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EARLY BALKAN INVASION HUNTED

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 19.—There are going to be about 10,000,000 in the fighting services.

Whoever controls those votes should win the next election. While there has been no public discussion of this most important matter, the forward-looking men in the political business here have been devoting thought to it.

Coming forward now with a complete plan of how to do it, is Senator Theodore Francis Green, Democrat of Rhode Island, whose autobiography reveals him both as an instructor in Roman law at Brown university back in '94 to '97, and a delegate to all Democratic national conventions since 1912.

Mr. Green dropped a bill into the senate committee on privileges and elections last week to provide for gathering our fighters' ballots, but which inadvertently disclosed the extent to which he, as a Democrat, would like to capture them.

All in very high-toned legal language and fair sounding words, in his trick bill. He would have the voting conducted by five commissioners to be appointed by the president, with senatorial confirmation, saying "at least two shall be Democrats and at least two shall be Republicans." This would simply allow the president to select three new dealers and two Republicans of, say, the Winant school of new deal thought, to conduct the election.

To help them in their work, the Green bill would destroy all state rules for qualifications of voters as to age, eligibility, registration and poll taxes.

Not only fighters would be allowed to vote illegally but also all civilian employees of the government away from home, mostly political appointees of course. The merchant marine, Communist suspect, is also especially mentioned as being allowed to vote illegally.

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HAWAII REPORTS JAP PLANE VISIT

Pearl Harbor, T. H., Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—The unidentified plane that approached Pearl Harbor naval base in the pre-dawn darkness Sunday apparently was launched from a Japanese submarine for reconnaissance purposes, naval spokesmen said today.

The plane came in from the sea shortly after midnight and was picked up almost immediately by searchlights from the naval air station at Barber's Point, Oahu.

Navy observers said the plane appeared to be a small float-type monoplane. When the searchlights caught it, the ship dove immediately in an effort to escape the beam, and then reversed its course and sped out to sea at a low level.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Chet Leonard forgetting the doc's orders long enough to run a potato race on horseback.

Douglas Phillips' somewhat indignant at being announced as "junior" but proud of his blue ribbon won at the horse show.

Bren Starcher creating a plover atmosphere in the family dining room by hanging strips of venison up to dry.

Henry Enders, after moving heaven and earth to get a box of shotgun shells, gloomily watching the ancient shot merely dribble from the muzzle when he fired point-blank at a beautiful pheasant.

ALLIED DRIVE DUE BEFORE WINTER IS JAN SMUTS' VIEW

U. S. Will Take Leading Part
in Big Assault Next Year
Says Cabinet Member.

London, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Marshall Jan C. Smuts, prime minister of South Africa, hinted today that the Allies will invade the Balkans before winter and said the United States "undoubtedly" will take a leading and perhaps decisive part in the final, grand assault on Hitler's European fortress next year.

Smuts, confidant of Prime Minister Churchill and a member of the British war cabinet, told a meeting in London that the defeat of Germany would not only hasten the fall of Japan, but "may mark the beginning of a cataclysmic turn of events in the Far East and the early ending of the war thereafter."

Grand Assault in 1944
The white-bearded elder British statesman said that the Allies may confidently reckon on "still further advances especially in southern and southeastern Europe"—the latter an obvious reference to the Balkans—during the coming months.

"By winter," he said, "we shall be closed in upon Hitler's central fortress of Europe and be making our dispositions for the grand assault by all arms next year."

Strongest Hint Yet
Smuts' prediction of advances into southeastern Europe was the strongest hint yet dropped by an authoritative source of invasion of the Balkans. However, guerrilla and partisan activity in both Yugoslavia and Greece with liaison with the Allied middle-eastern command has foreshadowed such a thrust.

Partisans already claim to hold one-third of Yugoslavia, including a sizeable stretch of the Dalmatian coast opposite Allied-held southern Italy.

Occasional Rain
LOCAL FORECAST

Occasional light rains, with not much change in temperature, is the local weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow, according to W. J. Hutchinson, federal meteorologist. Partial forecasts are permitted at the present.

This region experienced its first frost, which was light, last night, and this morning when the city park gardeners arrived at the park a few flakes of snow were found.

