was inclined to sit on the Potomac. And there was plenty of people in and out of congress who were disgusted with the way Lincoln was running the war.

In this war Roosevelt has been charged with dipping into the field reserved to trained generals and admirals, some going so far as to blame him for Pearl Harbor and for the invasion of Italy which for a time looked like a misadventure. We will have to await the end of the war when scholars can review all the documents to determine how much Roosevelt has dictated army and navy policies in this war.

Suppose we leave out present personalities and consider the question in the abstract. It seems to me there must be a close working relationship between the civilian (Continued on Editorial Page)

British Force Within 7 Miles Of Yugoslavia

ATHENS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—British troops and Greek guerrillas, pushing the Germans out of Greece, were reported within seven miles of the Yugoslav border today.

The Germans put up a brisk reed guard fight north of Kozane, 240 miles north of Athens. The British and Greek forces routed the nazis after inflicting heavy casualties and advanced to Armissa, 40 miles north of Kozane and only seven miles south of the Yugoslav border. The nazi garrison at Armissa was wiped out.

Russian pressure in Bulgaria and action of Marshal Tito's partisans in Yugoslavia forced the Germans to turn westward and head toward Scutari, in the northwest of Albania. It appeared extremely doubtful that many of the Germans fleeing out of Greece would ever reach the reich.

Of some 25,000 Germans who were garrisoned in the Aegean port of Salonika, only 10,000 were reported left.

8th Crosses Ronco River

ROME, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Indian troops of the British Eighth army have consolidated a half-mile deep bridgehead across the Ronco river near Meldola, seven miles south of Forli, German strongpoint on the lateral Bologna-Rimini highway, the allied command announced today.

Polish troops who two days ago captured the mountain town of Predappio, close to Mussolini's birthplace and less than five miles southwest of Meldola, ran into strong German-prepared positions at Camnato which slowed their drive on Forli.

Action on the American Fifth army front immediately south and southeast of Bologna was confined to patrol activities. The Americans took 100 prisoners in the vicinity of Vastellaccio.

Yank Ambassador Follows Stilwell Home From China

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Foreign Affairs Writer

President Roosevelt announced yesterday that Ambassador Clarence E. Gauss is following Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell home from China.

However, Mr. Roosevelt said, there is no connection between the recall of the general, which was attributed to a clash of personalities with Chiang Kai-shek, and the resignation of the ambassador, which he disclosed casually to a reporter's question.

Thus in a speech of a few minutes at his news conference Mr. Roosevelt covered the fact that the two highest American officials at Chungking are coming home. But in response to a rapid fire of questions he said the developments were not connected with issues of policy or strategy.

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Earlier the German radio had said a Russian mechanized column penetrated to the heart of the city of 80,000, but claimed at counterattack pushed the invaders back to the southeast fringes.

An even closer approach was made to Budapest with capture of Isak, 17 miles southwest of Kecskemet and 43 miles below the capital, the Russian communique disclosed, while more than 200 communities were taken in the area extending westward to the east banks of the Danube.

German Broadcast Asks People, Army To Remove Hitler

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31.—(AP)—A mysterious German broadcast on an unusual wavelength tonight urged the people of the reich and the German army to revolt against Hitler.

The newspaper Dagens Nyheter, which monitored the broadcast, said the speaker called himself Col. Gen. Ludwig Von Beck and ridiculed nazi reports that he had committed suicide after the abortive attempt on Hitler's life July 20.

The speaker also declared that Dr. Karl Goerdeler, the former mayor of Leipzig whom the nazis reported they had executed, also was at liberty.

79 Japanese Fighter Planes Fail to Scratch Lone B-29

By John Grover A B-29 BASE IN WESTERN CHINA, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Seventy-nine Japanese fighter planes ganged up on a single American B-29 bomber over their own home islands recently and not only failed to so much as scratch it but had seven of their own planes shot down and two damaged by the bomber's gunners, interrogation officers disclosed today.

This four-hour running battle, described as undoubtedly the severest test ever made of a B-29's defenses, began over Kyushu when a flight of nine new Japanese pursuit planes jumped the bomber just as it was heading home after a bombing raid.

