

# Battle of Western Pacific Rages Into Seventh Day; Japs Say Their Fleet Slugging It Out With Halsey

## SUPERFORTS JOIN HEAVY RAIDS ON FORMOSA BASES

American Third Fleet Believed in Showdown Struggle With Japan's Air Forces

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Pearl Harbor, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—The battle of the western Pacific raged on into its seventh day today with American B-29 Superfortresses smashing again at Formosa while the American third fleet apparently was slugging it out with Japan's air forces and perhaps her elusive fleet in a showdown struggle.

A war department communique said the Superfortresses carried out the second attack with "very good bombing results" on the Okayama and Heito aircraft repair and supply bases. No B-29s were lost and air reconnaissance showed that in the initial B 29 raid two-thirds of the Okayama base was destroyed, including 37 buildings destroyed and 16 heavily damaged.

**Japs Claim Action**  
Tokyo said the Japanese fleet "at last" had gone into action against Admiral William F. Halsey's mammoth fleet off Formosa and, though this was not confirmed officially, there were some indications here that the report might be true.

Powerful Japanese air formations already were known to have counter-attacked the third fleet, which had destroyed or damaged 227 ships and 621 planes in five straight days of destructive American raids in their home waters.

A war department announcement in Washington disclosed that the giant land-based Superfortresses had carried the offensive into its seventh day with their second raid in 48 hours on Japan's great island bastion of Formosa, previously attacked three and perhaps four straight days by Halsey's carrier planes.

**Superforts Busy**  
The Superfortresses hit "military targets" on Formosa today, Washington and Tokyo time (Sunday, Pearl Harbor time), and further details will be announced later, Washington said. More than 100 Superfortresses attacked the Formosa air base of Okayama Saturday (Friday, Pearl Harbor time).

There was no immediate word of whether Halsey's planes followed up their last announced raid on Formosa Friday with another Saturday, but it was quite possible.

On the outcome of the air-sea battle off Formosa may hinge in part the length of the war in the Pacific.

Tokyo, claiming officially that 40 American warships already had been sunk or damaged in the air sea battle, said a "crippling" blow had been dealt the American fleet assigned the task of landing invasion troops in the Philippines.

**Opportunity at Hand**  
Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso said that "the long-awaited opportunity for Japan's battle in the Pacific has just come," according to another Tokyo broadcast. Tokyo asserted that a "large-scale naval battle" was developing.

A series of jittery and contradictory reports poured out over the Japanese radio and in dispatches from Tokyo quoted by the Berlin radio.

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura was quoted as calling the continuing engagement "the turning point for the offensive in the war in the Pacific" with the Americans seeking to isolate the Philippines in order to clear the way for an offensive.

Nomura said that the "Japanese victory" was not sufficient to throw American strategy out of gear.

**TO BERLIN**  
By United Press  
The shortest distance to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today:

Western front—296 miles from point near Nijmegen. Unchanged in week.)

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
Today's glances sponsored by Bunny and Jerry's Happyland!

Oscar (Andy) Anderson whipping in and out of a farm gate too fast to be hailed by friends.

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## Weather

Forecast: Clear tonight with increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Little change in temperature.  
Temp. 73  
Highest yesterday 42  
Lowest this morning 42  
Precip. past 24 hours 0

NO. 175

## Formosa Blasted



(Acme Telephoto)  
Formosa, Luzon and Ryukyu Islands have all felt crushing weight of U.S. carrier attacks. Blow to American advance in Pacific was Chinese announcement of loss of Foochow, China coast port, to Japanese armies.

## NARCOTICS TRIAL STARTS TUESDAY IN FEDERAL COURT

Scheduled to start in federal court here tomorrow morning will be the case of Dr. R. W. Clancy, Medford physician charged with violation of the federal narcotics laws. The doctor, who pleaded not guilty when arraigned Oct. 3 during the opening day of court, was released on a recognizance bond of \$2,000.

Trial of Dr. A. F. W. Kresse, facing a similar charge, has been set for Oct. 23.

Court recessed at noon today after Oliver LeRoy Bailey, Lane county, had been found guilty of violation of the selective service act. Judge James Alger Fee ordered him into the custody of the probation officer, John M. McFarland, for presentence investigation.

