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NAZIS LEAVE DEATH AND ASHES



Mrs. Shirley Evans Hassau, left, and her mother, Mrs. Marian E. Evans, are shown together in San Francisco, where Mrs. Hassau sought removal to Los Angeles of her daughter, Marylyn, who Mrs. Hassau claims is the daughter of Actor Errol Flynn.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 20 — Congressional leaders are planning to quit November 1 or 15 until January, allowing a six or eight-week mid-war vacation for themselves.

They have been saying (not very loudly, of course) there is little important legislation to be handled before the big appropriation bills come up in January, and that the trouble with the country now is, there are too many laws.

NO more important work could be done than to have the members of each congressional committee assigned to meet daily from now until January solely in search of waste in expenditures. Ways and means could go after the treasury, the military affairs after the war department, naval affairs after the navy, and so on. An earnest effort might save billions.

Example: The Breakers hotel at Palm Beach, huge, world-famous, was taken over by the war department a year ago at an annual rent of \$350,000. The rent, of course, was not made public, nor has any mention been made of the detailed use to which the hotel has been put. Excuse for its acquisition was that it would be used as a hospital. Now, nearly a year later, approximately \$900,000 has been spent on it. I understand, but only three floors have been occupied and never has the place accommodated more than 150 patients.

The waste is obvious, colossal, inexcusable. Every cent of that money could have been saved by using vacant hospital space in that area.

A week ago, the army site board had a meeting at the Breakers and decided to make this lavish, rich man's hotel into a permanent army hospital, although a few miles away at Boca Raton, the army already is paying \$90,000 a year rent for a project which would make

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SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Milton Holmes, new Riverside USO official, breakfasting at the local center at bright and early 11 a. m.

Fred Morris hoping the Black Tornado has got its bad game out of its system.

Recorder Mose Alford chasing down Hizzoner Clarence Meeker for a necessary signature.

Center of Suit



Two-year-old Marylyn, above, daughter of Mrs. Shirley Evans Hassau, who claims that Actor Errol Flynn is father of the child, is shown in San Francisco as the little girl's mother arrived to take her to Los Angeles.

FLYNN'S ACCUSER DENIED DAUGHTER

Hollywood, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Blonde Shirley Hassau, who drove to San Francisco to get the child she alleges is that of Film Star Errol Flynn, was back home today—without her daughter.

"But we are sure she'll be here in time for a court appearance Friday," Mrs. Hassau said. Both the 21-year-old mother and Flynn were scheduled to appear Friday when the actor will be ordered to show cause why he should not support Mrs. Hassau and her child pending trial of her \$17,000 paternity suit.

Charles B. Taylor, Mrs. Hassau's attorney, said she is now in a rest home recovering from her fight to regain custody of 3-year-old Marylyn from her aunt, Mrs. Florence Mullen, in San Francisco.

CIVILIANS SLAIN, EARTH SCORCHED IN ITALY RETREAT

Allies Capture 17 Towns In Gains Up To Seven Miles; Germans In Retreat.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Battered German armies were falling back across Italy today, murdering civilians and "scorching" the countryside in their path, and Allied forces pounding at their heels captured 17 towns in gains up to seven miles.

The Fifth army already was charging the coastal end of a new defense line on which the Germans were struggling to dig in after their beating along the Volturno. Anchored on the ridge, the line lay before the 2,500-foot sugar loaf Massico Garigliano river, 18 miles above the Volturno and 85 miles from Rome.

Orderly Retreat
Despite unrelenting Allied pressure, the German retreat was orderly. In its wake was a maze of mines, demolitions, booby traps, and rear guard positions through which the American and British units were cutting their way.

The Italian terrain which the Nazis left was bleak with burning haystacks, the ashes of farmhouses, and the bodies of civilians falling victim to the German's scorched earth policy combined with an apparent desire for revenge on their former Axis partners who gave up.

Everything of value which the Germans could not take with them they destroyed, according to reports from the steadily shifting front.

Take Important Towns
Maintaining steady pressure on the German rear guards, Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's men of the Fifth army occupied the important towns of Dragoni, Rocca Romano and Pignataro.

In the Adriatic coastal sector Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth army forged ahead four miles to seize Pettacato, nine miles above Termoli, in a four-mile advance while scoring gains of five to seven miles inland.

Pettacato fell after heavy fighting in which the British used tanks and artillery to blast out the stubborn German garrison.

SCHOOL AID BILL VIRTUALLY DEAD

Washington, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — The senate today virtually killed the \$300,000,000 federal school aid bill by voting 53 to 26 to send it back to committee after a stipulation had been written into the measure against racial discrimination.

The motion to recommit the bill was made by Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., Ohio. The move was strongly opposed by Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., who charged the amendment against racial discrimination was supported by those "whose minds constantly dwell on the next election."

The amendment against racial discrimination had been approved 40 to 37.

DANCER SUES AIR LINE AS CRASH AFTERMATH

New York, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Damage suits totalling \$405,000 were filed against Pan American Airways, Inc., today in federal court by Jeanne M. Rognan, Los Angeles dancer, as an aftermath of the clipper crash last February in Lisbon in which 20 persons lost their lives.