The Japanese are skilled and determined, and the American pilot, Major J. C. Eigenmann of Springfield, Ill., said, "They came so close you could almost read their dog tags."

Lt. Col. Edward J. Potter of Austin, Texas, who was a head-

Allies Reach Meuse

2594 Nip Airplanes Destroyed

Nimitz Reveals Terrific Jap Toll For Two Months

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Carrier planes wiped out 2594 enemy aircraft and perhaps 252 more in the two months dating from the time task forces opened up August 30 with Philippines pre-invasion raids and extending through the trio of naval battles in the Philippines area.

In the same period—dating from the big task force assault on the Bonins, on through strikes at Palau, the Ryukyus, Formosa and the Philippines and up October 31—attacking planes of the Seventh and Third fleets lost approximately 500 planes, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight.

Assessment of the enemy's staggering air losses followed communications reporting Japan had suffered at least 60 warships sunk or damaged within the past week and probably 35,000 naval personnel, including a few admirals.

Inasmuch as Japanese plane production is estimated to be from 1200 to 1500 planes a month, the action just about rubbed out all the aircraft Nippon's factories could turn out in the same period.

Clothes Damp But Not Spirits On Hallowe'en

Rain dampened the clothes but not the spirits of hundreds of children bent on Hallowe'en fun last night. There were costumes galore.

Boys and girls from toddlers to chapeau teens roamed the wet streets in cheery procession to ring doorbells and eagerly demand "trick or treat."

Most of them were carrying baskets or sacks to hold their pirated candy, cookies, peanuts and all manner of forfeit surrendered by good-natured householders.

One little brown-haired girl, her head swathed in a wet bandanna, gleefully accepted a chunk of cake with the surprisingly tactful comment that "people certainly are nice to us this year."

Basement parties called in most of the youngsters in the early hours. From all reports, vandalism was at a minimum.

Whether party-caused tummy aches will affect school attendance today remained to be seen.

Nazis Expect Norway Blow

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's Norwegian garrison, apparently fearing an allied seaborne invasion linked with a Russian drive from the north, is throwing up extensive interior defense works, a Norwegian official in London said today.

Underground intelligence reports, he said, show that the Germans are concentrating on internal defenses, building tank barriers, bunkers and concrete strongpoints around towns and along communication lines.

Towns in central and southern Norway, according to these reports, are being ringed with barbed wire and concrete barriers. Anti-tank ditches have been dug in many places, and fortifications are generally strengthened.

October Warmest In Seven Years

Salem and vicinity in 1944 experienced the warmest October in the past seven years and the driest in the past four, according to the local weather bureau.

Average rainfall for the past month was 1.54 inches, compared with 1943 when the rainfall was 6.31 inches.

American Subs Subtract 18 More From Japs' Fleet

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—New heavy blows by American submarines which struck 18 vessels including a destroyer from the rapidly shrinking Japanese fleet were reported today by the navy.

The latest bag of the submarines operating deep in Japanese territory was announced while the enemy navy still may be endeavoring to regroup remnants of its battle fleet after last week's disastrous defeat in the Philippines area.

The new submarine toll raises to 978 the number of Japanese ships of all types sunk or damaged by submarines patrolling regularly along the Japanese shipping lanes.

Yankees Drive Within 8 Miles Of Carigara Bay

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Wednesday, Nov. 1.—(AP)—American 24th division troops, aided by powerful mechanical units, rolled northwest through Leyte valley today above Jaro within eight miles of Carigara bay positions the Japanese have been reinforcing for a week.

A final enemy suicidal counter-attack in that area any time within the next few days was expected by Maj. Gen. Franklin C. Sibert, former chief of staff to Gen. Joseph Stilwell and now commander of the 10th corps.

The Japanese, persistently sneaking in barges at Ormoc bay on the island's west coast despite the destruction wreaked by probing night air patrols, were said by a headquarters spokesman either to be:

1. Planning to make a stand at Ormoc and more than 20 miles to the north around Carigara, or

2. Setting up a perimeter of defense with fresh troops in an attempt to evacuate remnants of the Japanese 16th division, the same Nipponese who organized Bataan's "March of Death."