He was represented in court by O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney appointed by the court. Bailey is a member of the religious order, Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jurors who served on the Bailey case were Harold A. Frye, Medford; Douglas Talbot, Grants Pass; B. A. Clark, Eagle Point; George W. Godward, Jacksonville; Gus Ditzworth, Prospect; C. T. Hansen, Klamath Falls; K. Charlesworth, Jacksonville; Paul A. Goddard, Jacksonville; Donald C. Reams, Williams; Frank Klinge, Lake Creek; D. Clifford, Medford; and George McDonough, Sams Valley.

Harold Raymond Nusbaum, arraigned several days ago on a charge of desertion from the object's camp at Wallport, Ore., appeared before Judge Fee for sentencing this morning and was given another 24 hours time in which to decide whether to return to the camp or face a jail sentence.

Nusbaum's attorney, appointed by the court, is George Codding. The young man was sent to the Oregon camp from Louisiana.

## Former Caretakers At Apartment Are Quizzed in Murder

Hollywood, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Two former caretakers at the fashionable apartment where a brunette, Georgette Bauerdorf, 20-year-old oil heiress, was found raped and strangled, were brought to the sheriff's office for questioning today.

Deputy sheriff, working on the theory that Miss Bauerdorf's assailant was a man acquainted with her habits, closely questioned the two men, one of them a former prize fighter. Both men had worked at the apartment house until mid-September.

Authorities learned the time of her slaying, approximately 2:30 a. m. Thursday, from a neighbor who heard her scream, and questioned other neighbors for other clues.

Seattle, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—William Lewis Robb, about 50, of San Francisco, a one-armed man, apparently took his own life early today, by slashing his throat from ear to ear with a razor blade, near the wall of a downtown lumber company, according to a coroner's verdict.

# AACHEN RING COMPLETE

## HORTY MISSING AS NAZIS SPRING BUDAPEST COUP

Germans Hold Control of Hungarian Capital; Regent's Whereabouts Veiled

London, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Nazi forces and their Hungarian sympathizers today appeared to hold temporary control of Budapest but the Hungarian capital was believed on the verge of imminent attack by red army forces and possibly Hungarian army elements loyal to Regent Admiral Nicholas Horthy, who sought an armistice with the allies.

**Status Uncertain**  
The status of the armistice which Horthy was seeking with the allies was equally uncertain but usually reliable quarters here said it actually had been agreed upon by Horthy and the allies before the coup d'etat in Budapest yesterday.

The Budapest coup bore a close resemblance to the Nazi coup in Austria at the time they seized the country and imprisoned Austrian Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg.

It was reported the Hungarian armistice terms carried a provision for Hungarian forces to join with the red army in attacking the Germans in a manner similar to that in the Rumanian armistice.

**Evacuation Underway**  
Soviet reports said the evacuation of Budapest by the Nazis and their sympathizers was underway and that vanguard elements of the red army were less than 50 miles from the capital.

Fuller accounts of the radio speech of Horthy yesterday that he told the Hungarians that Germany had betrayed the country and was engaged in looting it of its resources. He also said he had reliable information a coup—such as actually occurred—was being planned.

Horthy said this information led him to decide to take Hungary out of the war. Immediately after Horthy's broadcast the coup was staged.

**JAPS MAKE MODELS**  
Washington, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Nearly 800 scale models of Japanese, German and American naval ships, valued at an estimated \$25,000, were constructed for the navy by Japanese-American craftsmen at the Gila River Relocation Center, Ariz., the War Relocation Authority said today.

## 11 Die in Crash Of Army Bomber

Alamogordo, N. M., Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Seven officers and four enlisted men died in the crash of a four-engine bomber from the Alamogordo army air base, while three other crew members escaped uninjured, Col. R. C. Wriston, commanding officer of the base, announced today.

The plane was on a combat training flight and the accident happened one mile south of the air field at 6 o'clock last night.

## Truman Invites John Lewis To Foresake Dewey's Camp

Los Angeles, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Sen. Harry S. Truman, Democratic vice presidential nominee, today invited President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers to reconsider his support of the Republican presidential party.

Truman said he had been told that Dewey had "read Lewis out of the Republican party" and added, "I didn't want him to have no place to go."

In Los Angeles for the first major address of his campaign tour, Truman was asked to comment on Dewey's reiteration yesterday of the Republican charge that the administration had failed to prepare the nation for war.

