

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles H. Spang

One of the Washington columnists, Thomas L. Stokes, in a post-election column, warned that while the election was over the people still had the duty to stand guard lest their will as expressed in the poll be disregarded. It is a test of democracy, he wrote, "to keep continually alert to see that the mandates of the election, the things about which the people spoke so plainly, are carried into execution." He says there is a tendency in Washington, with so many people handling the ball, for the ball to get lost; hence, "it is essential for the people to inform themselves and to see that the election does not get lost there."

A lack of day, how different is what comes out the little end of the political horn from what went in at the big end. The vanity of political promises has become a byword. The backfire of "he kept us out of war" still hangs over from the 1916 campaign, followed so soon afterwards as it was by our involvement in the first world war. And one has only to reread the democratic platform of 1932 and the speeches of Mr. Roosevelt in that campaign to see how little of that mandate (for economy, for reduction of bureaus) survived in the ensuing years.

But this is not a new complaint under democratic government. Those who know their Dickens novels may recall the scene which young Nicholas Nickleby chanced to witness in the offices of (Continued on editorial page)

### Japanese May Have Cut China Through Middle

CHUNGKING, Nov. 20 (AP)—Chinese troops are fighting inside Bhamo, strongest remaining Japanese base in North Burma, and have recaptured the Burma road town of Mangshih, 62 miles inside China from the Burma border. The Chinese high command announced today.

Against these allied victories, the high command acknowledged indirectly that two great Japanese forces aggregating probably 250,000 troops who were invading Kwangsi province from the east and north had completed a junction west of Liuchow, severing China and completing an unbroken link all the way from Manchuria to Hongkong.

(The Tokyo radio in a broadcast recorded by the FCC declared that the US air force in China had destroyed and abandoned its air field at Hanning (Yungning), about 100 miles south-southwest of the point where the Japanese junction appeared to have been effected. The unconfirmed Japanese report said the Nanning field was "the sole enemy air base in South China.")

### Folkes Appeal In 'Lower 13' Death Denied

The last hope for life, bar one, was gone today for Robert E. Lee Folkes, railroad cook convicted of the "lower 13" knife killing of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21, of Norfolk, Va., in Linn county Jan. 23, 1943.

The US supreme court yesterday declined to review the case and Folkes' resentencing at Albany has but to await official copies of that decision. He was convicted of first degree murder and the decision was upheld 5 to 2 in the state supreme court.

The split vote in the state's high court was due to appeal attorneys' contention that a new trial was warranted because a stenographer's memoranda of the negro youth's confession was represented to the jury as a signed admission of guilt. The unsuccessful appeal to the US high court was based on the same claim.

Folkes' sole remaining hope would lie with Gov. Earl Snell in regard to clemency.

### Nazis Lose Another General in Action

SIXTH ARMY GROUP IN FRANCE, Nov. 20 (AP)—The Germans have lost another general, Major General Oschmann, commander of the 338th infantry division, who was killed by artillery fire Nov. 14 at the start of the French offensive in the Belfort sector, it was learned today.

### German People Urged To Stall Off Defeat

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP)—The German people were told tonight by their chief commentators that they must strive with all their might to prevent an allied victory on the western front by Christmas, and a new "fight to the death" oath was prescribed for all German soldiers.

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### Weather

Maximum temperature Sunday 49 degrees, minimum 23 degrees, no rain; river -3 feet. Maximum temperature Monday 47 degrees, minimum 25, no rain, river -3 ft. 3 in.

Cloudy with valley fogs Tuesday and Wednesday. Continued cool.

# ALLIES CRACK NAZI LINE

## 118 Japan Airplanes Destroyed

### Carrier Planes Make 4th Strike At Manila Area

By Charles H. McMurtry  
US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 20 (AP)—In their fourth strike in force, this month at the Manila area, US carrier planes Saturday destroyed a total of 118 Japanese planes and set fire to two large cargo ships and one large oil tanker, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Only light Japanese fighter opposition was met as the carrier planes raked shipping and airfield targets. Ten planes were shot down in the air, eight others destroyed by fighters near the American carriers and about 100 destroyed on the ground.

Total Now 731  
This increased to 731 the total enemy warplanes destroyed by navy forces in the air or ground in the Philippines this month.

(The month's unofficial grand total for the Philippines now is 921 Japanese planes destroyed, including those smashed by army and naval fliers under command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur).

Nimitz disclosed that Vice Adm. J. S. McCain, formerly air commander in the South Pacific and recently naval air chief in Washington, commanded the carrier task force which hit Saturday.

