

# Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy Sunday. Showers in hills. Clear Monday. Little temperature change. Temp. Highest yesterday 43. Lowest this morning 39. Precipitation past 24 hrs. .56

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# YANKES GAIN HILL BEFORE ROME

## CHIEF BARRIERS GAINED BY FIFTH ARMY OFFENSIVE

Record Barrage Paves Way—British Threaten to Roll Up Nazi Front.

On Mt. Camino With the Fifth Army, Dec. 3—(U.P.)—American troops, supported by some British units, scrambled up rugged Mt. Camino in a rainstorm today and, fighting their way from cave to cave, seized all of its prominent peaks in the wake of an artillery barrage that pinned the Germans to the rocky face of the mountain like pasted paper figures.

It was the heaviest artillery drubbing the Germans have yet taken in Italy and rivaled any laid down on any front in this war.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Mud-begrimed American troops battled today to 3000-foot crests overlooking the 70-mile open valley route to Rome while Gen. Sir B. L. Montgomery's Eighth army broke through with tanks to flat country along the Adriatic, threatening to roll up the tottering Nazi front in Italy.

In six days of bloody fighting, beginning with the Eighth army's crossing of the Sangro river and climaxed when Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army went over to the offensive at dawn yesterday, the main barriers to Rome had been breached.

Storming forward behind a 200-shell-a-minute barrage and thunderous aerial support, the Fifth army drove two miles in the first 36 hours of its offensive and gained all the dominant features of lofty Mt. Camino, overlooking Cassino at the head of the Rome valley.

Battling rock-slides set loose by the mud and the fury of the fighting as well as intense German fire, Clark's doughboys had virtually outflanked the Nazi stronghold of Mignano to the east, which guards the Rome railroad gorge leading to the valley.

From Cassino the Eternal City is 70 miles away almost as the crow flies and the entire distance—except for potential bottle-necks around Frosinone and Valmontone—is open country beyond artillery range from German positions on the coastal and central mountain ranges.

After a month of routine patrolling and bringing up supplies the Fifth army cut loose its restack barrage like a bolt of lightning Thursday afternoon.

More than 500 guns roared as one thunderclap in perhaps the greatest artillery display of the Italian campaign, devastating German-held areas of 300 square yards as many as 1000 rounds in five minutes. Farther back, overlapping waves of Allied aircraft screamed down on German supply troops and distribution centers.

Then when the infantry slogged forward with the following dawn they found the Germans still cringing in their foxholes and dugouts where the barrage had pinned them, most of them only too glad to surrender, although a few could be convinced only by death from Yankee hand grenades.

Many an American died, too, in the struggle for Mt. Camino, which appeared destined to prove as decisive in the battle for Rome as Ili 609 was in the drive for Bizerte in Tunisia.

## BOLIVIA AT WAR WITH AXIS LANDS

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The president of the Bolivian cabinet announced today that the government had declared war on the Axis nations. Bolivia's declaration followed by one week the action of her sister republic, Colombia, in declaring a state of belligerency against Germany.

## Three-Power Meet in Cairo to Settle Japs' Fate



Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill meet at their historic Cairo conference to settle the fate of Japan in World War II. (Photo radioed Cairo-New York. Photo from OWI, Radio-Telephoto.)

## TENTH BIRTHDAY FOR DRY REPEAL NOT VERY HAPPY

Liquor Industry Peeved, Citizens Glum and WCTU Campaigning.

Chicago, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The eve of the 10th anniversary of the repeal of prohibition tonight found the wets and dries again at each other's throats, the man in the street glum because he couldn't buy a bottle and the liquor industry peeved because it has been accused of withholding its product.

The toper wanting his tippie was as harassed as during the 13-year period of national prohibition which ended when the senate passed the 21st amendment 63 to 23 and the house 289 to 121 and 36 states ratified the repeal act to make it the law of the land.

The 10th anniversary of repeal was not a happy celebration. At Evanston, Ill., the Women's Christian Temperance Union announced it would open an anti-liquor campaign tomorrow in hopes of eliminating liquor production again. The crusade will be conducted from church pulpits throughout the nation.

Simultaneously, the conference of Alcoholic Beverages Industries, Inc., opened a newspaper advertising campaign to tell the nation why the industry is vital to the war program, both on the military and civilian fronts and why it cannot quench the great American thirst.

Remaining neutral, the American Business Men's Research Foundation presented arguments for and against in an effort to shed light on both sides of the question.

