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Forecast: Occasional showers today and tonight. Little change in temperature.
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Reds Squeezing Nazis Out of Russia



Despite stiffer German resistance, especially around Melitopol, where the Nazis are rushing troops to protect their evacuation of the Crimea, Soviet troops continue their stubborn drive to push the enemy from Russia. Current Russian offensives are aimed at points indicated on the map.

REDS TAKE TWO BIG INDUSTRIAL CENTERS

NAZI RESISTANCE CRUSHED IN NOSE OF DNEIPER BULGE

Dnepropetrovsk and Dneprodzerzhinsk Fall Before Fast-Moving Red Forces.

London, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The Red army captured the great industrial cities of Dnepropetrovsk and Dneprodzerzhinsk today, crushing German resistance in the nose of the Dnieper river bulge and decisively crumbling the entire lower end of the Nazi defense line.

Premier-Marshal Josef Stalin announced the double victory in an order of the day following Moscow dispatches revealing that Soviet mobile forces had raced half way down the 100-mile route from Melitopol to the Perekop neck of the Crimea, and that Cossack outriders already were ranging the approaches to the Black sea peninsula.

Storm Across Dnieper Russian assault forces drove across the Dnieper to storm and capture Dnepropetrovsk, second city of the Ukraine with a normal population of 500,000 and Dneprodzerzhinsk, 18 miles to the west on the trunk railway. In announcing the victory, Moscow bracketed with Dneprodzerzhinsk, a steel city of 150,000, its old name of Kamenskaya, which was abandoned in the course of the quadrupling of its population in recent years.

"These are the most important industrial centers of the southern districts of our country and important centers of German resistance on the Dnieper bend," Stalin said in hailing the capture of the twin strongholds.

Tank Battles Rage Pravda said unprecedented tank battles were raging all along the west bank of the Dnieper between Gomel and Kremenchug, with the Russians crushing the German defenses and thrusting far to the west.

Kiev was reported invested from north and south but still bitterly defended by 14 German divisions. Soviet river craft already are plying long stretches of the Dnieper, the Russians said, safe beyond the range of German artillery.

A Pravda dispatch said that at an unspecified point the Red army encircled and wiped out the entire 23rd German division, killing its commander.

NEED SOLICITORS FOR CHEST DRIVE

Due to lack of volunteer workers for solicitations, the progress of the annual Community Chest drive has been considerably slowed. A. S. Cummins, chairman of the drive, pointed out today that in many instances the men and women who in previous years aided with the drive were not available and he urged citizens not to wait for a personal solicitation.

"Contributions may be made at either of the two Medford banks, at the Chamber of Commerce or at the California-Oregon Power company office," he said. "And I strongly urge citizens to voluntarily make their contributions, without waiting for someone to call upon them, and to do so at once. The quota for the Medford district is nearly \$44,000 and so far the response has been slow."

It was pointed out that the funds raised will not only supply the budgets of six local organizations and committees, but that 17 agencies of the National War fund, such as the USO, will receive funds from the local campaign.

Kaiser Shipyard Champion Builder Of Tank Vessels

Portland, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Henry Kaiser has done it again, this time for the tanker building championship of the nation.

Kaiser's Swan Island tanker shipyard in Portland received notice today from Rear Admiral H. L. Vickery, chairman of the U. S. Maritime commission, that the first monthly award of the championship tanker flag had been won here, to be flown for the next month or until some other yard exceeds the production record of Swan Island. The award was based on the productivity per yard, since yards have varying size and working conditions. The yard launched its first ship on October 24, 1942, and just a year later, its 35th ship.

YANKEE BOMBERS DAMAGE TARGETS WITHIN AUSTRIA

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Mediterranean-based American heavy bombers attacked axis targets in Austria for the third time yesterday and enemy broadcasts admitted that a major objective south of Vienna had been badly damaged.

(British plywood Mosquito bombers carried the air war in Germany from bases in Britain, pounding industrial targets in the battered Ruhr and Rhine-land without loss. Other bombers laid mines in enemy waters.)

A communique from allied headquarters said the bombers were escorted by long-range fighters, suggesting that the attack may have been launched from newly-own airbases around Foggia, in Southern Italy.

Roundabout German reports heard in London said a force of 300 bombers with an escort of 200 fighter planes carried out the attack, causing air raid alarms in Zagreb and Budapest. Some bombs were dropped in western and southwestern Hungary, these broadcasts said.

BOWLES NOMINATED FOR OPA ADMINISTRATOR

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today sent to the senate the nomination of Chester Bowles, general manager of the Office of Price Administration, to succeed Prentiss M. Brown as OPA administrator.

Brown's resignation as administrator was announced last Thursday.

Morgenthau Would Puncture Americans' Over-Optimism

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., is going home after a week-long tour of the Mediterranean front to puncture the American people's "over-optimism" and to arrange for a top-flight salesman to supervise the selling of war bonds to American soldiers in North Africa.