Despite the heavy toll exacted on enemy shipping in repeated strikes on the Manila bay area, the apparent absence of vessels there Saturday is surprising, because of Japan's great need to keep Luzon reinforced and well-supplied against an invasion threat.

## Murray Calls For Revision Of Little Steel

CHICAGO, Nov. 20 (AP)—CIO President Philip Murray brought delegates to the seventh convention to their feet cheering today when he extended a real olive branch to employers, and called for revision of the little steel formula limiting wages.

"We have no desire to quarrel with business," he told the 600 representatives of constituent members of the congress, "we don't want to indulge in constant fights with business or industry. It is our desire to get along with business, to get along with industry, to work with them in the manner indicated by Bishop Shiel this morning. We believe in labor-management cooperation. We do not subscribe to the foolhardy, antiquated notions of strike and strife."

## All Farm Machinery Free From Rationing

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Termination of rationing and distribution control over corn pickers, the last item remaining on the farm machinery ration list, was announced today by the war food administration.

All other items were removed from the ration list on Sept. 28.

## Master Plan for Regulating World Air Transport Ready

By James J. Streib  
Associated Press Aviation Editor  
CHICAGO, Nov. 20 (AP)—A master plan for regulating world air transport, with a few major items put aside for further negotiation, was placed tonight before 54 delegations to the international civil aviation conference for study and consideration.

The plan was developed during nine days of intensive consultation and drafting during which the original proposals of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom were merged. Still in dispute are the question of whether airline carrying capacity should be fixed and the broad issue of freedom of the air. In this latter respect, the United States receded somewhat from its first position by recognizing the right of each nation to say what routes commercial air lines should follow in passing through its air-

## Gauleiter Addresses Recruits



Against a background of bombed buildings, Gauleiter Harimann Lauterbach addresses Volksturm, or people's army, recruits in Hannover, Germany, according to the caption accompanying this German photo service by the Swedish picture agency Pressens Bild. (AP wirephoto via radio from Stockholm)

## Bond Buyers Expected to Flock to Booths Today for Real 6th Loan Sendoff

With a reserved seat to a big movie premiere as certain and with an opportunity to win a post-war dream house, bond buyers were expected to flock to the issuing booths Tuesday to give the Sixth War Loan campaign a real sendoff in Marion county.

The reserved tickets for the first Salem showing of "The Very Thought of You" in the evening of November 29 will be available at all issuing agencies at once, according to Chairman Douglas Yeater. With Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker and Dana Clark as stars, Manager Leo Henderson of the Grand Theatre expects a sell out well before next week's showing.

In addition to the movie premiere, the Grand will offer a surprise stage entertainment that is expected to be of great interest to local theatergoers. Certain sections at the premiere will be set aside for \$25 bond buyers, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000 purchasers, according to Manager Henderson, but all ticket holders will be assured of a seat.

Interest in the grand prize of a postwar house was mounting as supply dealers, realtors, lumbermen and equipment houses were joining in the pledges for sufficient bonds with which to build a complete home after hostilities have ceased. The goal of \$4000 maturity value of the bond prize was expected to be passed soon.

Tickets Available  
Tickets for the grand drawing as well as the movie premiere are being issued at all agencies, which now include the postoffice, banks, bond headquarters, Penney's, Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward and the state offices. Bond headquarters on North Liberty street in particular is expected to write up many bonds for Marion county purchasers, who were out early in their efforts to surpass the \$5,000,000 quota and again show the way to the state in E bond purchases.

More than 600 Liberators and Flying Fortresses from the Italian-based US 15th airforce pushed out into upper Silesia and left smoke and flames pouring from the Blechhammer oil works.

## Walkout Ends At Shipyard

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20 (AP)—A walkout of shipyard workers converting baby flattops ended today when Commercial Iron Works agreed to suspend a superintendent and two assistants.

The company and AFL union officials, who had appealed to members to remain on the job, said the three men would be withdrawn from their jobs temporarily pending an investigation by a labor-management committee.

The unauthorized walkout began Saturday night when 500 swing-shifters on the conversion dock protested the resignation of two superintendents and the appointment of the new men.

The walkout did not affect other parts of the yard.

Rep. Brehm (R-Ohio) said today he will introduce a resolution calling on the country to "remember that V-E day will not mean the end of war."

