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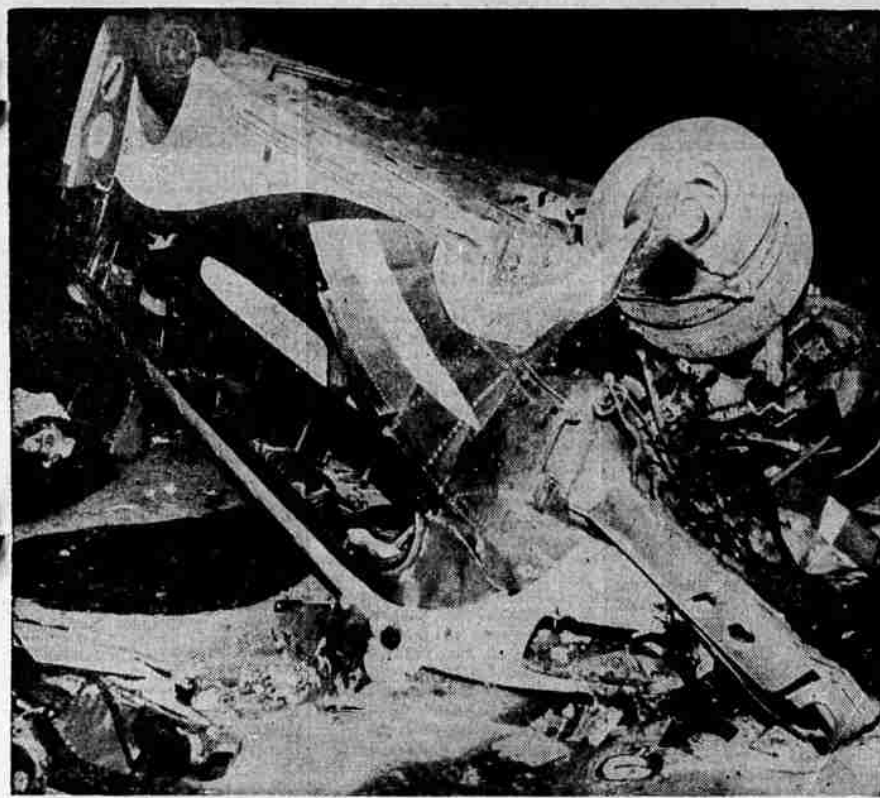
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ALLIES RESUME AERIAL POUNDING

Six Dead, 40 Injured in Bus-Train Crash



Approximately six persons were killed and 40 injured in this Greyhound bus, which was hit by a Western Pacific train near Tracy, Calif. The bus driver told authorities that, as he approached the train crossing, the bus brakes failed to hold and the vehicle stalled on the tracks.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 18.—The satisfactory senate subcommittee compromise on a post-war resolution evolved from an entirely different one which was carried around by Foreign Relations Chairman Connally in his inside pocket for the past two weeks.

The text of that original resolution was not made public, but it was supposed to represent what Secretary of State Hull has in mind.

Basically, it proposed an international organization along the lines of the League of Nations, empowered to impose what diplomatic phraseologists call "economic and military sanctions" on non-conformist nations or aggressors.

"Sanctions" is a word dripping with honey, but it means the use of force. Economic sanctions would be embargo against arms, food, or other products to offenders. Military sanctions means armed invasion. This would be a League of Nations with teeth in it, using bayonets for teeth.

There are men inside the senate who suspect Connally of craftily sounding out each individual senator for the administration on this proposition which has been seldom mentioned in public discussion. Mr. Hull, for instance, has only gone in his speeches as far as saying some sort of power must be used to keep the peace.

THE satisfactory compromise resolution does not follow those lines but neither does it conflict with them. Its careful words say only that the United States should act "through constitutional processes" to join "free and sovereign nations" in an international authority "with

1,200 Thin, Quiet Americans Await Sailing of Gripsholm

By John R. Morris
United Press Staff Correspondent
Mormugao, Portuguese India, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—More than 1,200 American repatriates, thinned and subdued by long months in Japanese prison camps, today awaited transfer to an exchange steamer that will return them to the United States before Christmas.

The Americans, along with about 300 Canadians and Latin-Americans, enjoyed the limited freedom of the dockside area, passing within arm's length of crowds of Japanese nationals with whom they are to be exchanged.

Day's Delay
The physical transfer of the Allied citizens from the Teia Maru to the Swedish exchange ship Gripsholm was postponed from today until tomorrow, and in the interim the repatriates from both sides were permitted the liberty of the dock area.

It was understood that the Gripsholm would sail for the United States on or about Oct. 21, arriving home in about 45 days.

Arrangements for the transfer of the Allied group to the Gripsholm were progressing rapidly, but it was learned that details of the exchange for the Japanese scarcely have begun.

