

# 5000 Japs Drowned as Yanks Sink Another Convoy

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles F. Sorenson

Some weeks ago Art Kirkham — everybody knows Art, the friendly radio announcer of KOIN — talked at the Salem Chamber of Commerce urging promotion of Oregon's tourist advantages. He painted a glowing picture of Oregon's scenic beauty, and said that it wanted only proper exploitation to become a business asset of far greater value than anything before realized.

Art was right. Oregon does have unusual natural wonders which delight the eye and inspire the soul of man: ocean front, rivers, mountains, lakes, plains, green valleys. With intelligent promotion the number of tourist visitors who will come when war no longer lays a ban on travel will be very large.

The numbers will be large in any event. And I wonder if we are prepared to take care of them. What we lack is attractive tourist hotels at our scenic spots. Along the whole stretch of the Oregon coast there are only a very few first class hotels for example.

There are a host of tourist cabins ranging in quality from super to very inferior. But we have insufficient accommodations, especially of the better quality to take care of the tourists who will come and would like to stay for a spell. As a result thousands will merely use Oregon as a corridor — a state to get through going north or south (much as we regard Wyoming along highway 30).

Here are some reasons for believing there will be a flood of (Continued on editorial page)

## U.S. Will Help Britain Regain Export Trade

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP)—American aid for Britain's bid to recover her farflung, war-sacrificed export trade was disclosed by Prime Minister Churchill today together with the announcement that lend-lease aid to this island empire will be cut in half when Germany falls.

Jubilantly announcing an Anglo-American economic arrangement on the future of lend-lease apparently designed to help Britain pull out of its financial slump, the prime minister made these points:

1. A new program will be inaugurated next year to permit Britain to export articles made from American-imported raw materials.
2. Britain will pay cash for that material.
3. Defeat of Germany would permit Britain — along with the United States — to release some of its manpower for production of civilian goods.
4. Britain anticipates American aid in its rehousing program, not only in raw material but in finished houses.

## Nazis Retake Italy Heights

ROME, Nov. 30 (AP)—German troops, lashing out in vicious counter-attacks against Americans pressing on Bologna, have recaptured two important heights overlooking Nazi defense positions, the allied command disclosed today.

One blow behind strong artillery and mortar fire drove doughboys of the fifth army from Monte Castellaro, 9 1/2 miles southeast of Bologna, but the Americans held at nearby Monte Grande, a higher peak.

The strongest German blow was driven in farther west, 28 miles southwest of Bologna, and forced the Americans from recently won Monte Belvedere and the village of Corona.

## Derailed Train Carried Valley Cigaret Supply

Several freight cars of an Oregon Electric train were derailed a short distance north of Salem early Thursday. Aboard the train was a consignment of cigarettes for Salem and other Willamette valley cities and towns.

Delivery of the cigarettes was expected by Salem merchants early Thursday but the accident caused a delay.

The track was cleared within a few hours and no one was hurt.

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# U. S. 9th REACHES ROER

## Yankees Take 3 Villages

### Hodges' Forces Tighten Steel Net Around Duren

By Austin Bealmer  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Friday, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The American Ninth army drew up along the west bank of the Roer river on a 20-mile front above and below Julich yesterday while other allied forces battled slowly forward against increasingly strong German resistance.

In forcing the nazis back across the Roer, last water barrier before the Rhine, 25 miles to the east, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth army troops swept through the burned villages of Lindern, Flossdorf and Roerdorf and laid siege to the German stronghold of Linlich, six miles northwest of Julich.

**Duren In Vise**  
At the same time Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army pulled its steel net tighter around Duren, third "anchor" city on the Roer river line barring access to the Cologne plain.

West of Duren the Germans destroyed two bridges over the Inde river, cutting off the retreat of their own troops while they were still fighting in the streets of Inden and Lammersdorf. Hodges' troops cut across the Kleinhaus-Brandenberg highway in a thrust that carried to high ground within a mile and a half of the Roer east of Hurgin.

**Third Slugs Ahead**  
Farther to the south the Third army slogged forward for gains up to two miles, despite numerous counterattacks, and American and French troops of the Sixth army group advanced through the Vosges mountain passes and along the plains of Alsace.

**Heavy Artillery**  
The Americans also were pouring tons of artillery into German positions ahead of the advance, using both high explosive and phosphorus shells in an effort to break through on the Ninth army front.

At the village of Beeck, a mile southwest of Lindern, American troops found more Nazi dead piled in the streets than in any German town yet entered.

