

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In every national campaign there is a certain amount of switching from one party to vote for the candidate of the other party.

Gifford Pinchot has jumped the party traces again, but that is almost his regular habit.

Perhaps the biggest scramble of party lines was in the campaign of 1906.

The latter group even put up a ticket. Bryan who was regarded as

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'Several' Yank Ships Damaged In Sea Battle

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 1-(AP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today that "several" warships of the American Third and Seventh fleets were damaged in the second battle of the Philippine sea, Oct. 22-27, in which 49 or more Japanese ships were sunk, probably sunk or damaged.

The extent of the damage and the names of the vessels will not be made public at this time, Nimitz said.

"Such information would be of value to the enemy in estimating accurately the size of our naval forces operating in Philippine waters and what ships are available for immediate action."

Nimitz made no mention of Japanese landings on Peleliu island, in the Palau group of the western Carolines, as claimed today by the Tokyo radio.

Japs Reach City Suburbs

CHUNGKING, Nov. 1-(AP)—Three Japanese columns have forced their way into the suburbs of Kweilin, strategic Chinese base in Kwangsi province, and a fourth is within two miles of the city, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

Describing the battle for Kweilin, site of a former US air base, the high command said a reinforced Japanese column pressing from the east forced a crossing of the Kwei river and broke through Chinese defenses to the city's railroad station.

Another enemy column entered the northern suburbs of the town but was beaten back. A third column crossed the Li river south of the city and pushed to the outskirts. Still another column was reported within two miles east of the town.

Board of Control Ponders How Far State Should Go in Helping Flax Cooperatives

The board of control today was pondering the question as to how far the state should go in removing itself from the competitive field of flax processing.

The problem was brought to the fore at the board's meeting Wednesday when the Santiam Flax Growers of Jefferson requested (1) that the state flax plant decline to purchase flax from 58 growers, using about 600 acres of land, within four to six miles of the Jefferson cooperative, and (2) that the state now sell to the cooperative 300 tons of de-seeded flax straw and 100 tons of retted flax, at an approximate cost of \$30,000.

The requests were made by letter, and personally by Harry Asahr of Corvallis, secretary of the cooperative and Benton county

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Weather Maximum temperature Wednesday 56 degrees, minimum 47 degrees, 45 in. rain, river -2 ft. 9 in. Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Thursday. Friday partly cloudy with light rain probable extreme northwest parts.

Allied Shipping Heads for Antwerp Ports; Nippon Radio Reports B-29's Panic Tokyo

Nip News Still Not Definite

Factories Lose Calmness Says One Announcer

By the Associated Press Japan's radios blurted out confusedly that US Superfortresses raided Tokyo yesterday (Wednesday Japanese time) and they hinted that they threw some parts of the capital into panic.

Some factories "lost their calmness" during the ordeal, one announcer reported. This presumably was due to fire or fear of fire in the readily combustible metropolitan areas.

The reports, conflicting and unconfirmed, were picked up by the federal communications commission and reception was incomplete. The US war department said it had no word of aerial operations over Tokyo.

It also apparently was the first visit of Superfortresses to Tokyo. They have attacked elsewhere in the Nippon homeland, mainly against naval and ship repair points.

The enemy reports at first said two Superfortresses raided Tokyo. Then they changed it to only one plane. Finally they announced several of the big planes had appeared and that they remained over the area for about half an hour. One of them said the planes dropped no bombs.

One broadcast asserted the planes "fled hastily" during a counter attack of some kind. Details were not given. Another said the Superforts did not attempt to attack. A third reported they were driven off by fighter planes.

Nelson Slates Work in China

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1-(AP)—Donald M. Nelson, President Roosevelt's trouble-shooter is slated to return to China soon to help step up munitions production. The White house evidently believes the Stilwell affair has not prejudiced his chances for success.