Headquarters announced this gathering fight in a communique which also reported the annihilation of a trapped Japanese force further south in the Leyte valley near Dagami.

Ranch Hand Killed by Car

John B. McLean, 56, ranch hand at the Gus Schlicker dairy on route six the past two years, was killed almost instantly Tuesday night when struck by a car driven by Max J. Groesbeck, 17, route two, Scio. McLean was a pedestrian on highway 222 in front of the George B. Hager ranch southeast of Salem when the accident occurred, at approximately 8 p.m.

Groesbeck told state police he was traveling at a moderate speed and was partially blinded on the dark wet paving by the lights of an approaching car.

One of the persons riding in his automobile called his attention to McLean just as the two vehicles were almost parallel on the road and he swerved as far to the center of the highway as possible without crashing into the other car, Groesbeck said. The side of his automobile struck the pedestrian. No relatives of McLean are known.

Flying Bombs Strike England in Daylight

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Flying bombs, which killed at least five persons when a hotel was wrecked last night, were over southern England again today in the first daylight attack in two months.

Several children were among 35 guests in the hotel. A few of the 35 escaped injury. Rescue workers toiled in the wreckage throughout the day in search of those believed trapped.

One of the Heinkel-111s which launched the bombs was shot down by a Mosquito.

Marlene Dietrich Kisses Yanks Until It Hurts

PARIS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Marlene Dietrich has been kissing soldiers until it hurts—her forehead.

The actress, now giving USO performances before the 25th Infantry division, got so buoyed by the helmets of the eager GI's that she finally had to issue a general "hats off" request to the occupation hounds, the army newspaper Stars and Stripes reported.

Dewey Outlines Program

Candidate Lists 8 Points; Raps FDR's Promises

By Gardner Bridge BUFFALO, N.Y., Oct. 31.—(AP) Charging President Roosevelt with making "bogus" campaign promises, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey outlined tonight an eight-point republican program he said would "bring an end to government by abuse and smear."

The GOP nominee declared in an address prepared for a national broadcast in Memorial auditorium that if he won the presidency in Tuesday's election he would take office January 20 "without a promise, expressed or implied, to a living soul" except for public campaign pledges he had made.

"There is no One Thousand Club in my party," the governor declared. "I have not offered the government of the United States for sale at one thousand dollars to any man and I never will to any one at any price. Your new administration will take office honestly, without secret promises of special privilege to any class, group or section."

Here, in brief, is what he said the republicans would do if they were victorious:

1. "Direct all government policies toward the goal of full employment through full production at a high level of wages. . . ."

2. "Adopt an entirely new tax structure designed primarily to create jobs."

3. "Make our social security system available to every American. . . ."

4. "Establish a definite and secure floor under farm prices. . . ."

5. "Restore free collective bargaining in America."

6. "Abolish the greater part" of government reports required from big and little business.

7. "Bring an end to business monopoly" through the acquisition of "a competent staff of prosecutors" in the department of justice.

8. "Establish an entirely new basis between the president and congress. . . ."

Quoting some of President Roosevelt's words from recent speeches, Dewey listed pledges he said his opponent had made and declared that each individual promise would be "no good," "worthless" or "bogus," even though it was repeated "again and again and again."

Oregon Turkey Supply Will Be 'Fairly Ample'

PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Despite the fact 60,000,000 pounds of turkeys will be shipped all over the world to America's fighting men and women, Oregon civilians will find "fairly ample" supplies of the traditional Thanksgiving day repast.

This was the view today of Portland poultry marketmen, who said that when a WFA "freeze" order is lifted the best grade of birds will be diverted to the general market. Right now, all grade A turkeys are going only to the armed forces.

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Nippon Broadcast Reports Bombers Over Tokyo Area

(By the Associated Press) "Enemy four-motored planes" swept over the Tokyo area at 1 p.m. Tuesday (Tokyo time), a Japanese broadcast announced.