## Sedition Trial Judge Dies to Upset Case

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—The judge who presided over the nation's largest sedition trial since it started last April 17 died today, leaving the future of the case in doubt.

Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher of the US district court, a former democratic congressman from Iowa and former member of the securities commission, died at his home in nearby Alexandria, Va. He was 65.

## Sixth Loan E Bond Sales Roll Past Half Million Mark

Sales of E Series bonds to individual purchasers yesterday passed the half million-dollar mark, putting Marion county committee over one-third of the way toward the \$1,500,000, it was announced by Chairman Douglas Yeater. Purchases of all bonds reached \$1,225,000, or more than 22 1/2 per cent of the county's quota.

With several large subscriptions unrecorded as yet, officials hope that sales will reach \$1,500,000 before the half-way point of the campaign, comes Saturday night. In making these announcements, Chairman Yeater stressed that each of the hundreds of workers must redouble his or her efforts for the last half of the drive opening next Monday morning.

"We're planning some special

## Navy Rescues 1400 Men After Japs Sink Two of Six Baby Flat-Tops in Raging Fight Against Enemy to Retake Philippines

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Fourteen hundred men were rescued from two escort carriers sunk in the battle of the Philippines, the navy reported tonight in releasing a detailed account of how six of the baby flat-tops fought a big Japanese task force. The carriers sunk were the St. Lo and the Gambier Bay.

"The losses on the St. Lo were low — we picked up 800 men," Rear Adm. C. A. F. Sprague said in a first person report of the engagement. "Losses on the Gambier Bay were low too, considering that she dropped back into the middle of the Jap fleet. Approximately 600 of her crew were saved." The complement of such ships has never been disclosed.

Sprague's report identified for the first time the other four carriers in his force of six which had an escort of three destroyers

and four destroyer escorts when it tangled with a Japanese force of four battleships, seven cruisers and nine destroyers. The other carriers were the Kalinin Bay, the Finshaw Bay, the White Plains and the Kitkun Bay. All were damaged.

The report disclosed: The American destroyers and destroyer escorts executed a daring torpedo attack against the enemy fleet without suffering any losses. "It was a very gallant at-

tack," Sprague related. "One of the destroyers got a direct torpedo hit on a battleship. And not a single one of the destroyers or destroyer escorts was damaged during the torpedo attack. They all got back to us safely."

The carriers fought back with their 5-inch guns against the heavily armed enemy ships and morale was so high that at one point a battery officer said: "Just hold on a little longer, boys, we're getting 'em into 40-millimeter range."

The Japanese force engaged by Sprague's ships came through San Bernardino strait and was the middle element of the "three prongs." It had sunk one carrier, two destroyers and a destroyer escort when the Japanese admiral suddenly turned and ran. The second carrier was sunk later by Japanese land-based planes.

## Thick Nazi Flak Claims 56 U.S. Heavy Bombers

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP)—American Fortresses and Liberators, spearheading an attack by nearly 3000 allied warplanes on oil refineries and rail yards in Germany, drove into tremendous concentrations of anti-aircraft fire today and suffered their heaviest loss of any recent operation.

Fifty-six US heavy bombers and 30 fighters failed to return to their British bases from the raid, an eighth air force communique announced, but the majority of the fighters were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

The sky was stained black with thousands of puffs of exploding flak as Nazi ground gunners claimed their biggest toll of the war. Today's was the largest loss in bombers since April when 63 went down over Berlin to combined ack-ack fire and fighter opposition.

## Bonomi Will Form Cabinet

ROME, Nov. 30 (AP)—Crown Prince Umberto has entrusted to Ivanoe Bonomi, who resigned as premier, the task of forming another government, it was announced officially tonight.

Bonomi later said he would consult with the leaders of the six political parties in an attempt to form a new cabinet.

"I do not know whether I will be able to form a cabinet," Bonomi said. "At present there are three parties against me and three are willing to come into a government headed by me."

Bonomi identified the parties supporting him as the liberals, Christian democrats and the labor democrats, with the communists, socialists and actionists against him.

**Senate Okehs Stettinius**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—The senate brushed aside today by Senator Langer (R-ND) protest and confirmed, 67 to 1, the nomination of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as secretary of state.

## Allied Countries Would Spend \$10 Billion in U.S. For Postwar Materials

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Allied governments are proposing to buy at least \$10,000,000,000 worth of materials and supplies in the United States for postwar reconstruction in their countries, it was reported tonight.