This correspondent met and talked to friends from almost every country in the far east who were being exchanged. Most of them appeared to be in good health but many of them were thinner.

TOM RAY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE

Portland, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—Portland Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson today ordered Tom Ray, secretary-treasurer and business agent of the Portland local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to appear in court tomorrow to show cause why he should not relinquish control of the local group.

Ray was ordered ousted by International President J. A. Franklin but refused to leave his office. O. W. Mursener, Pacific coast vice president of the international, representing Franklin, took the fight into court when he filed an injunction suit today before Judge Dobson. Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle and Wilbur Henderson of Portland, attorneys of the international, made the application.

The show cause order directs Ray to appear and explain why he should not turn administration of the affairs of the local over to Mursener.

BIOFF'S DEFENSE "A PACK OF LIES" HE TELLS COURT

New York, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—William Bioff, convicted labor racketeer, said in federal court today that his testimony in his own defense two years ago was "a pack of lies"—so many he couldn't remember a single one.

Cross-examined by James D. C. Murray, chief counsel for eight of Bioff's alleged associates now on trial for extorting \$1,000,000 from the motion picture industry, Bioff defended his appearance as a government witness by saying "a perjurer sometimes tells the truth."

Asked by Murray if he had "got religion," Bioff replied, "very much, since I found out what prison life was."

Given Orders
Bioff claimed that the men now on trial had given him his orders for testifying in his own trial and that his conscience had not bothered him then for carrying them out. These orders were to try to pin the blame for the gang's extortion onto Joseph Schenck, who later was convicted of income tax evasion.

Bioff said he had written Federal Judge John Knox, who had presided over his trial, the day after Pearl Harbor offering his services to his country. He said he offered to post \$50,000 bond and the assurance that his family would serve the remainder of his term if he didn't come back. Asked by Murray if he thought a convicted felon and pandering would be accepted for service in the armed forces, Bioff said he "thought so."

REIGN OF TERROR IS CHARGED TO GERMANS

London, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—A secret Polish radio reported today that the Germans staged a three-day reign of terror in Poland ending Saturday, during which 5,000 persons were arrested in the Warsaw area. Men and women were seized indiscriminately and at least 60 are being held hostages to be shot immediately, at a ratio of 10 to 1, for every German killed.

MOSQUITOS BOMB BERLIN IN NIGHT; FORTS FLY BY DAY

Reds Cut Main Nazi Escape Route From Dniepropetrovsk—Rome Push On.

By United Press
American planes pounded Hitler's Europe today in a renewed aerial offensive as Allied armies made new gains in Italy and the Russians cut the main Nazi escape route from their stronghold at Dniepropetrovsk.

Flying Fortresses led raiders across the channel a few hours after swift British Mosquito bombers bombed Berlin. Targets of the day raiders were not disclosed, but coastal watchers reported a new high in east-bound cross-channel traffic.

Shell Rail Line
Red army guns were shelling the trunk rail line to Bessarabia and Soviet troops were moving to invest Dniepropetrovsk after a break-through on the Dnieper southeast of Kremenchug increased their chances of isolating the Germans in the southern Ukraine and Crimea.

Fresh forces were pouring across the Volturno river to prepare for heavier assaults in Italy as the Allies slowly pushed toward Rome.

The Germans punched back with continual counterattacks to stall for time while the bulk of their troops moved into new defense lines.

Three more towns were captured by American and British forces of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army, which faced increasingly heavy enemy artillery fire from higher ground past the Volturno valley.

Each of the three was a major German stronghold and their capture facilitated the seizure of seven villages in the Volturno area.

Merrone Falls
Merrone, three miles north of the Volturno and 20 miles inland, fell after three Nazi counter-thrusts were beaten off, and Cancellio and Ruviano also were seized.

On the British Eighth army front in eastern Italy, Allied patrols moved forward five miles to run into a battle at the town of Montecellone, which they had to abandon.

Clark's forces were moving to close a pincer in the Volturno area, squeezing the Germans back along the main road to Rome, running northward from Capua.

The next Nazi line was expected to be on the Garigliano river, 18 miles above the Volturno and the best defensive positions on the route northward.

Cairo radio said that additional British troops had been landed at the mouth of the Volturno, where a bitter struggle with the Germans has been in progress for several days.

ALLOWANCE BOOST HAS HOUSE FAVOR

Washington, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—The house today voted 389 to 0 to increase to \$80 per month the dependency allowance for the wife and child of a serviceman and provide \$20 for each additional child.

Washington, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—The house tentatively voted today to increase allowances for servicemen's children to \$30 a month for the first child and \$20 a month for each additional child.