"Mr. Dewey either is not familiar with the facts or he's covering them up for political purposes," Truman said. "The Republicans fought tooth and nail against these preparations."

ticket in the November election and back President Roosevelt. "I think the best interests of Mr. Lewis' organization would be served by the Democratic

## YANKS CAPTURE LIVERGNANO AFTER FIVE-DAY BATTLE

Victory Opens Way For Direct Drive Against Bologna, Key City To Po Valley

Rome, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—American armored columns captured the German fortress of Livergnano after a bloody five-day battle and opened the way today for a direct assault on Bologna, key city to the Po valley, less than 10 miles to the north.

A communique also disclosed that 8th army troops, pushing inland from the Adriatic, swept through the Nazi stronghold of Gambettola, 12 miles northwest of Rimini and two miles above the highway from Rimini to Bologna, principal artery of the Po valley.

**Bloody Affair**  
The final battle for Livergnano, straddling the Florence-Bologna road, was one of the bloodiest of the north Italy campaign.

American infantry, tanks and tank destroyers rolled through the cobble stoned streets yesterday to complete the conquest of the village, where the Germans had converted each stone house into a fortress.

Livergnano had guarded the vital entrance to a high escarpment, which blocked the main thrust toward Bologna and which had to be taken by a direct assault.

**Take Hill 369**  
Seven miles due east of Livergnano, another American force overcame strong German resistance and occupied Hill 369, a commanding terrain feature two and a half miles northwest of Gesso.

West of Livergnano, south African and British 5th army forces captured the villages of Veggio Grizzano and Campiara, both within 15 miles southwest of Bologna.

In the Adriatic sector, the 8th army rapidly was developing a three-pronged assault on Cesena, one of the main junction points on Rimini-Bologna highway.

## Dewey Promises Honesty in Government After Jan. 20th

St. Louis, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey was given a tumultuous welcome today when he arrived in St. Louis to open his bid for the nation's farm vote.

Thousands of cheering midwesterners lined down town streets as the Republican presidential nominee rode in an open automobile to the Jefferson hotel.

Dewey and Gov. Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri, who had boarded the GOP special campaign train earlier, appeared on the rear platform of the special at East St. Louis, Ill.

The New York governor said he would "bring honesty to the national government" after Jan. 20.

"That is the issue of this campaign," he said. "Whether we want to continue down the New Deal road or whether we want a new administration that will bring opportunity and jobs for all."

The Dewey party then drove across the Mississippi river. As the GOP candidate entered St. Louis he was saluted with loud explosions of "cannon crackers."

Dewey made the trip from New York without a platform appearance. Last night, however, he issued a statement to accompanying newspaper men contending the White House reply to his campaign speeches confirmed his charge that the Roosevelt administration failed to prepare the nation for war.

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**LUTHERANS URGE BOARD TO OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION**  
Minneapolis, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—The Board of Social Missions urged the 14th biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America today to adopt a resolution opposing universal military conscription in peace time.

## Yanks Kill Japs for Dime a Dozen



(Acme Telephoto)  
These eight men and one officer represent one of the most unique Jap-fighting outfits in the Southwest Pacific. Called the "Dime-a-Dozen Club" after their leader, Lt. Raymond Moss (center) of Medford, Ore., promised to hand out a dime for every dozen Nips killed, the group has racked up 47 kills, are pictured here receiving their dimes and membership certificates. Left to right: Pfc Manuel Alvira, Los Angeles; Pfc Morris Manuel, Winchester, Ky.; Gpl. Earl Doll, North Hollywood, Cal.; Sgt. Richard Kovitz, St. Paul, Minn.; S/Sgt. Harry Schultz, Cary, S. D.; S/Sgt. Ralph Brodin, Spooner, Minn.; S/Sgt. Alex McLean, Grafton, N. D., and Pfc Raymond Cattrell, Sebeka, Minn. Their division, the Americal, fought at Guadalcanal and Bougainville. Army Press Relations photo.

## HOLLYWOOD FOLK VISITING MURPHY RANCH AT TRAIL

"This has been a business trip," George Murphy, Hollywood actor said today when interviewed at Hotel Medford, "although we did take a little time off Sunday for pheasant hunting."

Murphy was accompanied by the Rogue River valley by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, all of Hollywood. The party is spending several days in Medford and at the Murphy ranch near McLeod.

Murphy said that most of their time here was being devoted to ranch improvements and they worked yesterday building flumes. They plan to return south Tuesday as Murphy is scheduled to assist on Bing Crosby's radio show.

Murphy said he was considering postwar activities on his 205 acre ranch, but would not divulge plans at the present.

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## Polish Problem Near Settlement Is Moscow Hint

Moscow, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Strong evidence was seen in responsible quarters today that British and Polish leaders had carried the discussion of the Polish problem to its conclusive stage.

