

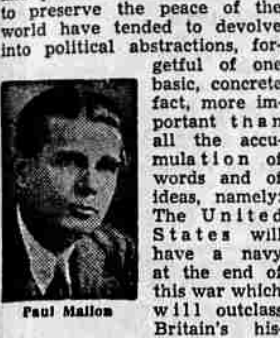
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GERMANS FLEE BEFORE COSSACKS

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



Washington, Oct. 28—Senate and public discussions on how to preserve the peace of the world have tended to devolve into political abstractions, forgetful of one basic, concrete fact, more important than all the accumulation of words and of ideas, namely: The United States will have a navy at the end of this war which will outclass Britain's historic sea power by a ratio of probably five to one, unbelievable though that guess may now seem to the public. The most conservative estimate places our contemplated superiority at three to one.

Indeed, no less secretive a source than the World Almanac was able to show, as of November, two years ago, that we then contemplated approximately a two-to-one advantage.

WHILE few appreciate the growing extent of our sea power, or its prospective peace-time usage, a magazine of the Navy League of the United States currently reports (October issue) that our growing fleet acquired in the first six months of this year six new aircraft carriers, five cruisers, 39 destroyers and 18 submarines.

Apparently, the British have not been able to build replacements for their losses (much heavier so far than ours) and, while the building plans of Tokyo are hardly guessable, it is plain from known and published facts that the United States soon will have a five-ocean navy double or triple the size of any fleet heretofore known to the world.

Therefore, the American navy will be a dominant controlling factor in the future peace of the world and its economic and

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Hungate Funeral

3 P. M. Saturday

Funeral services for William Don Hungate, killed in a logging camp accident near Prospect Tuesday, will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Littlefield funeral home in Ashland. Dr. George Bruce of the Ashland Methodist church will conduct the service.

Hungate is survived by his wife and daughter and his mother, Mrs. Blanche Hungate of Talent. He had lived in the county many years.

Classic Music At Bernie's Funeral

New York, Oct. 28—(U.P.)—Band leader Ben Bernie was buried today after a service featuring classical music which the "Old Maestro" of ragtime had selected himself for the occasion.

An estimated 1500 persons, including many radio, stage and screen greats, crowded Temple Rodeph Shalom to witness the rites conducted by Rabbi Louis I. Newman before the rose-banked coffin.

WEATHER

Northern California—Warmer interior today; scattered showers over mountains of north portion; little change in temperature.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bob Bryant declaring that he and the other 59 Oregon V-12 students at the University of California at Los Angeles had it all over the natives in more ways than one.

City Supe Frank Rogers refusing a cup of coffee because he just had a couple, and was too busy, anyway.

Al Leighton paying his first visit to a local weekly gathering and meeting a lot of "False Friends."

MILLION TROOPS THREATENED BY BREAK-THROUGH

Sixty-Mile Russian Sweep to Perekop Isthmus Would Cut Off Crimean Escape.

Moscow, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Battered German forces broke and fled in wild disorder along a 60-mile front today as powerful Cossack armored units stormed across the Nogais steppes in a two-pronged drive to seal off the Crimea and complete the encirclement of the Dnieper bulge. The decisive Russian breakthrough along the whole front from the southeast corner of the Dnieper river bend to the Sea of Azov heightened the threat of annihilation hanging over upwards of 1,000,000 Axis troops in the southern Ukraine and the Crimea.

May Cut Escape

A 60-mile Russian sweep to the Perekop isthmus would cut off all land escape from the German Crimean garrison, and a thrust across the lower reaches of the Dnieper for a junction with the Soviet column now battling in the streets of Krivoi Rog would trap the remnants of perhaps 500,000 Germans in the Dnieper bulge.

Red air force bombers, fighters and assault planes roared on ahead of the Soviet vanguard and ripped the fleeing enemy columns on the Nogais steppes with bombs and bullets, killing hundreds of troops and wrecking transports. Twenty-eight German planes which sought to interfere were shot down.

In their haste to escape, the Germans abandoned artillery, trench mortars, ammunition and other war material along the highways. Twenty tanks, 137 guns and 12 six-barreled trench mortars were captured in one sector.