The vote was 163 to 46. The allowance allotment scale is the same as was passed by the senate. Allotments for wives would remain at \$50 a month.

Earlier the house defeated an amendment by Rep. George T. Sadowski, D., Mich., for a scale of: Wives, \$55; first child, \$35, and each additional child, \$25.

All official rifle tournaments in the U.S.A. are conducted under the auspices of the National Rifle Association.

British Launch First Burma Thrust

JACKSON COUNTY POPULATION GAIN SHOWN BY RATION

OPA Says October 1 Figure Is 49,022 — Neighbor Counties Show Small Drop

Jackson county's population has increased 12,809 persons over the 1940 census figures according to figures based on issuance of Ration Book No. 2 and released by the OPA at Portland. Up to Oct. 1 of this year, 49,022 copies of Book Two had been issued to Jackson county residents, while the census of 1940 showed but 36,213 residents.

The October figures show an increase since April of this year, when 47,832 books were issued.

Ration book figures for Medford only are not available. The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce estimates the present population of the city at approximately 17,000.

Other nearby counties show decreases compared with the 1940 census figures, according to the OPA chart. Josephine county shows 14,749 books, while the 1940 census gave that county 16,301 residents. Klamath county also shows a declining population, since but 36,370 copies of Book Two were issued up to Oct. 1, while the 1940 census showed Klamath county to have 40,497 residents. Douglas county population has declined from 25,728 to 24,020, the OPA chart shows.

Big State Gain
The state as a whole has gained over 100,000 in population, according to OPA. It was pointed out by Richard G. Montgomery, OPA district director, that the figures could not be used as an actual population count since some persons coming to reside here had brought ration books issued in other districts and that others, who ate their meals out, never applied for books. The director stated that registration for Book Four, to take place Oct. 26-29, would give a more accurate picture.

THRESHING OF CLOVER
DELAYED BY WEATHER
Weather over the week end delayed the threshing of clover seed, County Agent Robert G. Fowler reports. This is a highly valuable crop and there is much more to thresh, the county agent said.

An Englishman originated the game of water polo in 1870.

White Collar Planch
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Spendthrift Army Methods Revealed by Comptroller

Washington, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—Comptroller-General Lindsay Warren told a house committee today he had been advised officially that war department contracting officers "are winning and dining with contractors and fraternizing socially with them to an extent that they are becoming over-liberal with contractors."

Testifying before the house military affairs committee, Warren declared the government might lose "untold billions of dollars" if the war department, as it desires, is given full charge of terminating and settling war contracts.

Some existing contracts, he said, have been made "far beyond their original need and the equipment later sold for scrap."

He cited random items which he said had been approved by army contracting officers but questioned by his office. They included transportation for an employee's dog, \$225 for an employee's false teeth, expenses for a plant employee's barbecue, vitamin pills, Christmas greeting telegram and cable items, cost of a juke box, and liquor.

Warren cited specific items which he said had been approved by the war department but disapproved by his office, including:

\$85,244 credit claimed by a contractor for payment of premiums on cancelled insurance policies.

\$211,244 claimed for rental of trucks, although vouchers showed that the truck rentals had previously been accounted for.

\$263,000 credit claimed by a contractor for Christmas bonuses which the general accounting office found were not part of any regular incentive plan.

ALL NEW TAXES ARE OPPOSED BY MANUFACTURERS

Administration's Ten Billion Revenue Plan Termed Boring on Fantastic.

Washington, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—The National Association of Manufacturers today opposed all tax increases and all proposed new taxes in a statement that denounced the administration's \$10,500,000,000 tax plan as "boring on the fantastic" and argued that the present law would produce enough revenue.

J. Cheever Cowdin, chairman of NAM's committee on government finance and chairman of the board of Universal Pictures corporation, Los Angeles, presented the NAM's "no tax increase" recommendation to the house ways and means committee.

Sales Tax Only Way
"But if your committee and the congress should conclude," he said, "that it is essential to raise even more money from the taxpayers . . . it is apparent that the least damaging and only effective place to secure additional sums would be through a federal sales tax to be levied at the final point of sale without exemption."

Cowdin claimed that the present tax laws would bring in to the federal treasury in the next calendar year \$44,500,000,000, which he said was \$3,000,000,000 more than estimated by the treasury.

Cowdin said that the NAM admitted that there was some inflation and a possibility of more, but added that he thought the economic stabilization program would take care of it.

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Butcher's Window Fatal Attraction For Passing Cars

Toledo, Ore., Oct. 18.—(U.P.) Life is a miserable thing for a Toledo butcher.

A few days ago a car crashed through his shop's plate glass window, and two days later a second car ploughed into the new window.

Feeling a little desperate, the butcher boarded up the front of his market.

Today a third car had plunged through the boards.