## Special Election Planned

### Three Questions Will Be Voted on February 9, 1945

To consider purchase of the westerly 43 acres of Bush's pasture, whether to grant or not to grant a franchise to Salem Electric cooperative and the proposed extension of the city's boundaries, a special election has been called for the city of Salem for Feb. 9, 1945.

The "standing room only" sign was out Monday night before the city council had dispensed with preliminaries and moved on to the four crucial ordinances.

After 14 persons representing chamber of commerce and junior chamber, school board, Willamette university, Business and Profession Woman's club, individual and cultural interests had spoken in behalf of the purchase of the \$175,000 pasture for park and playground purposes and two had expressed opposition, five city council members opened up on the measure and voiced their objections more vehemently than they had ever before expressed them from the floor. Only three voted against submission. (See page 2).

The fireworks, though of shorter duration, were brighter when the question of the cooperative's franchise was sparked. Six council members voted against submitting it to a vote, but with the vote of Acting Mayor Kenneth Perry there were eight "ayes."

The so-called "pole" ordinance, which requires utilities to hold franchises and which will in effect prohibit Salem Electric from further expansion until a franchise is granted was adopted without discussion.

Fourth of the quartet of related ordinances, that calling for a special election, passed with two dissenting votes and no discussion.

## Yes, It's Been A Might Cold

Salem experienced below freezing temperatures every day during the past seven days and this week has started out to be no exception to the record. Climax of the past week was reached Sunday when a minimum temperature of 23 degrees was registered, with Monday's minimum at 26 degrees.

Average minimum temperature for the same period in November for the past 10 years is 36 degrees, reports the local weather bureau. Maximum temperature for the week was 55 degrees. No rainfall was reported.

## Poles Pushed From Fortino

ROME, Nov. 20 (AP)—A fierce German counterattack has knocked Polish troops of the Eighth army from Monte Fortino, a small peak overlooking two secondary roads to Faenza about five miles to the northwest, allied headquarters said today.

The Poles repulsed two Nazi charges before being forced to withdraw. Monte Fortino, although less than 1000 feet high, commands a wide stretch of flat ground leading to Faenza, a junction point on the lateral Bologna-Rimini highway.

Patrols reported the Germans have dug in and set up crude fortifications in this area which apparently is the pivotal point for both the enemy line swinging northeastward to the Adriatic and the thinly defended line running into the Apennines.

## Belgium Recalcitrants Will Surrender Arms

BRUSSELS, Nov. 20 (AP)—The chiefs of Belgium's various resistance organizations agreed today to deliver all the arms of the resistance forces to the allied armies by Saturday and concurred in the procedure by which the weapons will be surrendered.

Meeting with Maj. Gen. W. E. J. Erskine and other officials of the supreme allied headquarters mission to Belgium, the resistance leaders agreed their organizations would deliver the arms at a designated depot.

## Superforts Blast Island of Kyushu In Jap Homeland

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (Tuesday) (AP)—"A large task force" of B-29 Superfortresses bombers hit the island of Kyushu in Japan's homeland today. Flying from China, the big planes dropped their explosives against industrial targets, said an announcement by Gen. H. H. Arnold.

Kyushu is the southernmost of the Japanese home islands. On it is Omura, a big aircraft center. Omura was among the spots hit Nov. 11 when the Superfortresses completed their seventh mission in 27 days.

## Soviets Launch Latvian Drive Reports Berlin

LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 21 (AP)—Russian troops yesterday fought their way into the outskirts of Miskolc, Hungary's fifth largest city, as Berlin announced that the Red army had opened its grand winter offensive in the frozen north with attacks on 300,000 Germans pocketed in western Latvia.

Moscow, telling of a six-column Russian drive through Hungary's mountains to within 20 miles of the old Czechoslovakian frontier, did not confirm the German announcement of a Latvian offensive.

But Berlin said the Russians—estimated to have a reservoir of 500,000 to 1,000,000 troops in Latvia, had hurled huge infantry, tank, plane and artillery forces against the Germans on a 30-mile front near Liepaja, one of the two Baltic escape ports left to the enemy.

In the violent fighting which Berlin said was now entering its third day, the Russians were admitted to have ripped holes in the axis lines, but the Germans claimed these were sealed off in counter-attacks.

## Navy Reports Loss of Ten Small Vessels

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Loss of one destroyer, two destroyer escorts and seven lesser craft in the Pacific was announced by the navy tonight.

Of the total of 10 vessels, the communicate said seven were lost through enemy action or the perils of the sea in the Philippines area. But it was specified that they were not casualties of the big battles of October 24-25. The others went down in the New Guinea area.