REPATRIATES TELL OF CRUELITIES AT HANDS OF NAZIS

London, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—The lifting of censorship restrictions by Washington authorities permitted disclosure today that American fliers repatriated from German prison camps brought back stories of being spat upon, stoned and otherwise mistreated by German civilians angered by the fury of Allied air raids.

Tech. Sgt. Norman C. Goodwin of Bradford, Mass., who was shot down in the raid on Bremen June 22, said he heard of civilians shooting at airmen as they parachuted from wrecked planes.

Pray for War End

The Americans also said that all Germans with whom they talked, including members of the army, were praying for the end of the war and predicting that it would come during the first or second months of 1944.

The Americans first told their stories upon their arrival at Liverpool Tuesday from Germany by way of Sweden, but American censorship prevented their publication until today.

Staff Sgt. Milton Williams of Omaha, who bailed out near Bremen, said he was surrounded by a dozen angry Germans when he landed.

"Several of them had guns and threatened to shoot me," he said. "I was saved by a member of the Luftwaffe ground forces."

Williams said the German doctors at the military hospital to which he was removed handled him so roughly that he became unconscious from pain.

Goodwin, who told of reports that civilians had shot at parachuting airmen, said he rode through Hamburg en route to a German port to be exchanged.

"The city was flat for miles everywhere I looked," he said. Tech. Sgt. Frank J. Bartnicki of Moosic, Pa., said he was not given any medical aid for a week after landing in Germany, though his injuries were critical.

Lewis Terms WLB Formula a Wage Cut

War Bulletins

London, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Mitchell medium bombers together with Whirlwind and Typhoon fighter bombers attacked the docks at Cherbourg today. The raiding force, including fighters, lost one bomber.

London, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Jugoslav Partisans wiped out a strong German force that attempted to capture the island of Brac, in the Adriatic, and repulsed an enemy tank attack in the Goryanski mountains west of Zagreb, a Partisan communique said today.

London, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—The Berlin radio acknowledged today that German grenadiers had fallen back to new lines after fierce fighting west of Melitopol, where the Nazi high command had reported a Russian penetration.

ALLIES CAPTURE 8 MORE CITIES IN ITALY DRIVE

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Capturing eight more Italian towns, Allied troops have stabbed through German rearward lines in two key sectors, in the first stages of the battle of the "little Rommel line," strongest Nazi position below Rome, Allied dispatches said tonight.

Hauling artillery laboriously by hand up the steep Appennine slopes and facing the fire of Nazi batteries on higher ground before them, the Fifth and Eighth armies hacked out fresh gains of from one to three miles all across the front.

On the Fifth army sector, American troops drove a mile north of Ravenna and captured Riardo, pointing a salient within 10 miles of Venafro, "hinge" of the new German line.

In the center, Eighth army troops in a fierce battle captured strategic Torrella, eight miles northwest of Campobasso, as well as the nearby villages of Castropignano, Pignatello, Casalciprano and Roccamonte, pushing another wedge within 1 mile of vital Isernia.

BRITISH TOO SENSITIVE DECLARES SEN. RUSSELL

Washington, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell, D., Ga., told the senate today that "our British allies have become unduly sensitive" in taking offense over his report on a tour of the world this summer.

Russell was chairman of a committee of five senators who visited war fronts and reported their findings to a closed session of the senate three weeks ago. Besides defending their right to discuss war matters, Russell repeated his report in open session today, "to clear the atmosphere and make plain my own views."

Confidence Goes

The Gazette De Lausanne was quoted by the London Daily Telegraph as saying that pessimism and mistrust have replaced confidence in victory in Germany, "due less to the unfavorable military developments on the eastern and southern fronts as to the increasing allied air offensive."

"It is impossible to exaggerate the disastrous effects of the Anglo-American raids on German morale," the Lausanne newspaper said. "Few Germans are able to sleep without fear and all keep emergency cases filled with their belongings at their bedside."

British prisoners repatriated from Germany told the Telegraph that the Reich is shabby and dispirited, knows the war is lost and anxious only for it to end.

Don't Care Who Wins

"The Germans don't mind who wins the war as long as it finishes," Cpl. John Smithson was quoted as saying.

