

JAPS DRIVEN TOWARD INTERIOR

Weather
Forecast: Increasing cloudiness tonight with showers Tuesday, cooler Tuesday.
Temp. Highest yesterday 75
Lowest this morning 48
Precip. past 24 hours None

British Push Nears Dutch Rail Hub

2ND ARMY FORCE MARCHES AGAINST WEAKENING NAZIS

Push on 'S Hertogenbosch Gives Impetus to Drive to Clear Schelde Estuary.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—British armor and infantry plunged forward more than two miles against weakening resistance today to within three and one-half miles of 'S Hertogenbosch, hub of the biggest transport network in south-central Holland.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's 2nd army forces, advancing under cover of a 200-gun bombardment through the gray autumn gloom, were clamping an assault arc on 'S Hertogenbosch, the capture of which would imperil the stubborn Nazi stand in southwestern Holland.

Batteries silenced
The British push on 'S Hertogenbosch gave powerful impetus to the allied campaign to clear the Schelde Estuary and open up the sea lanes to Antwerp. Canadian forces had captured Breskens and Draaibrug, main strongpoints on the south bank of the estuary, and all but one of the German batteries on the north shore had been smashed.

United Press War Correspondent Ronald Clark reported from the British front that a three-pronged drive on 'S Hertogenbosch was gaining steadily in all sectors.

One spearhead was driven through Middleerde, five miles southeast of 'S Hertogenbosch, to within three and one-half miles of the Nazi-held stronghold. Another gained 4,000 yards in a thrust from the area of Schiedel, three and one-half miles south of Middleerde and seven miles southeast of 'S Hertogenbosch. A third advancing from the northeast reached the hamlet of Bruggen, four miles above 'S Hertogenbosch.

"There is little sign that the enemy has sufficient forces to do more than slow our advance," Clark reported. Thickly-sown land mines and the network of waterways facing the damp ground appeared to be doing more than the German troops to slow the British.

Dispatches from Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' headquarters said the 1st army front was quiet except for limited patrol action. The number of prisoners taken in the Aachen pocket between Oct. 11 and 22 was announced as 3,836.

Evacuation of German civilians from the front line area east of Aachen continued, the dispatches said, but the Nazis were believed to have abandoned a previously reported plan for wholesale evacuation of the Rhineland west of Cologne.

Reports from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army front said the 26th division, composed mostly of Massachusetts troops and commanded by Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul of Shrewsbury, Mass., occupied heights west of Bezange La Petite, 19 miles east of Nancy.

Radio Highlights

Today: James F. Byrnes, via NBC Blue, 7:30 p. m. PWT.
Tuesday: Gov. Dewey from Minneapolis, 7:30 to 8 p. m. PWT over NBC.

SIDE GLANCES

Mamie Hazel having a wonderful time at a social function until discovering that she was at the wrong party.

A Tribune reporter getting a "hot tip" on Al's Place.
Friends deciding that Carl Tegwald's hunting shirt takes the prize for the last word in gaudiness.



MEDFORD SOLDIER AMONG LIBERATED ON PHILIPPINES

Cpl. B. J. Lorton Now Safe in Australian Hospital—Relatives Here Overjoyed.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—The names of 83 American officers and men rescued from the Japanese several weeks ago after two and one-half years imprisonment, and now safe in Australian hospitals, were announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

The men are survivors of a Japanese transport sunk by an American submarine while prisoners were being transported north through the Philippines. Many other American prisoners were shot in the water and at least 30 were brutally executed, MacArthur had revealed earlier.

Two Stay In Islands
Two of the liberated American soldiers, 1st Lt. Richard L. Cook of Los Angeles and S/Sgt. Joseph T. Coles, Case, Ala., elected to remain with the Filipino guerrillas who assisted them, MacArthur said.

All of the 83 men are in good condition, except five recovering from bullet and grenade wounds, none of whom are listed as serious, it was announced.

The 83 men, all of whom will soon be returned to the United States include:
Cpl. B. J. Lorton, Medford, Ore.

Cpl. Lorton's brother, Jack Lorton of Jacksonville, and his father, Ed E. Lorton of Stewart avenue, were joyful today over the news of his rescue when it was relayed by the Mail Tribune to the brother, employed at the Timber Products company, for the family had had no direct word of the corporal since April 10 of 1942. At that time a 10-word letter to his father said he would see them after the war.

Cpl. Lorton enlisted in the army about three years before the outbreak of the present war and was sent to Hawaii where he trained as an aerial photographer. He returned to this country briefly and then re-enlisted, being sent Ft. Douglas, Utah, and the University of Utah for further aerial photography training. He was then assigned to the Fifth air base squadron and was on the island of Luzon when the war with Japan was declared.

Letters Cease
Letters were received for a time, the corporal writing of the fall of Manila and the escape of part of the troops to Mindanao.