In fact, it was learned today that some of the arrangements previously made for invigorating China's war effort are believed not to have been upset by the president's recall of General Joseph W. Stilwell at the request of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

That is the interpretation authoritatively placed on Mr. Roosevelt's emphatic assertion that the trouble was a clash of personalities on the part of the general and the generalissimo and that policy and strategy issues were not involved.

Chicken Stealing Got This Fellow Somewhere

SIOUX FALLS, SD, Nov. 1-(AP)—A defendant before Judge John T. Medina in circuit court chided himself and concluded: "This chicken stealing will never get me anywhere."

"There," observed the court, "is where you are wrong. Two years in the penitentiary."

A Yank Shows the Way



Carrying one child and leading another by the hand, S/Sgt. Howard Preusse of New York City leads a group of Filipinos from an operational area on Leyte island to the town of Dulag after the Japanese had been cleared out. (AP wirephoto from signal corps)

Dewey Blasts FDR, 'Violent Supporters' In Boston Speech

BOSTON, Nov. 1-(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey told a howling crowd of Bostonians tonight that President Roosevelt has offered the democratic party for sale "to the highest bidder" in his fourth term drive and that the forces of communism are taking it over.

"Mr. Roosevelt has so weakened and corrupted the democratic party," Dewey declared, "that it is readily subject to capture."

Assailing both the president and what he called the latter's "violent supporters" Dewey said: "Mr. Roosevelt, in his overwhelming desire to perpetuate himself in office for 16 years, has put his party on the auction block—for sale to the highest bidder."

And the highest bidder is not the "notorious one thousand club," Dewey said, but the "Political Action committee of Sidney Hillman and the communists of Earl Browder."

The republican candidate for president spoke before a bolstered crowd that jammed this 13,500 seat arena to the roof and spilled out into the streets for blocks around. Virtually all aisles were packed with standees when the doors were closed an hour and a half before Dewey appeared.

President Roosevelt speaks here Saturday night at an open air meeting in Fenway Park.

Who Said That The Wild West Was Now Tame?

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 1-(AP)—A squad of policemen, the dog catcher, a cowboy, a group of howling youngsters and a housewife with a broom all joined in a chase after two steers which scattered terror and pedestrians about downtown Tulsa today.

The steers hurdled the side of a truck and trotted 12 blocks to the downtown district, occasionally lunging at citizens along the way. They scored the Medical Arts building, circled the courthouse twice for a good look and then headed into a residential district.

One ultimately was shot, the other lassoed under a viaduct.

Army Airforces Now Have 75,000 Airplanes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1-(AP)—The army airforces disclosed today that they now have 75,000 airplanes of all types, including 23,000 combat craft of which 12,000 are first line planes operating in overseas theaters.

"No other airforce in the world has ever reached such a total of combat planes," an AAF spokesman declared.

The conference, arranged through auspices of the chamber of commerce, was welcome to him, McIntyre, who had earlier declined to discuss the reason for his order, said. The commander talked freely with the mayor and the USO director, the Salem men indicated, but added that they did not feel ready to make public the conversation.

Reds Roll Towards Budapest

Soviets Only 33 Miles From City; Many Towns Fall

LONDON, Thursday, Nov. 2-(AP)—The red army thrust within 33 miles of Budapest yesterday in a great drive rolling rapidly northward across the Hungarian plain between the Danube and Tisza rivers.

Armored spearheads undoubtedly already were even nearer to the imperiled Hungarian capital as the midnight Moscow communique announced definite capture of the railway town of Lajosmizse, only 33 miles southeast, along with more than 100 other communities in the marsh-dotted flatlands between the rivers.

Among these was Kecskemet, great railway junction point and last major defense bastion 44 miles southeast of Budapest.

Kecskemet fell after 24 hours of heavy street fighting during which the Russians also pushed past the city on both sides.

The Germans contended this bypassing was what finally forced them to abandon Kecskemet, but the Russians also thrust straight through the city of 80,000 and northward another 11 miles up the railway toward Budapest.