War Bulletins

Naples, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — A German time bomb exploded today in an office building in the heart of Naples, killing an unknown number of civilians. Ten bodies were recovered from the ruins soon after the blast, and several passers-by were killed.

London, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Big formations of American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted all the way to their target by fighter planes, blasted an important industrial town in western Germany today.

American Thunderbolt fighters and Allied Spitfires covered the heavy bombers throughout the flight into the stoutly defended area of Germany. Losses were fairly small.

HOUSE MEMBERS GIVEN LOWDOWN ON WAR ACTION

Washington, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Army talent ranging from the top four-star general to a fighting private gave 400 House members are low-down on the war today.

Members were generous in praise of the presentation. Chairman Clarence Cannon, D., Mo., of the House Appropriations committee, said it was "very convincing." Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn., said the "tone was optimistic, but it clearly showed we still have a hell of a job to do."

As an added attraction at an unprecedented closed meeting in the library of congress, the war department tossed in four or five official action films, including one showing the Sicilian invasion and another the capture of Rendova in the Pacific. Before a brief recess, the house members heard Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and others present what an army spokesman called "a frank statement of facts."

TORTURE-KILLING CHARGED TO NAZIS

London, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — The Soviet High Command today charged Germany with the torture-killing of thousands of Russian citizens during the occupation of Kharkov, asserting that Gestapo squads murdered 14,000 persons there in a single day.

On January 2, 1942, the High Command said in a supplementary communiqué broadcast by radio Moscow, the Gestapo drove thousands of old men, women and children to the Kharkov tractor factory grounds where a huge ditch was dug and mined. Fourteen thousand of them were thrown into the ditch and killed, it said.

The Germans also were charged with daily executions of Soviet citizens in a gas chamber mounted on a truck.

During the second German occupation of Kharkov this year, the High Command said, 6,000 persons were shot and killed.

Barefoot Poet Held On Obscene Letter

Stockton, Cal., Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Robert Hartford, 31-year-old barefooted amateur poet and pants-praiser, was held here today on charges of sending obscene letters to Film Star Greer Garson.

Detective Sergeant R. C. Parker said he arrested Hartford yesterday in a hotel on a warrant filed in Los Angeles a few weeks ago. He was barefooted and told Parker "that's the way I like to go around."

FORTUNE TO DOCTOR

Dedham, Mass., Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — The late Mrs. Angeline F. Kitson, divorced wife of Prof. Harry D. Kitson of Columbia University has left a \$300,000 estate, of which \$50,000 was bequeathed to her physician.

Allied Bombers Destroy 60 More Jap Planes In Surprise Attack on Much-Battered Rabaul

MEDFORD COUNCIL EYES PROBLEMS OF GROWING CITY

Population Of 25,000 To 50,000 May Be Expected After War, Leaders Say.

Sanitation and health problems of a Medford expected in the years after the war to have a population of 25,000, 35,000 and even possibly 50,000 were thoroughly discussed and analyzed at a joint, informal meeting of the city council and planning commission Monday night.

Mayor Clarence A. Meeker, in charge of the meeting, explained that it was the purpose of the council and planning commission to go into all matters pertaining to post-war development, with emphasis on sanitation and health.

Informal Plans
He emphasized the discussion was held primarily for the purpose of making long-range but informal plans for the time when present facilities and services will be inadequate for a city that will probably double or triple its population.

"It is the plan of the council, at a later date, to continue this discussion with the chamber of commerce and the service clubs," the mayor said, "for the advice, judgment and co-operation of all citizens will be needed if we are to map out a program that will be sorely needed."

Principal point of discussion was the sewage disposal problem, with tentative plans made to construct new trunk lines capable of carrying the loads expected, especially from the west side. There was also talk of the need for a garbage incinerator in the future, to improve the general sanitary situation.

The problem of flood control, which has long faced the city, came in for much discussion. It was pointed out that the main post-war project in this respect would be the improvement of the drainage system in territory adjacent to the city. The runoff now pours into south Medford. Bear Creek control also was discussed.

Talk also centered around the future possibility of a large park and outdoor swimming pool, along with other recreational facilities, and the improvement of the Jackson street bridge, which is very narrow.

Mayor Meeker said that after a complete survey of post-war needs is made and a definite program drawn up, the necessary engineering service may be provided for in the next budget which will be made up in July.

REDS THREATEN TO CIRCLE HUGE GERMAN FORCE

Mobile Contingent Driving Swiftly Through Defense Inside Dnieper Bend.

Moscow, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Russian mobile forces were reported driving swiftly through crumbled German defenses inside the Dnieper bend today in a cyclonic sweep which threatened the imminent encirclement of tens of thousands of Nazis in the Dnepropetrovsk area.

The army organ Red Star quoted the clandestine Soviet newspaper Red Crimea that German officers were fleeing the Crimea in large groups.