After the letter written April 10, 1942, nothing was heard of the corporal for about a year when his wife, who resides in Salt Lake City, received a routine communication from the Japanese government saying that he was a prisoner of war and that he was being treated for malaria.

The young man attended Jacksonville high school and later Medford high school where he graduated before going into the army.

Jack Lorton stated this morning that he planned to notify other relatives at once of the news. A brother, R. D. Lorton resides in Ashland and another brother, G. A. Lorton, is stationed at Corpus Christi, with the navy.

TO BERLIN
By United Press

The shortest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:
Western front — 296 miles from point near Nijmegen. Unchanged in week.
Russia — 315 miles (from Warsaw. Unchanged in week.)
Italy — 535 miles (from point south of Ravenna. Gain of four miles in week.)

AIRPLANE STAMP THREE GOOD FOR SHOE BUYING

Washington, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—Airplane stamp three from ration book three will be valid for shoe buying effective Nov. 1. The Office of Price Administration announced today. It will be good indefinitely.

JURY SELECTION UNDER WAY FOR KRESSE'S TRIAL

When federal court recessed this noon for lunch a final jury had not yet been selected to try the case of Dr. A. F. W. Kresse, second Medford physician to be tried during this session of the court for violation of the Harrison narcotics act. Friday evening jurors who heard the case of Dr. R. W. Ciancy, first to be tried, returned a verdict of guilty on four of the 11 counts in the indictment.

Saturday an additional list of 25 trial jurors was selected to report this morning in addition to the two venues drawn previously and selection of the jury began immediately after court opened at 10 a. m.

Both Wm. Langley, United States attorney acting as prosecutor, and George Roberts, attorney for Dr. Kresse, were challenging many jurors and court officials were of the opinion that a jury would not be finally selected before the middle of the afternoon.

ORSON WELLES STILL IN SERIOUS CONDITION

New York, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—The condition of Orson Welles, actor, who has been ill of a throat infection at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel since Friday, was described today as "still very serious."

Jackson Leichter, his manager said that while his temperature remained at 104 he was not considered in a critical condition. Welles was forced to cancel several political speeches, including one before a Roosevelt rally last night.

PARIS COLLABORATOR SENTENCED TO DEATH

Paris, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—Georges Suarez, director of the newspaper Aujourd'hui and editor of the Paris Soir, was sentenced to death late today after his trial on charges of treason and intelligence with the enemy.

Suarez was the first person given a hearing in a series of treason trials of prisoners accused of collaborating with the German occupation forces.

Evaporation from the Dead sea is estimated at from six and a half to 17 feet a year.

CEHVIA CAPTURED BY EIGHTH ARMY

Rome, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—8th army troops, thrusting up the Adriatic Coast, captured the port of Cervia, 12 miles south of Ravenna, it was announced today, and other Allied forces have enlarged the bridgehead over the Savio river, north of Cesena.

A communique said the troops operating in the Cesena area were meeting stiff enemy opposition as they attempted to drive west along the highway running from Rimini to Bologna.

Other 8th army troops pushing up from the south crossed the Rabbi river in the vicinity of Strada to bring their lines within 15 miles of Forlì, an other junction point on the Po valley's main highway 11 miles west of Cesena.

Heavy rain again hampered the American drive through the foothills of the Apennines toward Bologna.

DE GAULLE GIVEN U. S. RECOGNITION

Washington, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—The United States today recognized Gen. Charles De Gaulle's regime as the provisional government of the French republic.

The announcement by Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., brought to a close a long controversy over diplomatic recognition of De Gaulle's group as a provisional government.

Stettinius said that notice of recognition had been sent to the French provisional government and that Jefferson Caffery will, if agreeable to the provisional government, assume the duties of ambassador to France.

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This is an airview of Tacloban, capital city of strategic Leyte Island in the Philippines 370 miles southeast of Manila. General Douglas MacArthur's Army of at least 250,000 men have seized control of the 75-mile east coast of the island, are heading for the city and its vital airfields. U. S. Navy photo.

MacArthur Revokes Laws Set Up By Japan's Puppets

By Richard W. Johnston
United Press War Correspondent
MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur revoked the Japanese puppet laws today and inaugurated the rights of democracy for the people of Leyte.

In a proclamation celebrating the return of members of the Philippines government to their homeland, the general said the allied armies were not conquerors but rather procurors of civil liberties.

With gunfire rumbling in the background, the proclamation was read to a throng of happy Filipinos by a spokesman for MacArthur from the steps of the capitol building in newly-freed Tacloban.

A great ovation went up from the crowd, gathered in brilliant sunshine around the ornate capitol of Leyte, as MacArthur's statement was read.

"Today, I am happy to present your President Sergio Osmena and members of his cabinet," the proclamation read.
"We are here in this capital city of Leyte to establish and initiate the restoration and right of self rule for you."
"We are no conquering army. We are an army that brings you civil liberty."