"We have got a damn tough job ahead of us and the sooner we realize it the better," will be the gist of the secretary's message to the United States on his return, he told correspondents at a press conference yesterday.

"There is no question that the people at home are far too optimistic. When I was at the Volturno I could see that the hills are getting higher all the time as we advance, that we are going to be fighting uphill all

ALABAMA MINERS PAY LITTLE HEED TO WLB WARNING

Only 1 Mine in Normal Operation After Ultimatum—Trainmen Debate Change.

(By United Press) Only one of Alabama's strike-closed coal mines returned to normal operation Monday in answer to a War Labor board ultimatum while at Chicago four major railroad operating unions debated on whether to make a radical change in working conditions a stake in the membership's strike vote next month.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the largest of the unions, decided Sunday to submit a proposal for drastic revision in working rules to its members as an additional issue when they vote whether to strike to enforce wage demands. Officials of four other railroad unions may decide today to join the BRT in its new demands.

1,000 at Work In Alabama, only 1,000 of the state's estimated 20,000 striking miners returned to work in response to what WLB members said was a final back-to-the-mines appeal before sending the dispute to President Roosevelt. The single mine in operation was one of the two Woodward Iron company shafts.

Meanwhile, Acting Chairman Charles F. Wilson of the War Production board said the strikes had cut 300,000 tons from the normal coal output, endangering war production acutely in view of the shortage of reserves and the approach of winter.

In Kentucky the situation eased early Monday with the return of more than 4,000 striking miners at six major shafts. About 2,880 remained on strike, however, in Harlan county, protesting government delay in settling the national wage dispute.

STORM WARNINGS FOR LONG COAST SECTION

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The weather bureau yesterday issued storm warnings for the coastline from Cape Mendocino, Calif., to Tatoosh Island, Wash., and for the Straits of Juan De Fuca and inland waters of Washington.

618 POLIO CASES

Sacramento, Calif., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The state public health department today reported 618 cases of infantile paralysis occurred in September, the largest number during any single month of the year.

NASSAU KILLER TRIED TO BURN CRIME EVIDENCE

Nassau, Bahamas, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—After testifying that the assassin who clubbed to death Sir Harry Oakes apparently tried to burn the house down to destroy evidence, a Miami police captain swore in supreme court today that he found burns on the hand and forearm of Alfred E. Marigny a few hours after his father-in-law's body was found.

De Marigny is on trial for the murder of the wealthy American-born baronet. Capt. Edward Melchen, chief of the Miami homicide squad, who was called to Nassau to assist in the investigation of Oakes' murder, said he examined De Marigny with a microscope.

"What did you examine?" Crown Prosecutor A. F. Adderley asked.

"I examined his arm, his Van Dyke beard (since shaved off), his eyelashes and his hair."

"What did you find?" "I found one burn on the back of the right hand and forearm and a number of burned hairs. Some of the hairs had been curled by heat from a fire and others were stubby where they had been burned off."

Britain Announces Loss of Two Ships

London, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The admiralty today announced the loss of the cruiser Charybdis and the destroyer Limbourne in a battle with light enemy naval forces in the channel early last Saturday.

23 More Jap Planes Added to Allied Toll

Twenty-three more Japanese planes were added today to the enormous toll taken by allied fliers in attacks on Wewak, New Guinea, while a single allied bomber was believed to have scored hits on an enemy aircraft carrier.

The latest raid on Wewak came Friday when three waves of Mitchells battered the air-dromes where almost 500 enemy planes have been wrecked since mid-August.

Jap Ships Hit In the Solomons, a single Liberator attacked a large enemy vessel by dark and scored hits, causing a fire, but the exact type of ship could not be ascertained. Dispatches indicated it may have been a carrier heading for Rabaul, big Japanese New Britain base.

Allied information showed enemy attacks on the ground at Finschhafen had been smashed. The Japanese were trying to extricate themselves from a trap near the captured base. Berlin radio broadcast a Tokyo dispatch claiming the attacks represented a counteroffensive.

Tokyo Version Tokyo's version was that 2,000 Australians had been killed in the fighting, but it acknowledged loss of 350 Japanese soldiers. The enemy resistance at Finschhafen finally was smashed by steady aerial attacks while veteran Australians refused to yield their ground positions.

Clark's Victor's at Sparanise now were poised for a plunge against the new German defense line blocking the Allied march on the Italian capital. On their left, British troops along the coast already were pressing up against the Massico line.

Farther inland the American flank of the Fifth army continued slow but steady progress in the face of stiff German resistance in the hills along the upper course of the Volturno.

HOLMAN HOPEFUL FOR EARLY START ON ALUMINA MILL

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Sen. Rufus C. Holman, R., Ore., today expressed hope that construction will start soon on a new alumina plant authorized for the northwest by the War Production board.

The plant, designed to extract alumina from clay, is expected to cost about \$6,000,000, he said, and an allocation already has been made through the Defense Plants Corp. to the Columbia Metals Co., Seattle, Wash.