Clark in Naples

(Acme Radio-Telephone)
The rough and ready commander of the U. S. Fifth Army, General Mark W. Clark, center, goes "lightseeing" in Naples after Allied troops had entered the Nazi-defended Italian city. British Film Unit photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps Radio-Telephone.

Embarking for Drive on Lae



Allied troops bound for the Lae, New Guinea, attack are shown boarding a landing ship transport. At command, troops came on, of bush to board many ships like this one. The embarkation, planned in detail and executed with every precision possible, took place on the morning of Sept. 5.

98 Jap Ships Added To List Sunk By Yankee Submarines

Washington, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox today revealed the sinking of 98 additional Japanese ships by U. S. submarines, boosting to 721 a United Press compilation of Japanese vessels of all types sunk by American forces since Pearl Harbor.

JAPANESE SUFFER NEW DEFEATS ON LAND AND IN AIR

(By United Press)

New Japanese defeats on land and in the air were revealed today at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters which announced that Australian troops had pushed to within 10 miles of the enemy base at Madang, New Guinea.

Australian troops repulsed a second Japanese effort to retake Finschhafen, on the New Guinea east coast, defeating an enemy force three miles from the base and smashing a landing attempt on the coast.

Forty-three more enemy planes were added to the mounting numbers destroyed by MacArthur's fliers, bringing the total since last June 30 to more than 1,600.

There were no details on the advance against Madang by troops beating through the Ramu river valley and the adjacent Finisterre mountains, but the report indicated an advance of between 15 and 20 miles.

EISENHOWER PRAISES
ORDINARY DOUGHBOYS

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander-in-chief, paid tribute today to the ordinary doughboy and British Tommy, whose feats will "fill many of the brightest pages of our war history."

"Don't forget the foot fighter's days and nights in the mud and cold, the endurance he has exhibited," Eisenhower said. "In both Britain and the United States the greatest proportion of our fighting men go into the ground forces and I don't think any of us in a war theater belittles their service."

20 MILLION JOBLESS
PREDICTED AFTER WAR

Chicago, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Sen. Millard E. Tydings, D., Md., believes there will be approximately 20,000,000 persons unemployed after the war.

Tydings, a member of the senate economy bloc, told the Chicago Civic federation last night that "governmental extravagance and inefficiency means that our returning soldiers will join a new army of street corner apple sellers and relief clients."

Knox released to a news conference a communique bringing up to date the toll taken by U. S. submarines which listed the 98 new sinkings, as well as five enemy vessels probably sunk and 45 others damaged by submarines. He said the action had been unannounced previously for security reasons.

319 Known Sunk
This brought the total bag of American underwater raiders in the Pacific to 319 sunk, 36 probably sunk and 105 damaged, according to the navy.

The United Press compilation, based on official army and navy announcements from all theaters, now shows these figures for the toll of Japanese shipping taken by American forces:

	Ships	Non-combatants	Total
Sunk	205	516	721
Probably sunk	34	30	64
Damaged	245	449	694
Total	484	995	1479

FONDA ACCUSER MUST WAIT PEACE

Hollywood, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Judge John G. Clark today suspended until after the war all further action in the suit of brunette divorcee Barbara Thompson, seeking to establish lanky Film Star Henry Fonda as the father of her three-month-old baby girl.

The decision delayed a spectacular courtroom airing of Mrs. Thompson's charges that Fonda had seduced her in an El Centro, Cal., hotel room while he was on location for filming of "The Ox-Bow Incident."

Jap Air Commander
Killed in China

(By United Press)
A Japanese broadcast announced today the death of Lt. Gen. Moritaka Nakasono, commander of the Japanese army air corps in China, last September.

The Tokyo radio, recorded by the United Press at San Francisco, said Nakasono "met gallant death" while leading air operations in south China.

MORE WHISKY
Olympia, Wash., Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—The state of Washington today prepared to add 30,000 barrels of Bourbon whisky—enough to supply imbibers with 25,000 cases a month for 18 months—to its liquor stocks.

A rodeo is conducted somewhere in the U.S.A., Canada, or Mexico at least 300 days in the year, either outdoor or indoor.

Allotment Increase Waits Signature

NAZIS RETREAT ON ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN FRONTS

Successes at Volturno Spur
Allies Toward Rome—
Dnieper Defeat Bloody.

London, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Russian troops driving deep into the Dnieper river bend today captured the railroad junction of Pyatikhaika, 52 miles west of Dnepropetrovsk, cutting the trunk line running westward from that industrial stronghold to Bessarabia.

By United Press
Allied victories marked the turn of battle in Italy and Russia today. Success in the bitter struggle to clear the Germans from the Volturno river line in Italy spurred Allied armies pounding toward Rome with increasing momentum.

Moscow dispatches said the Nazis, apparently giving up in one of the bloodiest struggles along the Dnieper river, were in retreat before the Red army north of Kiev, Russia's third city, turning westward in flight after a futile attempt to stall the Soviet offensive.

Allies Forge Ahead

Troops of the Anglo-American Fifth and British Eighth armies shoved ahead in three to four miles advances, firmly securing the 17-mile length of the Volturno from Capua to the sea and rolling German rearwards from 23 towns and villages, sometimes in bitter fights.

Mitchell bombers escorted by fighters struck from Italian bases against occupied Yugoslavia, scene of a patriot-Nazi struggle for the first time. Their objective was Skopje, on the main rail line from Belgrade to Greece.

A new devastation blow struck the German Reich last night when Britain's big bomber fleet unloaded tons of blockbusters on Hanover in a raid that may have put it next to Hamburg on the list of ruined Nazi cities.

Rubber Plant Fumes Bother Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—The city of Los Angeles today sought a federal injunction against operation of a butadiene plant here despite National Rubber Director Bradley Dewey's contention that closing the synthetic rubber concern would be a critical blow to the war effort.

The city contended the plant gives off obnoxious and offensive fumes.

Lost Ration Books May Be Put In Mail

Washington, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that finders of a lost ration book may simply drop it in the mail without postage or envelope.

It said the post office department has agreed to deliver books to the owner on payment of five cents postage due. They will be forwarded to the nearest war price and rationing board when owners cannot be located.

Churchill Decides Against Public Reply To Senators

London, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill told commons today that he had decided against making a public reply to the alleged anti-British charges made by five U. S. senators following their tour of the world's battlefronts.

The senators were said to have charged in a secret session that American lend-lease goods sent to Great Britain were being re-marked with British labels and sent to other countries. Churchill inferentially rebuked

INCOME TAX HIKE HAS OPPOSITION OF REPUBLICANS

House Committee Members
Against Any Increase—
Call on F.R. For Economy.

Washington, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Republican members of the house ways and means committee today came out flatly against any increase at all in the federal income taxes. They said the present levies constitute the highest per capita burden in the world.

Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn., issued the statement on behalf of his colleagues. The Republicans called on President Roosevelt to proceed forthwith to institute economies to offset tax increases of \$10,500,000,000 asked by the administration.

Income Only Mention

The Republican statement was not specific in opposing all increases in other kinds of taxes, directly mentioning only income rates. It implied, however, that there should be no increase of "any" kind.

Meantime, Treasury General Counsel Randolph Paul appeared before the ways and means committee in support of the administration's de-or-die drive against enactment of a sales tax. A sizeable congressional bloc seeks to substitute such a levy for the increased income tax rates proposed by the administration.

"The federal tax burden is already at the unprecedented level of 40 billions, not counting the 10 billions levied by the states and local governments, which brings the total tax load of the American people to 50 billions, or one-third of the national income," the Republicans said. "This is without doubt the highest per capita tax burden in the world and the burden is equally borne by all who toil, whether in shop, factory, farm, store or office."

Economies Listed

Speaking of economies, the Republicans said:

"Let him (the president) without delay sever from the government payroll the 300,000 employees who Sen. Byrd, chairman of the joint committee on non-essential federal expenditures, has said can be removed without in any way impairing the war effort. We likewise recommend that the president study the possibility of eliminating waste and extravagance in military expenditures."

"Rep. John Taber, ranking Republican member of the committee on appropriations, has pointed out how a net savings of 4 billions or more can be made, without in any way reducing the production of implements and munitions of war. The disclosures made yesterday by Comptroller General Lindsay Warren are further proof of the waste and extravagance now going on."

WAGE BOOSTS HALTED

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—The War Labor board has halted "indiscriminate" granting of wage increases in small hotels and cafes in California, Arizona and Nevada, it was announced today.

Thibet is the only country in the world which uses playing cards in religious ceremonies.