## PAY DENIAL FOR STRIKERS UPHELD

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The War Labor board today upheld its Detroit regional board in denying pay to employees of the Nash-Kelvinator propeller division at Lansing, Mich., for a work stoppage which the United Automobile Workers (CIO) described as a "lockout." The stoppage occurred last month when the company turned off the power in its factory because of a demonstration by blade department employees against two supervisory officials who allegedly had ignored grievance complaints.

The total cost of Oregon's schools in 1940, including the debt service, was \$22,006,789.

## War Bulletins

(By United Press) A new contingent of American troops has arrived in Britain, the British radio reported Saturday in a broadcast heard by CBS.

(By United Press) Radio Berlin, in a broadcast recorded in New York by the United Press Saturday, said the American hospital ship "Arcadia" arrived at Gibraltar Thursday with a "great number of seriously wounded aboard."

## ALLIED BOMBERS HIT ENEMY BASE ON NEW BRITAIN

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sunday, Dec. 5—(U.P.)—A force of Allied Liberators and Mitchell bombers carried out a record air blow against Cape Gloucester on the northwestern tip of New Britain island Friday, dumping 179 tons of bombs on the enemy airdrome and installations, a communique announced today.

Heavy damage was caused in the raid and the communique reported that "the whole area was covered with a blanket of smoke and fire."

The communique also reported that sharp fighting was in progress at the Japanese New Guinea base of Waco, 10 miles above Finschhafen on the Huon peninsula, where Australians closing in on the enemy outpost have crossed the Kalung river.

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Navy land-based B-24 Liberator bombers, prowling the Pacific skies over Japan's perimeter defenses, attacked enemy ships, planes and installations in the Marshall Islands Dec. 1 and 2, a U. S. Pacific fleet headquarters spokesman said today.

One heavy bomber strayed airdrome installations on Milne, a medium-sized cargo vessel in the lagoon and a number of small craft.

## BULLETIN

Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The University of California varsity basketball team opened the 1943-44 season with a surprising 71-19 win over San Francisco State. California Institute of Technology 43, University of Southern California 35.

ARMY BOMBER CRASHES—Reading, Pa., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—An army bomber crashed and exploded in a farm field at Elverson, 15 miles east of here, late tonight and police said seven of the nine crew members were killed.

## CHINESE PREDICT VICTORY NEAR IN CHANGTEH BATTLE

Hong Kong Shipping and Docks Bombed; Jap Army Circled.

Chungking, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—B-25 Mitchell bombers of the U. S. 14th air force and the Chinese-American wing have blasted Japanese shipping and installations at Hongkong, it was announced today, as a Chinese military spokesman predicted news of "a decisive nature indicating, the complete victory is in our grasp," in the bloody battle of Changteh.

Maintaining their attrition raids, the Chinese-American bombers were reported to have dropped 90 per cent of their bomb loads on Kowloon and the Taikmo docks at Hongkong, Dec. 1, sinking a 4,000-ton ship and badly damaging two other cargo craft in drydock. Fighter planes also scored enemy supply lines in French Indo-China and attacked troop-carrying craft on Lake Tungting, apparently headed for Changteh.

The Chinese spokesman asserted Friday that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces north of Changteh gradually were completing a counter-encirclement of the Japs, who, he conceded, had completely surrounded the city. He said that this counter-move would close all enemy escape routes, except across the lake and added that meanwhile "fierce close-quarter fighting continues within the city."

## YOUTHS WILL CUT DAD DRAFT CALLS

Salem, Ore., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—State selective service director Col. Elmer V. Wootton asserted today that Oregon would never reach a stage where draft quotas would be filled wholly by pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

Young men just turning 18 would fill a substantial part of the quotas, Wootton said. Approximately one-fourth the January quota for Oregon will be drawn from pre-Pearl Harbor fathers who are not in war work, however.

VETS GOOD GARDENERS—Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—A photograph of four navy seabees standing in the midst of their island victory garden in the southwest Pacific today won for each of them a \$50 prize in a garden photo contest staged by the Santa Fe railway for its employees.

## SOVIET PINCERS THREATEN NAZI LAST ESCAPE GAP

Zhlobin and Rogachev Menaced—Berlin Admits Important Line Cut.

London, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Gen. Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Soviet pincer threatened tonight to collapse the Nazi White Russian escape gap at any moment, with one column driving within eight miles southwest of Zhlobin and another menacing the neighboring city of Rogachev from positions only seven miles to the east.

Moscow's operational communique reported that Rokossovsky's forces, advancing on Zhlobin from two directions, captured more than 30 towns and villages northwest of Gomel today, including the railway station of Khilach, eight miles southeast of Zhlobin on the railroad to Bobruisk and Minsk.