RETAIL SALES TAX IS FROWNED UPON BY HOUSE GROUP

Ways, Means Committee Action Eliminates Possibility of Any Kind of Sales Tax.

Washington, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—The House Ways and Means committee today rejected proposals for a national retail sales tax.

It was learned that the vote against the sales tax was 16 to 8. Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn., said that before the committee voted, it was "given assurance" that President Roosevelt would veto a sales tax bill.

According to Chairman Robert L. Doughton, the committee settled the long-fought issue by voting down a motion by Rep. A. Willis Robertson, D., Va., to impose a 10 per cent modified sales levy for the duration of the war.

"This eliminates the possibility of a sales tax of any kind in the revenue bill which we will report to the House," Doughton said.

Excise and Profit

The action practically assured that the committee will send to the House a \$2,000,000,000 program of excise and excess profits taxes in lieu of the administration's request for a \$10,500,000,000 program of income, excise and estate levies.

Despite vigorous protests of reporters, Doughton refused to state what the committee vote was on Robertson's motion.

Robertson's plan provided for issuance by local ration boards of books containing \$10 worth of stamp coupons, which would cover \$100 worth of purchases—in effect, an exemption for the first \$100 worth of goods purchased during the year. Purchases, in excess of this amount, would be subject to the 10 per cent tax.

M'KELLAR WARNS AGAINST DISPUTE

Washington, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Sen. Kenneth D. McKellar, D., Tenn., warned the senate today against writing into its postwar resolution any language which "might conceivably" rekindle dispute over voting power of nations joining any world organization to prevent future war.

McKellar, member of the senate during the fight over ratification of the League of Nations following World War I, said "just such an argument" was the principal reason for defeat of the league.

LANDING ON MONO PERILS LAST JAP SOLOMONS BASE

Allied Thrust May Mean Outflanking of Buin-Faisi and Open Rabaul Flank.

(By United Press)
Allied amphibious forces have landed on Mono island, only 30 miles southwest of the Buin-Faisi sea and air base, last major Japanese stronghold in the Solomon Islands, Radio Tokyo said today.

The thrust into the northern Solomons, it confirmed, would all but outflank Buin-Faisi, which lies at the southern tip of Bougainville island, and constitute the opening wedge in a drive to open the eastern flank of Rabaul—Japan's Pearl Harbor of the South Pacific.

There was no immediate confirmation from Allied sources, but today's communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters revealed that Allied airmen dropped 50 tons of explosives on Bougainville and the Treasury islands in a four-day attack that may have been intended to soften the enemy's defenses for an amphibious assault.

DIM-OUT RULES WILL END NOV. 1

San Francisco, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—The Pacific coast today joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the end of all dim-out restrictions Nov. 1, as the western defense command announced suspension of army dim-out regulations.

Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commander of the western defense command said his announcement was in line with a nationwide policy formulated by the War and Navy departments, the Office of Civilian Defense and the War Production board.

Beginning Monday, Pacific coast cities which were once considered likely targets for enemy air raids, will glow with peacetime brilliance, and motorists and householders will have no further dim-out obligations.

Talent Burglary Eyed by Officers

State police and the sheriff's office were investigating today the burglary last night of Long's restaurant in Talent. Details were not immediately available as to the loot obtained and whether any clues were discovered.

ANOTHER GENERAL WALKOUT LOOMS IN COAL DISPUTE

Continued Lack of Wage Agreement Brings Spreading Walkouts; 40,000 Idle

Washington, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—President John L. Lewis today termed the War Labor Board formula for settling the long coal wage dispute "a wage reduction," indicating the union will not accept the proposal. Lewis' statement was made in a telegram to United Mine Workers district presidents "to allay confusion indicated by many inquiries."

40,000 Idle
Lewis' message was revealed as the War Labor Board was going over reports from the coal

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.—the south's largest manufacturer of war-vital steel—announced today that the company's massive Ensley Works will cease all manufacture of iron and steel the first of next week "unless the situation brought about by the coal strike gets much better."

fields, where 40,000 miners are out despite a WLB order to return to work this morning or have the wildcat strike situation referred to the president for action.