Thus they had a firm grip on the rail and highway network for the continuing drive to Budapest.

The soviet secondary drive in northeast Hungary more than 100 miles from Budapest also made progress during the day. It swept up more than 40 communities.

The Moscow communique which announced these gains also repeated an earlier order of the day from Premier Stalin on final clearance of the enemy from the Petsamo region of Arctic Finland, but said nothing of the Polish, East Prussian and west Latvian sectors of the long eastern front.

DeGaulle Has Close Escape From Explosion

PARIS, Nov. 1-(AP)—A trainload of captured German munitions exploded at noon today on a suburban Paris siding not far from a cemetery where Gen. Charles De Gaulle had made a speech 15 minutes earlier.

The explosions, whose cause remained a mystery, continued during the afternoon as fire spread through the 140-car train, showering shell fragments into parts of two arrondissements (wards) and causing undisclosed casualties and damage.

In order to clear the streets police sounded air raid sirens at the height of the explosions and word quickly spread that Paris was being raided from the air or subjected to an attack by flying bombs.

There were many rumors concerning the cause of the initial explosion, but the possibility that it might have been an attempt on De Gaulle's life was generally discounted.

Roosevelt Sets Talk Tonight

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1-(AP)—President Roosevelt begins his final drive for a fourth term tomorrow night with a 15-minute radio talk from the White House.

The address, part of a half-hour democratic program starting at 9 p. m. EWT, will be broadcast by NBC. The subject has not been announced.

Here's Something For Salem Folks To Argue About

Salem residents who claim they measured two inches of rain during the heavy downpour Wednesday can argue it out with the weather bureau, as only .05 inches of precipitation was measured during the big shower and only .45 inches for the entire day. A faint hailstorm was also registered. Maximum temperature for the day was 56 degrees.

Yank Cavalry Battles Japs Near Carigara

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Thursday, Nov. 2-(AP)—Dismounted first cavalry troops were locked today in a seaway battle with a large Japanese force at Carigara for control of that town seven miles east of the only escape highway left open to the retreating enemy on Leyte.

Maj. Gen. Mudge's men, moving west along the Carigara bay coast from Barugo, opened the vital engagement yesterday just east of Carigara town.

Moving ahead after the skirmish the troops encountered a larger enemy force and engaged it in the town itself whose fall would pave the way for a drive on Pinamopan, north terminus of the escape road to Ormoc.

While this fight continued, other Japanese strove with counterattacks, concentrated artillery and bridge demolitions to check another peril to Carigara town posed from the south by 24th division troops of Maj. Gen. Fred Irving.

Allied Planes Blast Nazi Oil Plants, Cities

LONDON, Nov. 1-(AP)—British-based US heavy bombers attacked German synthetic oil plants at Gelsenkirchen and railway targets at Hamm and Coblenz today and Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the US 15th air force in Italy bombed military objectives in the Vienna area.

The US force from England met no enemy fighters and encountered only moderate flak as the November aerial battering of the reich got under way.

The 300 heavy bombers and 200 fighter escorts from England shot down three Me-262 jet-propelled planes that tried to whip into the bomber formations. They reported that anti-aircraft fire, however, was only moderate. One fighter, which apparently collided with a jet-propelled enemy fighter, was lost in the operation. All the bombers returned safely.

The RAF also was busy with a series of strikes at a variety of targets, including two raids on the battered city of Cologne.

Yugoslavia Leaders Agree on Government

LONDON, Nov. 1-(AP)—Agreement for formation of a "United Yugoslav national government in the shortest possible time" was reached in conferences today between Marshal Tito, president of the Yugoslav council of liberation, and Dr. Ivan Subasic, prime minister of King Peter's royal Yugoslav government, the free Yugoslav radio announced tonight.

Quadruplets Born to Woman Through Caesarian Operation

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1-(AP)—A slight, 30-year-old former government girl gave birth to quadruplets—three girls, and a boy—within a space of two minutes here today, in the first caesarian operation quadruple delivery in medical history.