This figure was described authoritatively as a conservative estimate of what Britain, Russia, France and the other United Nations would like to obtain in the years immediately after the war, providing financing can be arranged.

It became known subsequent to two other developments which for the first time brought into sharp focus the broad problems of postwar trade and world rebuilding: 1. Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson laid before congress an outline of administration plans for financing purchases in this country and liberalizing world trade arrangements.

2. Acting Secretary of State Stettinius, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and Leo Crowley, foreign economic administration chief, announced the conclusion of "phase two" lend-lease negotiations with Britain. A 50 per cent cut under the 1944 rate in lend-lease assistance to the British was agreed upon, to be effective as soon as Germany is defeated. Estimates are that this will mean \$5,600,000,000 of lend-lease aid to Britain for 1945.

One of Acheson's principal recommendations for financing postwar purchases is expansion of the export-import bank and removal of restrictions which limit its operators almost exclusively to Latin America.

## 1300 Japs Die On Palau Isle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Troops of the 81st army division killed 1300 Japanese and captured 142 on Peleliu island in the Palaues between Oct. 20 and Nov. 26, the navy announced tonight.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz in a communique said our losses were 92 killed, 522 wounded and 5 missing. Main points of resistance offered by the Japanese, remnants of the enemy garrison on the island, were caves.

The communique also reported a Japanese bomber attack on Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas before dawn Nov. 28. No damage was caused and one enemy plane was destroyed and another probably destroyed.

## Salem Plant Ordered To Reinstate Two Workers Dismissed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—United Growers, Inc., Salem, Ore., is to reinstate and pay back wages to two employees allegedly dismissed because of union activity, the national labor relations board ruled today.

The board ordered the plant to stop discouraging union membership and said it had engaged in unfair labor practices. The decision of the trial examiner who heard the case, brought by the AFL Cannery Workers' union, was upheld in the ruling.

**Oregon's Bond Sales Hit \$20,415,993 Total**  
PORTLAND, Nov. 30 (AP)—Oregon's war bond sales today totaled \$20,415,993, 18.1 per cent of its \$112,760,000 quota, officials announced. The E bond sale to date is \$7,389,337, or 22.4 per cent of quota.

## Dead



Albert B. Fall

## Albert B. Fall Of Oil Scandal Dies in Texas

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 30 (AP)—Albert B. Fall, secretary of the Interior under the Harding administration, died here late today.

Fall had been born in health since 1920. He had been a patient at the William Beaumont General hospital here from 1935 to 1938, when he was removed to his home.

Fall figured in the Teapot Dome scandal and, six years after he left the cabinet, was found guilty of taking a bribe and was fined \$100,000 and sentenced to one year in jail. He served nine months in prison, most of the time in the hospital, and retired to his ranch. (Additional details on page 2.)

## Walter Dahlen Dies in Action

LT. (jg) Walter Dahlen was killed in action in the Philippines, his mother, Mrs. A. M. Dahlen, 900 North 17th street, has been notified by the navy department.

Survivors are the mother, and his wife, the former Betty Hanman and their young daughter in Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother, Alvin Dahlen, U. S. navy, stationed in Memphis, Tenn.; and two sisters, Alice Dahlen of Salem and Mrs. A. Riviers of Oregon City.

Dahlen was a student at Willamette university when he enlisted in the navy in February, 1942. Memorial services will be held for him at St. John's Lutheran church Sunday morning.

## U. S. Maneuvers Ships To Speed Up Delivery

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—To speed up the delivery of urgently needed assault transports, five of them being built at Wilmington, Calif., are being sent to Vancouver, Wash., for outfitting.

The five vessels will be sent from the California Shipbuilding corporation's yards to the Vancouver yards of the Kaiser company, Inc.

WITH THE U.S. NINTH ARMY, Germany, Nov. 30 (AP)—An assault on four German towns by tanks and hundreds of American soldiers had to be postponed today because one Yank inadvertently mentioned over the radio the time the attack was scheduled. The Americans re-scheduled the attack for 10:30 a.m. and the war went on.

## Littell Ousted By FDR

### 'Insubordination Given as Cause; Feud Not Over

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—President Roosevelt fired Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell today for "insubordination" but that didn't close out the justice department feud — it only moved over into congress.

Rep. Voorhis (D-Cal.) introduced a resolution for an investigation of the whole matter by the house judiciary committee, taking issue with the ground on which the president dismissed Littell.