The miners are supposed to work until Sunday under the last directive from the UMW policy committee. Indications seemed to be growing that the unofficial strikes would increase as that deadline approached.

Figures Quoted
The existing basic hourly rate is \$1 per hour for seven hours' work, or \$7 per day," Lewis said in his message. "The WLB proposes a rate of \$8.125 for a work day of 8 1/4 hours, or an hourly rate of 95 1/2 cents per hour. Acceptance of this plan would impose a wage reduction on the mine workers of the nation amounting to 4 1/2 cents per hour."

Lewis obviously figured the full 8 1/4 hours as working time. The War Labor Board based its formula on an estimate that actually 45 minutes of the 8 1/4 hours would be underground travel time, for which the miners at present are not paid anything.

TULE LAKE JAPS REFUSE TO WORK

San Francisco, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—A strike of 15,000 Japanese at the war relocation authority's Tule Lake segregation center in northern California was revealed today by R. S. Cozzens, field assistant director of WRA in charge of west coast operations.

Officials at the camp termed the strike the work of "experts," and said disloyal Japanese taken there recently with their families were "passively" refusing to harvest crops intended for consumption by "loyal" Japanese.

They admitted there was evidence that "intimidation and a display of force" was being made to prevent Japanese from working but emphasized there had been no signs of violence and "none was expected."

Idaho Spud Crop Periled by Storm

Boise, Ida., Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—A general storm over all of Idaho today imperiled remainder of potatoes and sugar beets, valued at nearly \$15,000,000, yet to be harvested.

Digging of both crops was stopped completely from Twin Falls through the upper Snake River valley.

New York Socialite Found Slain



The nude, battered body of 22-year-old Patricia Burton Lonergan, above, was found locked in the bedroom of her luxurious East Side New York apartment. Her husband, Wayne Lonergan, RCAF cadet, in Toronto, Canada, and Mario Gambelline, in New York, a recent dinner companion of Mrs. Lonergan, were taken into custody shortly after discovery of the slaying.

Confession From Husband Claimed In Murder of Patricia Lonergan

New York, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—A high police official said late today that Wayne Lonergan had confessed to the slaying of his beautiful, socialite wife, Patricia Burton Lonergan.

The police immediately sent marine launches to 79th street and the East river to grapple for the pale blue RCAF uniform which Lonergan was reported to have thrown into the river at that point.

He was reported to have said he weighted the uniform down with stones before tossing it into the river and fleeing to Toronto, Canada.

The point where he disposed of the uniform is approximately 32 blocks from the apartment occupied by the brewery heiress wife who was strangled and beaten to death last Sunday morning.

SUSPECT JAILED IN SLAYING OF EUGENE RESIDENT

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—State police today announced that Ben Rogers, husband of the victim's housekeeper, had been jailed on an open charge today in connection with the mysterious death of Warren Allison Warfield, 38, feed store employee.

Authorities were trying to clear up various angles of the case, including the fact that Mrs. Rogers, who kept house for Warfield since his divorce several years ago, apparently feared for his life prior to his death. She was estranged from her former husband.

No weapon has been found. Coroner Charles Poole said, and he would not say for sure that the bloody wound near Warfield's heart was caused by a bullet, although he felt it a likely cause of death. He summoned Dr. Joe Beeman, state police laboratory expert, from Portland to conduct an autopsy.

Mrs. Rogers and her brother found the body last night when she became alarmed at his failure to answer his telephone. He was sprawled near a chicken house in front of his brilliantly lighted home atop a hill overlooking Eugene. It appeared he had staggered a few steps before collapsing.

Mr. Jackson stated yesterday that if a buyer believes he is being charged more than the ceiling price for some article, he may ask for a receipt or sales slip which may be taken to the price panel of the local board as a basis for investigation. The burden of maintaining ceiling prices is put on the seller, but it was stressed that if the buying public informs itself on the matter, a more uniform observance will result.

Washington, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—The senate today unanimously confirmed the nomination of Jack R. Caulfield for marshal of the district of Oregon.

Medford district Community Chest subscriptions up to last night were:
\$16,934.65
Quota is \$45,718.40.