The northeastern arm of the Red Army pincer carried a double menace to Rogachev and Zhlobin, taking Gadiolovich, seven miles east of Rogachev and 13 northeast of Zhlobin, and Gorodets, 12 miles northeast of Zhlobin.

Meanwhile, radio Berlin broadcast German High Command reports that the Russians were attacking west of the railroad from Zhlobin to Kalinkovich, indicating that this important line had been cut by Rokossovsky's forces. The Nazis admitted that the Russians had entered on important, unidentified road junction on the Berezina river south of Zhlobin but said they had been driven out.

## PRESSURE GROUP LOBBYISTS HARD HIT BY WALLACE

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace tonight accused "pressure groups with their high paid lobbyists" of attempting to win "special privilege at the expense of everybody."

In a radio address, Wallace said that freedom will destroy itself unless every individual and group recognizes "with more than mere lip service a supreme allegiance to the general welfare."

"By general welfare, I mean the antithesis of that which is represented by the pressure groups with their high paid lobbyists battering against the state and national legislature to get an advantage for special privilege at the expense of everybody," he said.

Wallace spoke in connection with the united church canvass, sponsored by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations. Religion and government must work side by side to bring about tolerance among all people, he said.

## SPACE SHORTAGE FOR FOOD LOOMS

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—War Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman said tonight that arrangements now are being worked out to alleviate a shortage of refrigeration storage space which is threatening to tie up large quantities of foodstuffs at many of the country's eastern ports.

Eastman asserted that there was very slight chance of any food spoilage but added that present "freezing" facilities are inadequate to handle the huge amounts of meats, fruits and vegetables now reserved for overseas needs.

## SWEDES PROTEST ON OSLO EXILES ANGRERS GERMANY

Brusque Answer Causes Anti-Nazi Outbreaks in Neutral Land.

Stockholm, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The German government today coldly spurned Sweden's official "most urgent request" that it cancel its threatened deportation of 1,000 arrested Oslo university students with a demand that Stockholm mind its own business.

Simultaneously, new anti-Nazi demonstrations broke out in Sweden, straining further already frayed Swedish-German relations.

Adding to the tension between Germany and the lone Scandinavian neutral, fed by a series of incidents since last August, Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop summoned C. T. E. A. von Post, Swedish chargé d'affaires in the absence of Minister Arvid G. Richert who returned to Stockholm for consultations yesterday, and brusquely rejected the Swedish foreign office appeal that the young men and women seized in a mass roundup in Oslo last Tuesday not be carried off to the Reich.

Nazi broadcasts bristling with anger against Sweden said Ribbentrop "without mincing words" notified Von Post that the German government would not even discuss the Swedish protest, and demanded that Stockholm henceforth cease interfering with Germany's actions in Norway.

Berlin dispatches added that Ribbentrop "expressed surprise" that the Swedish government had found cause to intervene in such an action. The arrests followed a fire a week ago today at the Oslo university assembly hall.

Lecturing Von Post, Ribbentrop then was reported to have declared that Germany's surprise was all the greater because Sweden "had not found cause to undertake action against the really harmful actions of England, the United States and Russia."

## ICKES DECLARES FIGHT FOR OCTANE GAS IN BALANCE

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes said today that since Pearl Harbor the United States and allied powers have been constantly threatened by a shortage of 100-octane aviation gasoline and he reported that the race to boost production to meet the increasing demand is still not won.

At the present time production of aviation fuel is more than four times greater than the output during the early part of 1942, and within a few months will be about eight times greater, Ickes said.

The nation's extremity was a fighting challenge to our refining capacity," he said. "The oil industry proved its ability to meet a crisis by completing incredibly quickly more than 200 projects, minor and major, for the conversion and adaptation of existing refining facilities to bridge the gap in our plane fuel output until new plants could be constructed and swing into production."

## WILLAMETTE NAVY BEATEN BY DUCKS

Salem, Ore., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Webfoots defeated a Willamette university navy basketball team 40-28 tonight before 300 fans in Willamette pavillion.

## Not Like Mother's

Salem, Ore., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—John Kelly, chairman of the State Post-War Readjustments commission, said today Oregonians would be able to eat their own forests if it becomes necessary.

The State Chemurgil council has advised Kelly it has made pie crusts from the products derived from Oregon's Ponderosa pine. The council added that there were tons of available fats in every tree. Ponderosa and wood flour and shortening may be obtained by processing the pulp, according to Kelly.