"Insubordination" "The reason given is 'insubordination' which is based upon the issuance of Littell's statement giving his reasons for refusal to resign," Voorhis said in a statement. "However, Littell issued no statement himself but on the contrary the statement was requested of him by the senate war investigating committee and released by the committee."

Refuses to Quit  
The public row started when Attorney General Biddle demanded Littell's resignation after a series of differences. Littell, refusing to resign, accused Biddle of "conduct . . . contrary to basic principles of good government."

Littell asserted that Biddle intervened in a justice department case in behalf of Thomas G. Corcoran, onetime presidential internate now in private law practice.

## Wedemeyer Hopes China Tide Turns

CHUNGKING, Nov. 30 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer held out hope tonight that steps now in preparations would turn the tide in China against the Japanese.

The US commander in the China theatre acknowledged that the enemy had sizeable southeast China forces concentrated in the Kwangsi-Kweichow border region. These forces have strong offensive capabilities, he said, but he added it was reasonable to expect that remedial measures now being taken would halt the enemy.

Making no attempt to depreciate the gravity of China's military situation, Wedemeyer said the enemy was obtaining a corridor into French Indo-China and establishing good interior lines of communication, after driving swiftly through Kwangsi.

## One Yank Holds Up Attack on Germans

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## Dairy Association Approves Compulsory Pasteurization

A proposal for compulsory pasteurization of all milk and dairy products offered for sale in Oregon today had the approval of the executive committee of the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' association. In session here Thursday, the committee endorsed the legislative program of sanitation outlined at last week's joint meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's and the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' associations.

The latest features: Drafting of a bill to go before the 1945 legislature providing for pasteurization of all milk and cream offered for sale or used in the manufacture of all dairy products for sale in Oregon unless these products be subjected to some other treatment recognized as equally as effective in protect-

## Airmen Blast 6 Nip Ships

### Enemy Vessels Don't Even Get Close to Leyte

By Jim Hutchison  
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 1 (AP)—Five thousand more Japanese soldiers were killed or drowned at sea—that makes 26,000 who tried but never got to Leyte—as American planes for the second straight day accounted for an Ormoc-bound enemy convoy Thursday.

Although the convoy was cautiously scattered over a wide area, the Yank fighters tracked down all of it, sinking a 9000 ton transport and three small freighters and engulfing a 5000-ton freighter and destroyer in flames.

One freighter was bagged as far west as Mindoro by a night patrol plane. Others, including one heavily loaded transport, were blasted off Masbate and off Cebu.

Losses Staggering  
The P-47s and P-40s went down to maddening heights as they raised the enemy's reinforcement losses in attacks on seven convoys to 29 transports, aggregating 103,750 tons, and 18 escorting warships sunk.

Richard Bergholz, Associated Press war correspondent at Leyte air force headquarters, was told by returning fliers that they hit Japanese headquarters at Palompon, West Leyte, on the way back.

## Soviets Sweep 9 Miles Along Danube River

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 1 (AP)—Russian troops, expanding their new trans-Danube front to more than 100 miles, yesterday swept nine miles northward along the west bank of the great river to within 78 miles of outflanked Budapest and captured 50 more localities, Moscow announced last night.

In the mountains northeast of the besieged Hungarian capital other Soviet forces blasted open two invasion routes leading into southern Slovakia by capturing the axis strongholds of Eger and Szikszo, Premier-Marshel Stalin announced in a special order of the day.

These troops also took the Miskolc-Kassa (Kosice) trunk highway and railway connecting the crumbling axis fronts in north-eastern Hungary and Slovakia and further outflanked Miskolc by capturing Arnot, less than three miles northeast of Hungary's besieged fifth city.

## Belton, Marsh Share Honors

Howard C. Belton, Canby, and Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, who claim to hold promise of votes which will seat them as president of the senate and speaker of the house, respectively, in the Oregon legislature next month, will share honors as guest orators at the state Young Republicans' federation banquet here December 9.

Secretary of State Robert E. Farwell, Jr., is to be toastmaster at the banquet, which will follow the annual convention's business meetings and election of officers.

## DeGaulle in Russia to Discuss Germany's Fate

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 1 (AP)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle has arrived in Russia, the Moscow radio announced tonight, where he will discuss with Premier Stalin the fate of Germany after the war and a new France-Soviet pact.

**19 SHOPPING DAYS**

REMEMBER NOT TO FORGET

**WHO IS THE MYSTERY SHOPPER**