The issues of proportional representation in a projected coalition government of the London and Lublin groups of Poles, as well as the nature of the constitutional regime, were under consideration to be of relatively lesser importance than at the outset of the Moscow conference.

Soviet and British leaders were believed determined to resolve the Polish problem at the earliest possible moment.

## 1ST ARMY PLUGS ESCAPE CORRIDOR BELOW WURSELEN



Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—The United States 1st army completely isolated besieged Aachen today by closing the Nazi escape corridor to the northeast after beating off three counter-attacks by massed German armored forces.

American doughboys captured Wurselen, three miles north of Aachen, and stormed forward to break the shell-swept corridor out of Aachen while a Nazi attempt to break out of the city was thwarted.

**Near Schuldt Pass**  
To the south Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army forces withdrew from their foothold in the key Metz outpost of Fort Dietrich and Franco-American troops of the 6th army group attacking on a 60-mile front drove within two miles of the Schuldt Pass leading to southwest Germany.

Heavy fighting was reported in most parts of the western front between the Schelde estuary, where Canadian forces were cleaning out the approaches to Antwerp, and the Belfort Gap in eastern France, now threatened by a flanking drive above it.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army headquarters announced the closing of the Nazi escape corridor out of Aachen in violent fighting northeast of the city through which U. S. shock troops were chopping their way.

**Counters Repulsed**  
German tanks and armor counter-attacked three times around Verlautenheide, three miles northeast of Aachen, but were repulsed, and the two arms of the 1st army pincers now clamped securely on Aachen were joined at 4 p. m. below Wurselen.

Wurselen fell to the Americans after heavy street fighting, enabling the 1st to fuse the pincer arms and completely seal off Aachen, the hard-pressed garrison of which now was being supplied by parachute after its failure in the attempt to break out to the east.

## PLANE DIVES INTO COQUILLE HOMES

Coquille, Ore., Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Naval officers today were investigating cause of the crash of a naval plane that Sunday rocketed through a row of buildings here, killing three naval fliers and injuring five townmen.

Gliding in over the residential section of this southwestern Oregon town—a dozen miles from the coast—the plane sheared off chimneys and tore through a store before exploding and setting fire to a residence.

Clarence Osika, former high school principal, suffered a leg fracture when hit by fragments from the exploding plane, and Dan Rogers, civilian, was seriously injured. A man and his wife and an infant also were injured.

The navy withheld names of the aviators pending notification of next of kin.

## Radio Highlights

Today: Harold L. Ickes before a Roosevelt rally in Newark, N. J. Blue network, 6-6:30 p. m. WPT; Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, St. Louis, Blue and NBC networks, 7-7:30 p. m. PWT.

Oct. 17—Gov. John W. Bricker from San Diego, Calif., BN, 8:00 to 8:30 p. m. PWT.

Oct. 18—Rebroadcast of Dewey St. Louis speech, BN, 6:15 to 6:45 a. m. PWT.

## PARK VISITATION SHOWS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

In spite of travel restrictions due to the war, there was an increase of visitors to Crater Lake national park last year of 57.5 per cent over the previous year, according to the travel summary just released by E. P. Leavitt, park superintendent. Many of the travelers were men and women of the armed services, the report shows.

Visitors during the season, which ended September 30, numbered 43,560 and they arrived in 9,396 motor vehicles, the report shows. Last year during the travel season but 27,656 persons visited the park, traveling in 7,387 automobiles. Travel this year represents an increase of 15,904 persons, or 57.5 per cent. The increase in automobiles was 2,009, or 28.3 per cent.

Service people visiting the park during the season totaled 14,934, the report shows, while last season by 6,392 servicemen and women were among the total visitors. This is a gain of 8,542, or 133.6 per cent.

The park has been operating under a restricted program since the war, with a smaller staff and limited service during the travel season. Efforts of the staff have been largely devoted to fire control, maintenance and upkeep details for the past two summer seasons and the park has been closed during the winter.

Formerly the roads were maintained during the snow season in order that winter sports enthusiasts might take advantage of the park facilities.

## MISS KELLEMS BLAMES NEW DEAL FOR TROUBLE

Beverly Hills, Calif., Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Vivian Kellems, Connecticut manufacturer, told Rotary club today she had been accused of treason because she "dared to stand up and expose the foul frauds and underhanded double crossing in which the New Deal... has been indulging for the past 12 years."