MINERS STAY OUT DESPITE APPEALS OF LEWIS AND WLB

(By United Press)
Despite appeals from the War Labor board and their own union leaders, thousands of Alabama miners remained on strike Monday while the steel industry's furnaces at Birmingham were kept idle for lack of coal.

John J. Hanratty, international representative of the United Mine Workers at Birmingham, said he was "led to believe" that half the 22,000 miners who struck last Wednesday had returned to the pits.

Only 2,500 Back
On the basis of a field survey, however, the Alabama Mining Institute estimated that only 2,500 men at the most had returned to work.

Thousands of miners stayed home despite the appeal of John L. Lewis, UMW president, who urged them to resume production and assured them of a speedy decision on the wage dispute that led to a nationwide mine walkout seven months ago.

Officials of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. reported that all four company mines remained closed Monday. The company, a subsidiary of U. S. Steel, is the south's largest steel producer. Republic Steel Corp. said its mines, too, had been unable to reopen.

At Washington, it appeared the WLB would delay a decision on the wage dispute until all the striking miners in Alabama and Indiana had resumed production.

FLOOD CONTROL
OFFICER COMING

W. M. MacGibbon, engineer from the office of the district engineer, war department, will be in Medford tomorrow to confer with local residents regarding flood control measures in Medford and Jackson county. A letter from the executive officer of the engineer's corps stated that Mr. MacGibbon would inform local representatives of the tentative plans for flood control in Bear Creek valley and of other relative matters.

Representatives from Jackson county, the city and from the Chamber of Commerce will attend the meeting.

EIGHTH HUNTER DIES IN OREGON

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—Funeral services were arranged today for Leslie Nickel, 25, of Springfield, eighth Oregon deer hunting victim this season.

Nickel was wounded fatally yesterday while hunting 10 miles east of Cottage Grove, about 20 miles south of Eugene. Fred C. Choate, also of Springfield and a member of Nickel's hunting party, fired the shot that accidentally hit Nickel.

Nickel was a Springfield plywood worker and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laverne Nickel.

JAPANESE FORCES IN MAUNGDAW HIT BY MORTAR BLAST

RAF Helps Ground Forces With Attacks in Akyab Area—Americans Busy.

By United Press
British troops were disclosed today to have launched the first thrust of the Allied offensive against Burma with an attack on Japanese forces at Maungdaw.

A New Delhi communique said the attack started Saturday night under cover of aerial patrols, and that Maungdaw, 60 miles above Akyab, was blasted with mortar fire in a "successful" foray.

Size Not Disclosed
Size of the attack was not disclosed but it was the first which amounted to more than patrol caliber since Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, new southeast area commander, arrived in the far east to prepare for an offensive to drive the Japanese from Burma.

Royal Air Force planes helped the ground forces in attacks expanding through Sunday. Bombers raided Akyab and enemy-operated rail and water supply routes.

In the southwest Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's fliers secured their control of the New Guinea coastal area in operations Friday and Saturday which cost the Japanese from 104 to 147 aircraft destroyed in combat or on the ground.

82 Fall Fighting
Of the total, 82 fell in fighting, including the bulk of an enemy fleet of 84 that tried to raid Oro Bay. The Allied cost was two planes. Some of the victims fell to American bombers attacking the northern Solomons.

The Japanese claimed to have sunk four Allied transports and set fire to a fifth while shooting down 14 Allied planes in attacks on New Guinea.

OREGON FIFTH IN NATIONAL RACE FOR WAR BONDS

Portland, Ore., Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—Oregon finished in fifth place in the nation in the recent third war loan drive, state headquarters announced today, with a total of \$155,200,000 worth of bonds and a quota of \$104,000,000.

The standings were based on performance above the quota. The total for Oregon represented 149.23 per cent of the quota. Only states to surpass Oregon were West Virginia, 174 per cent; Maryland, 169; Ohio, 155, and Georgia, 150.

Curry county topped the state with 215.9 per cent of its quota, with Columbia county next with 169 and Sherman third with 168.8.

A total of \$36,000,000 in E bonds was purchased, below the \$38,000,000 quota for the state.

LIGHT FROST IS OUTLOOK TONIGHT

While restrictions on weather forecasting have not been completely lifted, partial lifting permits the prediction of light frosts in this area tonight according to W. J. Hutchinson, federal meteorologist for Medford. Mr. Hutchinson said that the prediction was for killing frosts from the Cascades eastward.

The meteorologist said it was anticipated that daily weather forecasts would be resumed in the near future.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Chief Petty Officer Gil Stuart showing by his looks that the Seabees really whip a man into shape.

Red Cullen and C. Lyall Fidler entertaining the horse show audience with quips broadcast over the loudspeaker in the best Benny-Allen style.