Inmate Mussolini Gives 'Pep Talks' At Sanatorium

Madrid, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Benito Mussolini is critically ill in a sanatorium at Pieve Di Cadore in the Venetian Alps, reports from Vichy said today.

The ailing ex-Duce, the reports said, now delivers long "pep talks" to the sanatorium staff to the effect that Fascist Italy has won the war.

MILK SUBSIDIES NOT SUFFICIENT DAIRYMEN AVER

Dairymen of Jackson county today expressed their dissatisfaction with federal milk subsidy rates as announced recently by the Oregon State AAA board at Corvallis and declared that the subsidies will not offset increased production costs due to the war.

The subsidy rates for Jackson county, according to County Agent Robert Fowler are 45 cents a hundredweight on whole milk and 5 cents a pound on butterfat.

More Tax Burden

C. A. Smith, owner of the Cloverhill Guernsey dairy, said: "In my personal opinion the subsidy won't do much good. It won't begin to take care of the increased costs of production and will only throw a greater tax burden on everybody. It won't solve the problem."

Smith said it was his understanding the 5-cent a pound subsidy on butterfat would be paid directly to the producer on the basis of how much he sells.

Chester Wendt, another operator of a large dairy, expressed the opinion that dairymen should be allowed to sell their milk at a higher price instead of being subsidized, and said that the subsidy wasn't nearly enough. He explained that the subsidy would have to be paid through taxes and that he was "not very hot for the plan."

Ray Baker, another dairyman, said he thought "the subsidy plan on the whole is all wrong and won't make up for the losses." Dairymen, he said, are entitled to higher prices for their fluid milk, and added that he didn't think subsidies were the answer to the producer's problems.

More May Sell Herds

"Lots of producers have already sold their herds and gone out of business because they found it impossible to break even in the face of the increased operating costs," Baker stated, "and there will probably be more of them do so. And this, when the army already fears a serious milk shortage."

AAA officials in Corvallis explained that whole milk producers will be paid at the whole milk rate even though they market it on the basis of butterfat content. The butterfat rate, it was pointed out, will apply only to those delivering separated milk for manufacturing.

Payments will be made for the whole month of October, and will be handled through county AAA committees being set up. The AAA advised dairymen to assemble all October sales records and hold them until application blanks are made available by the committee.

According to the AAA, the subsidy program was determined nationally on three factors, the increase of milk prices over the 1940 average, price advances in dairy feed since September of 1942 and the average proportion of dairy feed purchased in different areas.

WRITER DIVORCED

Reno, Nev., Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Albert W. Dilling, Chicago, today was granted a divorce from Elizabeth K. Dilling, author of "The Red Network," and other books.

\$30 MONTH FOR FIRST CHILD AND \$20 FOR OTHERS

Allowance of \$50 For Wives
Unchanged—Senate Approval Without Discussion

Washington, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—The senate today accepted by voice vote and sent to the White House a bill to increase dependency allotments for the families of enlisted men in the armed forces.

The measure increases to \$30 a month the allowance for the first child, compared with the present \$12 and increases from \$10 to \$20 the allowance for each additional child. The wife's allowance remains the same, \$50.

Final senate approval came when Sen. Ed C. Johnson, D., Colo., called up the bill and asked that it be accepted immediately in view of the fact that the senate already had voted for the new scales it contained. The voice vote sending the measure to the White House followed with no further discussion.

SIGN NEW PACT TO GIVE RUSSIA MATERIAL, FOOD

Washington, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Swiftly following Secretary of State Cordell Hull's arrival in Moscow for the foreign ministers' conference, the state department today announced signature of a new agreement whereby the United States, Canada and Great Britain will supply armaments, equipment, materials and food to the Soviet Union.

Hull and British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden arrived in Moscow yesterday to confer with Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov. Although Hull is believed to be prepared to discuss any pertinent subject raised by the Russians, the fact to remember is that this conference merely is a preliminary to a Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting.

No guarantee is made that the three top men will meet. But the conference of foreign ministers will be judged a success or failure largely on whether the big three do finally get together.

Hated General

Italian troops are said to have cheered when they heard of the capture of General Alberto Mennin (The Butcher) by New Zealand troops in the Sahara. Said to be Italy's "most hated general," he is now en route to prison camp.

