

NIMITZ ENGAGES 3 JAP FORCES

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Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.
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RUSSIANS INVADE NORWAY ON HEELS OF FLEEING NAZIS

Arctic Forces Capture German Air and Sub Base at Kirkenes; Push Eastward

London, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Russian Arctic troops broke across the Finnish-Norwegian border in force today, captured the main air and U-boat raiding base of Kirkenes, and drove eastward across the northern tip of Norway in close pursuit of the retreating Germans.

Moscow, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Front reports today said red army formations beat off "extremely powerful" counterattacks by four crack Nazi panzer divisions to deepen their 25-mile spearhead into East Prussia, forcing the Germans back to the outer hedgehogs defending the key traffic junction of Insterburg.

The Russians drove forward on both sides of the Kaunas-Koenigsberg railroad with forces described as numerically superior to those of the defending Germans.

The Gumbinnen sector, about 10 miles east of Insterburg, was the scene of the bitterest tank and artillery battles.

(The German DNB news agency reported the Russians had launched what may be a final attack to capture Memel and also have gone over to the offensive north of Warsaw. A BBC report credited to Nazi sources said the red army had penetrated Norwegian territory in an advance on Kirkenes.)

Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovskiy's 3rd white Russian army was reported to be destroying more than 100 German tanks per day in battling reminiscent of the allied break-out combat at Caen.

B-29' BLAST AT KYUSHU TARGETS

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Big American B-29 Superfortresses roared over the Japanese homeland again today and blasted strategic military targets on Kyushu, southernmost of Japan's island chain and site of important naval bases, shipyards and steel factories.

(The Tokyo radio, in a broadcast recorded by the United Press in San Francisco, reported that approximately 100 planes would both Kyushu and Saishu

F. D. R. Optimistic on Eve of Leaving on Campaign Swing

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt, preparing to make at least three campaign speeches, was represented today as being "optimistic not only about carrying New York state but most of the other states in the union."

The statement as to the president's feeling was made to reporters by Alex Rose, leader of a New York state liberal party delegation which conferred with him.

Mr. Roosevelt, maintaining that he will not be campaigning "in the usual sense," was expected to leave here tomorrow night or Friday morning for Philadelphia, where he will speak Friday night. He will speak in Chicago Saturday night and in Boston Nov. 4. Speeches next week in Cleveland and possibly Detroit were reported under discussion.

Rose is administrative chairman of the Liberal party. He and a group of party leaders talked over the political situation in New York with the chief executive. They said they assured him that he would carry the state. The Liberal party was formed out of part of the American Labor party in New York, the Liberals contending that

BATTLE BOX SCORE

Pearl Harbor, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The box score in the two-day battle of the Philippines:
Japanese warships sunk:
One large aircraft carrier.
Two cruisers (acknowledged by the Japanese).
One destroyer (acknowledged by the Japanese).
Japanese warships damaged:
Five or six battleships.
Two large aircraft carriers.
Two cruisers.
Four destroyers.
Japanese planes destroyed:
At least 150.
American losses:
10,000-ton aircraft carrier Princeton and at least part of her complement of planes, possibly 60 to 75.

(The two cruisers and a destroyer which the Japanese conceded had been lost presumably were among the warships listed by Pacific fleet headquarters as damaged.)

ARMY PERSONNEL CENTER SHIFTED TO CAMP BEALE

Ft. Douglas, Utah, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The personnel center that has been established at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., is being moved to Camp Beale near Marysville, Calif., the ninth service command announced today.

The transfer involves personnel and equipment of the separation center, reception station and reception center at Monterey, but does not affect other units at the Monterey Presidio, the command emphasized.

The separation center will be functioning at Camp Beale on Nov. 6, the Ft. Douglas public relations officer said, and the other two units—the reception station and reception center—will be moved later in the month.

No reason was given for the shift. The personnel center is one of three in the ninth service command. The other two are at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Ft. Douglas.

Island off the southern tip of Korea and admitted "some damage on our side." The broadcast said the raids took place just before noon, Tokyo time.)

The attack, the 13th mission for the B-29s and their fifth raid on Kyushu itself, was announced in Washington by Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air force.

Arnold did not identify the exact targets, saying only that the big four-engine bombers had struck at "strategic" parts of Japan's war-making potential.

communists had taken control of the labor party. Both the liberal and labor parties are supporting Mr. Roosevelt.