Holman pointed out that the plant, designed to produce 50 tons of alumina a day from Oregon aluminum-bearing clay, would augment the nation's alumina resources for the war effort. He said it should be economical to operate because it is to be located near the huge Bonneville dam.

Exact location will depend upon several factors, he said, including proximity to ore and coal supplies, transportation facilities for ore and the finish product and available labor supply.

BAPTIST LEADERS END CONFERENCE

Salt Lake City, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Twenty Baptist church leaders from 10 western states ended a two-day conference on wartime problems here today with election of Worth D. Wright, Idaho Falls, Ida., as conference secretary.

The churchmen from California, Colorado, Washington, Utah, Arizona, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho agreed that church responsibility has increased many-fold as the war progresses.

Chairman Romain C. Hassrick of the National Council of Baptist men said that "soldiers need the spiritual comfort of churches, the contact of their congregations, at all times."

SENATE DEBATES AMERICAN POLICY IN WAKE OF WAR

Danaher Proposes Cooperation Predicated on Forgoing of Territorial Gains.

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Sen. John A. Danaher, R., Conn., proposed today that the United States predicate its cooperation in post-war peace machinery on a condition that participating nations forego territorial gains as a result of the present war.

Danaher made the proposal as the senate began the most significant foreign policy debate since it rejected adherence to the League of Nations.

Framework Given Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., of the senate foreign relations committee, opened the debate by telling his colleagues his resolution for post-war collaboration to maintain peace provides the "framework within which the makers of the treaty may provide the detailed structure."

But Sen. Claude Pepper, D., Fla., demanded immediate full debate of the limits to which a peace treaty could go in the matter of international cooperation. Pepper introduced a substitute on behalf of a group of senators wishing to revise the resolution's language to "clarify and strengthen" its meaning.

Danaher offered a two-page amendment containing definitions for virtually every word in Connally's brief resolution which would put the senate on record as favoring prosecution of the war to "complete victory," cooperation with the Allies in securing "just and honorable peace," and post-war collaboration with other nations in "international authority with power to prevent aggression and preserve the peace of the world."

GADDIS FOREMAN NEW GRAND JURY

Earl C. Gaddis, Medford, was named foreman of the new grand jury drawn today at the opening of the October term of the circuit court. Other members elected are:

Agnes E. Evenson, Medford; Fred A. Taylor, Ashland; W. E. McCracken, Medford; Frances Carkin, Medford; William B. Norris, Ashland, and T. M. Aldridge, Medford.

District Attorney George W. Neilson said five fatal accidents in this county the past three months and two or three criminal matters would be presented to the grand jury.

Captain Gable At New York Field

New York, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Capt. Clark Gable arrived at LaGuardia field today after a trans-Atlantic flight, unofficial sources reported. Gable, who has been stationed with the U. S. Eighth Air Force in Great Britain, is expected to report to Washington, but his immediate destination on leaving the field was not disclosed.

LUMBER WORKERS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The seventh annual convention of the Northwest Council, Lumber and Sawmill Workers, opened today with 300 delegates from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana.

President John Christenson of Seattle and W. O. Kelsay, president of the Willamette Valley Council, headed officials in charge.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 25.—Mr. Wilkie is turning republican.

In energetic front page action of late, he has sought to correct the mechanical defects of his earlier campaign for 1944. For instance, he has endorsed candidates, Edge of New Jersey, Hanley of New York, and spoke kindly of prominent Governor Warren of California. (Although they have not said what they think of him, publicly at any rate.)

His carefully arranged Washington visit was an effort to parade his bandwagon before the eyes of reluctant or antagonistic republican congressmen. His story, mostly told off the record here, runs something like this:

Dewey cannot run in view of his promises, and, if he does Wilkie will get 25 per cent of the New York delegation. MacArthur cannot campaign, and the people will not accept a man whose views are not known. Bricker can be smothered easily. Nearly all New England governors, and all except two committeemen are ready to plump for Wilkie. The south has been lined up—and so on. Boiled down, the Wilkie attitude is in effect:

"I can get the nomination on the first ballot if I want it."

The story did not have the desired effect. (The reaction it left here was that Wilkie is a very smart operator, is developing into just as clever a politician as Mr. Roosevelt, and along the same lines. His bandwagon seemed to be a self-made mirage. No one could hear the toot of any horns from it.)

ONLY one southern political leader, a Georgia national committeeman, is for Wilkie.

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OREGON WEATHER

Scattered showers today and tonight.

Northern California — Rain point arena Susanville line northward today and tonight, little change in temperature.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ruth Davis packing the car to drive to the new family home in Lebanon and finding room for everything but Hubby George.

A letter from Major Bill Clarkson telling what happened to the malaria germs which bit him in jungle climes.

Walter Redford displaying his domestic accomplishments by presiding at the waffle iron for an Ashland Job's Daughters gathering.