Tonight the Pennsylvania hospital said the tiny babies and their five-foot-two, 118-pound mother, Mrs. Kathleen Hatcher Cirminello, were doing well and that the babies would live.

The quads, their expected birth well publicized in advance, were news to no one—except Mrs. Cirminello, a pretty, dark-haired, Oklahoma-born stenographer who came here from Washington two

British Fighters Stalk Last Nazis Along Waterway

Half of Schelde River Cleared Of Enemy Mines; Most of Nazi Army Escapes From Dutch Trap

LONDON, Thursday, Nov. 2-(AP)—Allied shipping already has entered the three-mile-wide Schelde river estuary with supplies bound for the great Belgian port of Antwerp, the Berlin radio said early today.

This reported movement of shipping toward the important port which is expected to supply future allied thrusts into Germany came as triple assault forces stalked the last Germans within gunshot of the vital 50-mile long inland waterway.

It appeared likely today, in view of the three cross-estuary amphibious operations of Lt. Gen. H. D. Crear's

troops, that probably half of the Schelde, as far west as Hansweert, already had been cleared of enemy mines.

Field dispatches last night said the big guns on Walcheren island, at the tip of the north rim of the Schelde, had been silent throughout the day. The gun positions have been repeatedly attacked by heavy bombers and dive bombers, some of which made raids yesterday.

The island itself is under attack from the west, south and east.

Royal marines landed at Westkapelle yesterday morning after a violent naval bombardment from the British battleship Warspite, which used eight 15-inch guns, and the monitors Roberts and Erebus, each equipped with two 15-inchers.

Troops of the British Second army broadened their foothold on the Maas river in south central Holland to more than a mile and maintained relentless pressure against German rearguards.

A spokesman for Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey, commander of the British Second army, tacitly admitted that a skillful withdrawal from the Breda pocket had saved the bulk of some 40,000 German troops who for several days were threatened with entrapment. He said only enemy rearguards were left south of the Maas and that the main German 15th army now was fortifying a new Rotterdam-Arnhem defense line.

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Lebanon Man Said Missing

LEBANON—Alvin Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jennings, 592 East Grant street, and husband of Margaret Smith Jennings, has been missing in action in Italy since October 9, the family was notified this week. His twin brother, Calvin, who enlisted four days ahead of him in September, 1943, and who went overseas a month later than he (spring of 1944), was killed in action July 18 in France.

The twins went from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., for their basic training. Survivors, in addition to the widow and parents, include a brother, Blaine Jennings, at home; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Weaver and Mrs. Mildred Christensen, both of Lebanon, and Mrs. Alice Durham, Los Angeles.

Pan-American Meeting Considered Certainty

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 1-(AP)—A Pan-American conference of foreign ministers at Argentina's request is considered a certainty among Latin-American diplomats here.

There was a curious unofficial convention of most American diplomats last night at the inauguration of the annual book fair and in the exchange of comments it developed that almost all present were sure their countries would approve calling the conference.

Chinese Label Stilwell Recall Purely Military

CHUNGKING, Nov. 1-(AP)—The sudden recall to Washington of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell was called a purely military matter today by the Chinese minister of information, Liang Han-Chao, who said that for that reason there would be no Chinese comment on the action.

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British Reach Greece Port

ROME, Nov. 1-(AP)—The allied command announced today that advanced British patrols had reached Salonika, Greece's second city and the principal seaport of the Balkan peninsula, and Berlin said that nazi forces had evacuated the port.

The allied communique gave no details as to whether British troops actually had entered the city, over which a heavy pall of smoke from German demolitions has hung for several days. The German high command's daily communique said Salonika "was evacuated in the course of our disengaging movements in the Balkans, unimpeded by the enemy."

Sixty-five miles west of Salonika in the area north of Kozane, British troops and Greek guerrillas maintained pressure on other German forces attempting to flee from Greece.