Recorded by the federal communications commission, the broadcast claimed "the enemy planes immediately fled from our fighters."

The unconfirmed enemy report's phraseology of "four-motored planes" suggested that the American superfortresses which previously have concentrated on Japanese industrial targets south of Tokyo may be raiding the capital.

If so, it would be the first American air attacks on Tokyo since carrier-borne Mitchell two-motored bombers off the old carrier Hornet and led by Jimmy Doolittle raided Tokyo April 18, 1942.

Churchill Can't See Nazis' End Before Summer

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, seeking to prolong the tenure of the present parliament and his coalition government, told the house of commons today "it seems difficult to believe" the war against Germany "can be ended before Christmas or even Easter," and that he could not predict the end before early summer.

"It would not be prudent" to assume that it will take less than 18 months after Hitler's downfall to defeat Japan, he warned, but conceded that an election must be held after Germany is disposed of, without waiting for Japan's downfall.

There was no reference in Churchill's address to the presidential election campaign now approaching a climax in the United States.

Churchill frankly admits that "many high military authorities with every means to judge" were more hopeful than he on the end of the war with Germany; as for Japan, he said his "forecast must be revised every few months by the combined chiefs of staff."

Oregon Third In Chest Drive

Oregon now ranks third among the states in the war chest drive, based on population, Iri McSherry, state chest executive secretary, announced here Tuesday.

Eight Oregon counties have reported raising their full quotas. These include Benton, Multnomah, Washington, Tillamook, Willows, Wasco, Baker and Union. Deschutes county was expected to report Wednesday.

The state and national quota for Oregon is \$1,340,000, of which about \$1,111,464.65 or approximately 82 per cent has been raised.

Republican Guerrillas Hold Valley in Spain

PARIS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Republican guerrillas now hold the Aran valley in northern Spain near the French border and throughout Spain hundreds of republican maquis cells are forming in answer to a call for national insurrection, Spanish exiles of divergent political views declared here today.

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Metschan was appointed by Gov. Earl Snell recently to succeed E. C. Sammons, Portland, who resigned. Sammons had been a member of the board since its inception.

Members of the committee attending the meeting were State Senators E. T. Newbury, Medford; William Walsh, Marshfield, and Lee Patterson, Portland.

Antwerp Struggle Finished

German Troops Flee Southwest Holland Rapidly

(By Howard Cowan) LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Allied armored forces, operating under extreme difficulties of weather and terrain, fought through to the Meuse (Meuse) river north of Tilburg tonight and closed within a half-mile of the Geertruidenberg bridge, one of the main escape routes for German troops fleeing southwestern Holland.

"The battle for the port of Antwerp is over in our favor," declared a spokesman for Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey, commander of the British Second Army. "It is a question how fast and how far back the Germans will go."

Canadian troops to the west, clearing the seaward approaches to Antwerp, charged across an 1,100-yard causeway from south Beveland island in a climactic assault on German forces still holding out on partly-flooded Walcheren island at the entrance to the Schelde estuary. Tonight they were within 25 yards of gaining a foothold on Walcheren, and a dispatch declared the position of the nazi garrison was "hopeless."

Highways below the Maas were black with nazi transport moving toward the four fixed and pontoon bridges left standing across the stream. A thick fog prevented the enemy's outright destruction by allied planes, but a field dispatch declared the scenes on the roads were reminiscent of the German Seventh army's flight to the Seine in France last August.

Stick to Highway American, British, Canadian, Polish and Dutch troops pursuing the retreating nazis across the flat and flooded Dutch countryside were forced to remain on the roads and highways, as even infantrymen found themselves wallowing in knee-deep mud the instant they left hard surface. German rearguards hidden in houses alongside the roads had literally to be blown out of action.

Canadian troops driving northward from Breda were within five miles of the Morehidijk bridge—12 miles west of the span at Geertruidenberg—while American forces had a bridgehead across the Mark river in the same vicinity and were only 20 miles from Rotterdam. Up to last night 3400 German prisoners had been captured in the nine-day allied offensive.

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