Losses in Philippine waters were the destroyer Abner Read, the destroyer escort Eversole, the mine sweeper YMS 70, PTs 320 and 321, the fleet tug Sonoma, and the landing craft (infantry) 1089.

The other vessels were the destroyer escort Shelton and the PTs 368 and 371.

## Retail Drug Stores Increase Business

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Retail drug stores, less hampered by wartime merchandise shortages than many other retailers, will sell 2.8 billion dollars worth of goods this year, the commerce department estimated today.

## Decision Nullifies State Community Property Law

The United States supreme court Monday invalidated the Oklahoma community property law. That action, Attorney General George Neuner and other state officials declared, virtually nullifies the Oregon law under which a man and wife may split their total income 50-50 for federal income tax purposes.

Neuner said Oregon's law was copied almost word for word from the Oklahoma enactment and both were optional. "It is my opinion," Neuner said, "that under the decision of the United States supreme court the federal internal revenue division will not recognize the Oregon law and it is possible that taxpayers who have filed under the act will be required to make amended federal income tax returns. In this event these taxpayers probably would be compelled to pay additional tax that would have been asked by the government had not

## Yanks, French Drive Into Both Rhineland, Saar

### French Forces Pour Through Belfort Gap, Plunge to Rhine; Battle for Metz Nearly Ended

By Austin Bealmer  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's allied armies pushed into both the Rhineland and the Saar basin today in sweeping advances which turned the German southern flank and cracked the enemy line from Luxembourg to Switzerland.

Virtually all organized resistance in the once-powerful citadel of Metz came to a halt. Armored units of the First French army continued to pour through Belfort Gap, striking into the city of Belfort itself and driving deeper into the flatlands along the river Rhine, where they had reached the German border last night at the end of a two-day 30-mile thrust near the Swiss frontier.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's US Third army, which already was stabbing into Germany at several points, sent a new armored column smashing across the border east of Thionville, and at last reports it was two miles inside Germany and the same distance from the Saar river at Merzig.

Third Surges Ahead  
The Third army surged ahead three to six miles at numerous places along its whole front, which now is seven miles beyond Metz as a result of the link-up of the two forces that swung around the city from either side.

The only resistance left inside Metz—and that was spotty—was in the extreme northern and southern tips of the city. Patton's doughboys were wiping out the last defenders in both sections.

With their southern flank unhinged from the Swiss frontier, and their Voges mountain line threatened from the rear, the Germans were falling back everywhere before the French First army and the American Seventh and Third armies.

Fight Desperately  
To the north the enemy was fighting desperately to hold the Roer river line ahead of the allies' Aachen wedge.

The closely coordinated drive of the American First and Ninth armies and the British Second continued, with all three hammering their way deeper into the Reich, but against the toughest of the enemy's favorite defenses—highly mobile troops backed by strong fixed positions.

Chiang Shakes His Cabinet With Changes  
CHUNGKING, Nov. 20 (AP)—With China's military position becoming increasingly more critical, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek reshuffled eight cabinet posts today, naming able Gen. Chen Cheng minister of war succeeding Gen. Ho Ying-Chin.

Popular clamor had urged a shakeup of the central government for some time in the face of continuing Japanese military gains in southeastern China.

Phone Strike Gains Support  
COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 20 (AP)—Passive support of the expanding strike of Ohio Bell Telephone company workers was pledged tonight by Cleveland employees of the American Telephone & Telegraph company who voted not to go through picket lines of the operators' union.

This development followed action of the national war labor board in ordering immediate termination of the strike, which has crippled communication in 28 Ohio cities. The WLB said the dispute was "a threat to the effective prosecution of the war."

A spokesman of the AT & T employees said 216 of 350 workers voted to observe the picket lines.

## Green Urges Higher Wages

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20 (AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, sounded a keynote of higher wage scales in opening the annual convention of the AFL here today in Municipal auditorium.

He declared higher wages were justified for labor to maintain prosperity in the postwar world because of technological developments which enable the individual worker to produce more goods.

The workers of America must produce the income to pay the public debt and obligations of the war, Green said, "and they cannot do it if they do not have the wages."

## 2 Valley Soldiers Killed in Action

Names of Pfc. Glenn Ainsworth, brother of Mrs. Roy M. Kaufman, Hubbard, and of Tech. 4 Yrtle C. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Owens, route 1, box 164, Dayton, are on today's war department list of men killed in action in the European theatre. (More on page 12.)