

BRITISH LAUNCH NEW ASSAULT

Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy, tonight and Wednesday; foggy Wednesday morning; but warm in afternoon.
Temp.
Highest yesterday 79
Lowest this morning 44

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First Photo! Huge Armada Brings Yanks Back to Philippines



This first photo of American invasion of Philippines, made from a Navy Catalina, graphically depicts hugeness of armada that brought General MacArthur and 250,000 men to the shores of Leyte Island where beachheads were first established. Here an LST approaches beach near Duing, south of capital city of Tacloban, as hundreds of warships and transports in background unload supplies and troops. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

CIO'S ATTORNEY DENIES PAC IS VIOLATING LAW

San Francisco, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—The C. I. O. political action committee, although engaged in politics, is not violating Smith-Connally act provisions forbidding labor unions to contribute to election campaigns, Aubrey Grossman, C. I. O. attorney, told a congressional sub-committee investigating campaign expenditures today.

Grossman interrupted questioning of Richard Lynden, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union local 6, by Rep. E. C. Gathings, Democrat, Arkansas, to present his interpretation of the P. A. C.'s activities.

Lynden had testified that members of his local, through monthly assessments, had contributed \$27,823 in a 10-month period this year. Rep. Gathings, presiding at the hearing in federal district court room, asked him if he was aware of the Smith-Connally act provisions forbidding labor union contributions to election campaigns.

Doughboys Of 96th Division Push Inland From Landing

By Lisle Shoemaker (UP War Correspondent)
With 96th Division, Leyte, P. I., Oct. 21—(U.P.)—Filipino natives streamed back through our lines this morning, bowing and saluting to the doughboys who slogged on foot and in jeeps, tanks and half tracks into the jungle inland.

To the left of the 96th's landing beach is the hill where Japs scooped down on the backsides when our troops hit the beaches. From this hill I can see out onto the dense growth of palm trees extending back on the plain at least 15 miles to a high range of mountains.

Tanks which had difficulty wallowing through the muck, mud and swamps are beating

SHEAF OF KRESSE PRESCRIPTIONS IS TRIAL EVIDENCE

More than 500 prescriptions taken from the files of Medford and Ashland druggists, dating back to March 3, 1943, were identified and numbered as exhibits yesterday afternoon and this morning in the case of Dr. A. F. Walter Kresse, Medford physician on trial in federal court here for alleged violation of the Harrison narcotics statutes. Others remained to be identified and entered when court opened this afternoon, officials stated.

On the stand for the identification was Arthur Renner, federal agent for the bureau of narcotics.

COLORADO CHIEF EXECUTIVE MAY GIVE TALK HERE

Plans are being made for a possible talk by Gov. Carr of Colorado before local Republicans on October 30 if permission can be secured from the army to land his private plane at Medford airport for this address. It was stated by Ralph Koozer, county GOP chairman, at a meeting of the county central committee last night.

Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, Republican state committee woman, expressed her thanks to local Republicans for donations for congressional cards to be mailed, and for their other campaign efforts.

State GOP chairman Niel R. Allen is expected to return to his Grants Pass home tomorrow after conducting meetings in Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Burns. He was to meet Sen. Ralph O. Brewster of Maine, who is coming to Oregon for a series of meetings, at Nampa, Ida.

Sen. Truman Sees Help for F.R. in Ball Declaration

Madison, Wis., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Sen. Harry S. Truman, Democratic candidate for the vice-presidency, said today there was "no doubt" that Sen. Joseph H. Ball's endorsement of President Roosevelt had strengthened Democratic election prospects in Minnesota.

Truman said at a news conference that he had been told betting odds in Minneapolis dropped from eight to five on Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's chances of carrying Minnesota to even money.

President Roosevelt's running mate, en route from Minneapolis to Chicago, stopped for six hours in Madison, invading the home state of one of the eight Republican senators whom he asked Dewey to repudiate on the grounds that they were isolationists.

Men Rescued After 14 Days On Ocean

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—After being adrift 14 days in a 28 foot fishing boat, Clarence Rathbun, 48, and Roy Rathbun, 46, were recovering today from severe exposure.

The tuna clipper Sea Lion of San Pedro picked them up off Cedros Island.

"We had only two cups of water left," Clarence Rathbun said.

Rations for the pair during their two weeks were a loaf and a half of bread, two cans each of beans and meat, three potatoes, a little peanut butter and shortening and two and a half gallons of water.

Jury Selected

A final jury was selected for the trial yesterday afternoon about 2:30 after a total of 47 names had been exhausted. Both William Langley, United States attorney, and George Roberts, attorney for the defense, used their full allotment of challenges and many jurors were excused on the ground that they had already formed opinions in the case. Ten men were challenged or excused before juror two was selected.