No one has said how the pie crusts tasted.

## CONGRESS BACKS UP OWN VIEW IN RAIL WAGE FUSS

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The senate interstate commerce committee tonight recommended adoption of the senate joint resolution validating the flat 8-cent-an-hour increase awarded 1,100,000 non-operating railway employees last August by the president's emergency board and accepted by the industry and the employers.

Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson rejected the flat wage increase but subsequently approved a sliding scale boost of from 4 to 10 cents an hour.

The senate group reported that in reaching the 8-cent-an-hour agreement "the orderly processes required by the acts of congress have been followed religiously by the carriers and their employees, and in our opinion, the congress should now insist that its laws be observed."

The committee said "it seems to us that it becomes incumbent upon congress to interpret its own act in this stalemate."

Asserting that the difference in the total amounts of money involved under the two plans was "relatively unimportant," the committee said that the flat increase could not be inflationary "because Judge Vinson maintains his substitute is not inflationary."

"If 8 cents does violence to the little steel formula, what does 4 to 10 cents do to it?" the report continued.

## POST-WAR PEACE COMMISSION AIM OF V.F.W. LEADER

Denver, Colo., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Carl J. Schoeninger of Detroit, Mich., commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, today proposed establishment of a post-war peace commission which would include officers and enlisted men of both World wars.

Schoeninger arrived in Denver to attend the Founder's day celebration of the V. F. W., which was organized in Denver in 1899.

Schoeninger, who spoke for a half million veterans of actual combat, said he favors a six-months cooling off period after the victory, then establishment of a peace commission which would include as representatives a non-commissioned officer, a plain service man from both wars.

The commander said he opposed heavy reparations and the reconstruction of devastated areas by forced labor. He suggested that an international governing commission be established in each of the conquered countries "to rule during a period of re-education."

## AERIAL TRICKERY ENABLES RAF TO WALLOP LEIPZIG

Feint For Berlin Outwits Nazi Planes—Rail Center Pulverized.

London, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The RAF pulled a dazzling fake play from its bag of aerial tricks early today, feinting against Berlin with a mighty force of bombers which then swung 80 miles southwest and hurled 1680 tons of bombs into Leipzig while Nazi fighters were racing to stem an apparent assault on the capital.

During the confusion, one of the largest forces of twin-engine Mosquito bombers ever sent out, darted over Berlin and plastered key objectives in the city still smoldering from Thursday's big assault.

Two British typhoon fighter squadrons, sweeping Holland during the afternoon, met a formation of German bombers and shot down 11 of them. Other typhoons bombed enemy airfields in Belgium, all without loss. One Mosquito was lost from an offensive patrol.

The sneak play paid dividends for it cut losses almost 50 per cent from the night before when 41 bombers were missing from a similar sized armada which hit Berlin. Only 23 were lost in all of today's operations including mine laying, which were carried out by an estimated 600 planes. A communique announced 24 lost but later it was announced that one missing plane had returned. Fighter command machines, one of which was lost, further harassed the befuddled Nazi fighters by hammering airfields spread over a wide area of western Europe.

Three hours before dawn—about seven hours after the British normally have been striking—the big show over Germany began. Taking off early in the morning to avoid a bright moon, the Lancaster and Halifax bombers following flare paths laid out by the Germans to guide their fighters, swarmed in over Berlin.

They then pulled a double reverse, like a football team, and headed for the real target, Leipzig, one of the biggest rail centers in Europe.

Night fighters were up in great numbers over Berlin. The air ministry announced the German fighters were "duped by the feint" and those planes which reached Leipzig "were too few to become a real factor in the battle." It announced that several were shot down.

The ministry said that as the bombers drew near Berlin, German man fighters fell back over the city and thus were taken out of action for many vital minutes while the bombers dashed for Leipzig.

As the bombers turned toward Leipzig, Germany's fifth largest city with a population of 750,000, the men aboard could see the flash of Mosquito bombs thumping Berlin with its 63th raid of the war.

## BRITISH CENSORS VOID BIG STORY

London, Dec. 5—(U.P.)—The Sunday Times in its mail edition today published a story of major importance which United States newspapers have not yet been permitted to print, and then withdrew it from later editions on orders from British censorship authorities.

Censorship regulations prevented the United Press' London bureau from transmitting details of the Times' story, but it was assumed it referred to the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting which the Moscow radio said had been held in Tehran. Later editions of the Times replaced the banned story with a dispatch stating that "a full, joint official communique on the Tehran conference between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin will be issued shortly."