"We are an army of free citizens like yourselves, reaffirming unto death that democratic processes shall not pass. We are democracy at war, a democracy built only upon lasting truth and justice the American way."

SOUR NOTE

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—Sheriff Walter Hagler was sure he heard a discordant note in the noisy harmony being produced by a quartet of prisoners singing in the Sangamon county jail. His investigation found the discord came from a steel saw which one of the harmonizers was using to cut through a cell bar.

Sen. Ball, R-Minn., Plumps for F. D. R.; Grievous Mistake Asserts Gov. Bricker

Washington, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph H. Ball, R., Minn., said today that on the basis of President Roosevelt's stand on foreign policy "I shall vote for and support Mr. Roosevelt" in the November 7 election.

Ball, a strong advocate of close international cooperation to maintain peace, had posed three questions concerning that issue and said the answers to them would determine whether he would vote for Mr. Roosevelt or for Gov. E. Dewey, the republican presidential nominee.

"President Roosevelt in his Saturday night speech capped this record (American leadership in the war) of action meeting squarely and unequivocally the two vital and controversial issues on which the isolationists kept us out of the League of Nations and will fight our entry into the United Nations Security Organization,"

Ball said in a prepared statement.
"He insisted that the United Nations organization be formed without delay, before hostilities cease, and that it be granted power to use military force against future aggressors without requiring individual approach of each member nation."

"Gov. Dewey has opposed delay but has not met squarely the second vital issue. He has spoken for a strong international security organization, but in each speech has so worded his commitment that both isolationists and internationalists could find comfort and support in what he said. A substantial part of his support is talking straight isolationist doctrine to the country."
Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 23.—Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio today said that Sen. Joseph A. Ball, R., Minn., made a "grievous mistake" and rendered a

YANKEES SLASH WESTWARD FROM LEYTE BEACHHEAD

Coastal Zone Consolidated to Depth of Five Miles From Dulag to Tacloban.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—American troops, slashing westward from their 20-mile beachhead on Leyte, today drove the Japanese toward the interior hills and jungles and consolidated the coastal zone to a minimum depth of five miles all the way from Dulag north to Tacloban.

Capture of Palo, Leyte's second city, was accomplished Saturday in a whirlwind drive by less than a battalion of American infantrymen who drove forward so fast they didn't even take time out to send back a progress report.

Jap Stronghold
Palo lies two and a half miles inland from the coast and about six miles south of San Ricardo. It is a city of 25,000 population and had been the last Japanese stronghold on the east coast road.

In clearing out Palo the Americans also captured hill 522, a commanding height at the northern end of the beachhead from which the Japanese had poured mortar fire at the invasion troops.

Lieut. Col. Robert Straveins, 48, Chicago, led the force which captured Palo. First word received at headquarters of the operation was the message: "Palo secured."

Hill 522, which dominates "red beach" where the northernmost landing was made on Leyte, was taken with little difficulty after cruisers and destroyers lying off shore plastered the Japanese batteries and navy dive-bombers knocked out the Japanese emplacements.

Japs Trapped
Capture of Palo trapped a group of Japanese defense remnants between the town and the beachhead. United Press War Correspondent Richard W. Johnston was with a battalion which attacked these remnants with machinegun and artillery fire.

The Japanese had built a series of pillboxes along the river which runs into Leyte gulf at Palo. After the pillboxes had been worked over by artillery the infantry, under personal command of Lt. Col. George H. Chapman, Laramie, Wyo., inched forward and finished off the Japanese.

Palo was taken by the 24th division of the U. S. army 10th corps.
With the Japanese fleeing to the interior of the island MacArthur said their plight would soon become "acute" due to lack of supplies.

McArthur's forces now were established along a continuous 20-mile front which extended five or more miles inland at all points and bulldozer crews and engineer troops were hard at work converting the newly won Tacloban and Dulag airbases to give us our first land-based air support in the Philippines.

TWO SUBMARINES LOST, SAYS NAVY

Washington, Oct. 23.—(U.P.)—The navy today announced loss of the American submarines Goulet and Herring.

Their loss brings to 32 the number of U. S. submarines lost in this war and makes the total of navy ships lost 194.

The Goulet was skippered by Lt. Cmdr. James S. Clark, who is listed as missing in action. His wife, Mrs. Helen A. Clark, lives at Palo Alto, Calif.

The Herring was commanded by Lt. Cmdr. David Zabriskie, Jr., of Los Angeles.

PVT. CHARLES JOHNSON MAKING GOOD RECOVERY

Pvt. Charles P. Johnson, wounded in France in August and now in an army hospital in England, is reported to be recovering according to his mother, Mrs. C. P. Johnson, 109 Geneva street. The private suffered flesh wounds from shrapnel and was flown from France to the English hospital.

In his first letter to Mrs. Johnson after he was wounded the soldier wrote, "a German mercer came between me and my good luck." Pvt. Johnson has been overseas since last November and is with a military police unit.