The jury panel is made up of Frank K. Klinge, Brownsboro farmer; F. B. Olding, retired, Grants Pass; Wilburn K. Charlesworth, credit supervisor, Klamath Falls; John Anderson, retired farmer, Medford; Roy Jain, retired farmer, Beagle; Willis E. Wilson, creameryman, Grants Pass; D. J. Clifford, logger, Medford; John F. Hansen, Klamath Falls, business man; Harry E. Weimar, engineer, Klamath Falls; Pierce Wilson, miner from Talent; Donald C. Reams, Cresswell farmer; Elmer C. Beigel, Ashland city manager.

Roosevelt Planning Address in Chicago

Washington, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt will make a campaign speech in Chicago, the white house announced today, and although there was no official word on its time, previous scheduling of a Democratic rally there next Saturday led to belief he would speak then.

Estimates by civic and federal agencies give the average worklessness at 6,000 to 12,000 per month, Harnish said.

YANKES DEEPEN LEYTE BEACHHEAD; KILL 3,000 JAPS

Holdings Now Minimum of Seven Miles Deep on 25-Mile Front; Foil Counters.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—American troops, deepening the Leyte beachhead to a minimum of seven miles on a front of nearly 25 miles, have already killed more than 3,000 Japanese and prevented any effective Japanese counter-thrusts, headquarters revealed today.

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commanding general of the American sixth army, said that opportunity for any effective Japanese ground reaction is vanishing as the Americans drive the Japanese back into the rice paddies and hill country and away from the coastal roads.

(The London radio broadcast reports that new American landings by armored forces have been made on Samar island which adjoins Leyte at the northern side of Leyte gulf. The German DNB news agency asserted Japanese army and naval air forces opened an attack against the U. S. invasion fleet lying in Leyte gulf and against another U. S. battle fleet, location and nature of which was not specified.)

Bricker in Appeal for Neglected Man of "Middle Class"

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—"The neglected man" was substituted by Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio today for the New Deal's famous "forgotten man" in an appeal for the votes of the unorganized white-collar workers.

The G. O. P. vice-presidential nominee, in a speech prepared for delivery here, said that the greatest contribution of the New Deal to clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers, small manufacturers, small merchants and professional men was "disillusionment."

"The present-day counterpart of the 'forgotten man,'" Bricker said, "is the neglected man. . . . The great middle class who work for a salary or for an uncertain income."

DEWEY TO ACCEPT SUPPORT OF ALL WHO BACK POLICY

Candidate Comments On Sen. Ball—Happy To See DeGaulle Recognized.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said today that he would accept the backing in the November election of "all who support the principles I have expounded" on foreign policy.

The Republican presidential nominee made the statement at a news conference in commenting on the fact that Sen. Joseph H. Ball, R., Minn., ardent internationalist, has announced he will support President Roosevelt for re-election because of the president's foreign policy.

It was Dewey's most direct response to a series of questions promoted by the actions of the young Republican senator.

BOMBERS BATTLE BAD WEATHER TO PLASTER ESSEN

London, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—More than 1,000 British heavy bombers battled through heavy snow and strong German defenses last night to hit the big steel and rail center of Essen in the Ruhr, while other night raiders again harassed Berlin, it was announced today.

Essen, an inland harbor 40 miles north of Cologne, is the center of the huge Krupp steel works which have been raided repeatedly during the war.

The bombers encountered a heavy anti-aircraft barrage as they swept over the target and were attacked by strong forces of Nazi fighter planes as they started the flight homeward. Some crewmen described the German defenses as the strongest in a long time.

Although the target was partially obscured by the weather, the red glow of fires lit the sky over Essen soon after the first bombs went down, indicating the RAF pilots found their mark in the vital steel works which produce a large portion of Germany's heavy war materials.

The air ministry also announced that RAF coastal planes damaged five enemy ships in two attacks off Norway yesterday.

Radio Highlights

Today: Gov. Dewey from Minneapolis, over NBC, 7:30 to 8 p. m. PWT.

Wednesday: Gov. Dewey from Chicago, over CBS, 7 to 7:30 p. m. PWT; Rep. Dirksen, from Mankato, Minn., over MBS, 5:15 to 5:30 p. m. PWT.

Inhuman Treatment By Japs Told By Filipino Guerillas

By Ralph Teatsworth
United Press Correspondent
Leyte, Philippines, Oct. 23—(U.P.)—Japanese oppressors since 1942 have inflicted the multiple atrocities of torture, pillage, murder and rape upon the Filipino populace, it was disclosed today by four guerrilla officers who led a resistance army of 4,000 men, including a few Americans, in preparing for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion of Leyte.