(The Berlin radio admitted that the Russians had scored a major breakthrough "with heaviest forces" in the Dnepropetrovsk-Kremenchug sector, and said the Germans had thrown all available reserves into a "terrific" battle which the Nazis expected to increase in scope and intensity.)

Nazis Reinforced
Below the Dnieper bend the Germans continued to pour reinforcements into Meliopol to delay its fall as long as possible in order to complete the evacuation of 250,000 wounded soldiers convalescing in the Crimea, Soviet front dispatches said.

The Russian capture yesterday of Pyatikhatka, key railroad junction west of Dnepropetrovsk, ruptured the main escape route of the Germans from the nose of the Dnieper bulge.

At Pyatikhatka the Red army controlled the biggest German clearing point for supplies to the middle Dnieper section, and held a springboard for a 35-mile plunge southwestward to the great metallurgical center of Krivirog.

Front reports said the German fortifications were falling apart throughout the Dnieper bend area as the Russians pressed the swift development of their big gap into the river line southeast of Kremenchug.

Tokyo Says U. S. Will Foot Bill

(By United Press)
Tokyo radio switched today from its usual theme of eventual Axis world domination to give, for the first time, its version of what would follow an Allied victory in Europe.

"With the defeat of Europe by the anti-Axis forces," Tokyo said, "America will have to foot the bill with anarchy rampant after a victory in Europe."

Coast OPA Chief



Leo Gentner recently was appointed Office of Price Administration chief of the eighth region, comprising the Pacific Coast and Western states. He has headquarters at San Francisco.

WILLKIE BOASTS NOMINATION HIS IF HE WANTS IT

Washington, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Wendell L. Willkie, who has dedicated himself to removing President Roosevelt from the White House, has informed congressional Republicans that he can have the 1944 GOP presidential nomination if he wants it.

Willkie's confident prediction was made last night at a closed session of the Republican "Freshman" club composed of 59 new members of the house. He spoke before them and an equal number of older Republican members, including Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.

He returned to New York early today after a series of private conferences that left all concerned convinced not only that he wants the nomination but has devoted considerable time to organizing to get it.

DOWNEY CANDIDATE

Washington, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Senator Sheridan Downey, D., Calif., today announced he will be a candidate for re-election next year.

OREGON WEATHER

Light rain over Cascades and westward, with light showers east portion today and tonight; warmer east portion.

The sun never sets on a game of soccer.

MITCHELLS DRIVE THROUGH STORM TO BLAST ENEMY

Freighter, Corvette And Destroyer Sent To Bottom; Allies Lose Three Planes.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Allied bombing fleets destroyed at least 60 more Japanese planes and three ships in a surprise return attack on the battered enemy stronghold at Rabaul, New Britain, a communique disclosed today.

Other planes heaped new destruction on Japanese air bases along the northern shore of New Britain and bombed a troop-laden transport into flaming wreckage off the coast of New Ireland.

Follow-up Raid
Five waves of Mitchell medium bombers, flying without fighter escort, struck Rabaul Monday in a follow-up to the raid last Tuesday that destroyed or damaged 177 Japanese planes and 123 vessels.

Riding through a tropical thunderstorm at tree-top level, the raiders again caught the enemy off guard and sent their bombs and machine gun fire crashing through the base before the Japanese could send their fighters aloft.

The first wave hammered shipping in the crowded harbor, sending a 6,000-ton freighter and a corvette to the bottom, and succeeding formations sank a destroyer, knocked out anti-aircraft batteries and damaged another cargo ship.

Three Planes Lost
At least 23 grounded enemy planes were destroyed and 37 other planes that battled the raiders on their homeward flight were shot down, at a cost of three Allied bombers.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's heavy bombers followed up the Rabaul raid with an attack on the enemy airdrome at Cape Gloucester, on the northwestern end of New Britain, and other heavy and medium bombers dropped 25 tons of explosives on the Cape Hoskins field, midway between Cape Gloucester and Rabaul.

Liberator bombers from Adm. William F. Halsey's South Pacific command intercepted a six-ship Japanese convoy off Kavieng, New Ireland, Sunday and pounded it intermittently for 24 hours.

An 8,000-ton transport, loaded with enemy troops, was set afire by a direct bomb hit and left sinking off Mussau island. Two other 1,000-ton freighters were attacked and damaged and an enemy float plane was shot down.

MacArthur's communique reported increasingly fierce land action around Finschhafen, on the northeastern coast of New Guinea, where a strong force of Japanese troops attacked repeatedly in an effort to dislodge Australian troops from the base.

The Australians wiped out the last remnants of Japanese reinforcements that landed from barges north of Finschhafen over the weekend.

BEN BERNIE DIES IN HEART RELAPSE

Beverly Hills, Cal., Oct. 20 — (U.P.) — Ben Bernie, "Old Maestro" of the band leaders, died at his Beverly Hills home today.

Bernie's death just before 9 a. m. came after a sudden recurrence of heart trouble which followed pneumonia last March. At that time physicians said his condition was critical and kept him under an oxygen tent for several weeks.

The bandleader had been recuperating slowly until he was stricken with his last heart attack late last week.