The guerrilla leaders, headed by Col. Ruperto Kanglean, have been fighting the Japanese more than two years, since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor.

Burned in Homes
They charged that the Japanese burned Filipinos alive in their homes after looting their belongings and stealing their food and animals.

That the Japanese left Filipinos tied in the sun, without food or water, until they were dead or nearly dead.

That the Japanese hanged Filipinos and in some cases gave them the "water treatment"—pouring water into their mouths and noses.

That Japanese raped Filipino women.

CHINESE CAN HOLD KWEILIN IS CLAIM

Chungking, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Gen. Chang Fah Kwei, commander of the Kwangsi war zone, said today Chinese troops "can hold Kweilin for one year" against Japanese siege, and it was learned reliably that China's first youth army comprised of boys and girls had been organized inside the threatened city.

Gen. Chang—known in China as "Ironaid"—recalled he had told Vice President Henry Wallace last July that Kweilin could be defended for three months. Now, he said, the strengthening of Kweilin's defenses and accumulation of food for the garrison will enable him to prolong the battle from three months to a year. He made the prediction in a talk to officers and men defending Kweilin.

RUSSIANS TAKE STRONGPOINTS

London, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—The red army command reported tonight that the Germans had mounted strong counterattacks in East Prussia but Russian forces captured a number of strongpoints, including Trakehnen, 10 miles southeast of the Gumbinnen transport center.

Augustow, a road hub in the Suwalki triangle nine miles from the East Prussian border, fell to the left wing of Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's third White Russian army hammering at the easternmost German province, a Moscow communique reported.

NAZI DEFENSES CRUMBLING NEAR HERTOGENBOSCH

Attack On 12-Mile Front Advances Three to Five Miles—Two Towns Captured.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—The British 2nd army opened a new attack on a 12-mile front south of besieged 'S Hertogenbosch today, capturing the towns of Oirschot and Best in advances of three to five miles. The German defenses in the entire sector were officially reported to be caving in.

Even while British assault forces were slugging through the streets of 'S Hertogenbosch, biggest transport center in south Holland, other 2nd army forces smashed westward in a push that carried within nine miles of Tilburg.

Concerted Push

Units which opened the new attack 12 miles south of 'S Hertogenbosch linked up with the troops driving against the rail and road hub in the Boxtel area and the advance developed quickly into a concerted push throughout the sector.

Troops of the Canadian 1st army, striking out from the town of Woensdrecht, which straddles the road out of the Schelde Estuary islands, drove a few hundred yards beyond it in a direction which eventually would bring about a junction with other units pushing north-west along the Breda road.

Tightening the noose on the German pocket south of the Schelde Estuary, the Canadians scored local gains between Oost Burg and Schoondyke, cutting the railway between those towns about a mile south of Schoondyke.

Canadians Advance

Winning control of the Breskens and Schoondyke areas, the Canadians were pushing steadily westward. In the Groede area southwest of Breskens a German officer entered the allied lines under a white flag and asked that 200 wounded nazis be taken over and hospitalized. He withdrew when the Canadian commander told him they would be cared for if he delivered them in ambulances.

Meanwhile, a column advancing due west against 'S Hertogenbosch while the one from the northwest stormed into the town, came within half a mile of it and was nearly in position to join the siege.

Two bridges across the Malen river south of 'S Hertogenbosch were captured intact in the advances averaging three miles and reaching a maximum of five miles in the first phase of the drive.

Engel Asserts F.R. Kept Vital German News From Solons

Washington, Oct. 24—(U.P.)—Rep. Albert Engel, Republican, Michigan, charged today that President Roosevelt, in the critical prewar years, "deliberately withheld" from congress a report on the growing strength of German air power and simultaneously deprived the armed forces of needed equipment by cutting down requests for appropriations.

"In November, 1937, President Roosevelt received one of the most amazing and detailed reports on the growth of German air power and the rising menace to America ever to come from an American military attaché," Engel said in a prepared statement.

"This report gave detailed information in grave warnings to this country, but not one word of its contents was ever revealed to the congress."

S. P. LIMITED HIT

New Orleans, La., Oct. 24—(U.P.)—The Southern Pacific railroad's "Sunset Limited" was struck from the rear by the Illinois Central "Louisiana" in a heavy fog this morning between Harahan and Shreveport and at least six passengers were reported injured.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Maynard Bush finding to his dismay he had taken another family's washing home.
Ben Day giving the republican wheelhorse a few thoughts on getting out the vote.
Tom Fuson flashing in for the latest flashes from the war theatres.