Rose told reporters his delegation expected the liberal party would "attract more than enough independent and Willie voters to guarantee the 47 electoral votes in New York state to the Roosevelt-Truman ticket."

Chairman Robert E. Hannegan of the Democratic national committee announced in New York that the president would stop at Wilmington, Del., Friday en route to Philadelphia and would find time during that day to visit Camden, N. J.

With most of that in mind, Correspondent Merwin H. Brown, of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Evening News, inquired at yesterday's white house news conference whether the president was now campaigning "in the usual partisan sense."

Mr. Roosevelt accepted the inquiry in the best of good humor and instantly rejected the idea that he was doing as Brown suggested. He also rejected the idea that Brown had properly stated the proposition. On the contrary, the president said he had caught "all" the newspapers, even the reputable ones, at fault on the subject.

ADDICTS IDENTIFY PRESCRIPTIONS IN TRIAL OF KRESSE

Fred and Luey Shattuck and Margaret Marrett On Stand—Drug's Hold Told

Fred and Luey Shattuck and Margaret Maxine Marrett were on the stand in federal court this morning for the prosecution in the trial of Dr. A. F. Walter Kresse, and each identified scores of prescriptions for morphine sulphate which they said were written by the doctor who is charged with violation of the federal narcotics act. The two Shattucks, both of whom said they now resided in Klamath Falls, completed their testimony, but Mrs. Marrett was to be recalled this afternoon.

Fred Shattuck, 24, testified that he was already an addict when he first started his visits to Dr. Kresse's office in March of 1943 and that after having ceased taking the drug for a time he "went back on because I wanted to." The witness testified that he told Dr. Kresse he had asthma and that the doctor examined him five or six times during the period of his visits.

Denies Cure Urged
The younger Shattuck denied that the doctor had ever urged him to take a cure for addiction, but said Kresse had told him the drug was "bad for him." He identified about 100 prescriptions.

His brother, Luey, 34, identified a large number of prescriptions for morphine sulphate and one for granulated opium which he testified Dr. Kresse wrote for him. The elder Shattuck said he was subject to epileptic fits and that "kidney colic" was put on the prescriptions Shattuck also testified that he first visited the doctor under the name of R. Moore, since he wished to conceal certain information from his family, and that Dr. Kresse continued to write the prescriptions under the name of Moore after he revealed his true identity. "Once you use it you want to go back unless you have a lot of will power," the elder Shattuck remarked during his questioning.

Not Always Cash
Questioning as to the fees he paid the doctor, the witness said he wasn't always able to pay cash and that he sometimes took the defendant "gifts" of whiskey.

Both brothers testified as to their arrest this fall, stating that Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county doctor, had treated them in the county jail and both said they were not now getting any drugs. Both testified that they had been able in the past to buy drugs on the black market.

Mrs. Marrett, 34 years old, had been on the stand for some time when court recessed for noon, but did nothing more than examine a large bundle of prescriptions which she said Dr. Kresse wrote for her. She stated that for the most part they were for 40 half-grain tablets of morphine sulphate, that she had had them filled at drug stores in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass and that she had used the drug herself.

Yesterday afternoon several druggists were called to identify prescriptions. On the stand were Virgil Strang, Ewin P. Stone, Central Point; Lee Hendricks, W. Charles Whisenand, Leland R. Rohner, Ernest E. Vohro, Grants Pass; Stewart Short, Ashland; Marc Jarmin, James W. Mack, Harold Wainwright, John W. Taylor and Jonas Cold. This morning John C. Broady, Ashland druggist, testified briefly.

Governor Warren Now Feeling Fine

Sacramento, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren is "feeling fine" today, his physician, Dr. J. B. Harris, reported.

Dr. Harris said the governor was able to sit up in a chair for 30 minutes and apparently has no complaint except that his appetite is bigger than the "selective diet" ordered by the doctor.

Attacking Yanks Drive Into Leyte Island Jungle



Slashing forward across beach, American troops race ammunition up to front lines on Leyte Island in Philippines as smoke rises inland from preinvasion bombardment. Trees in background show devastating effect of repeated shelling. This is first photo of ground action in the Philippine invasion by Gen. MacArthur. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

Yankees Beat Off First Nip Counters

SPANISH UPRISING AGAINST FRANCO GAINING RAPIDLY

London, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Spanish Republican sources broadcast reports today that an armed uprising against the falangist regime of Gen. Francisco Franco was "spreading" throughout Spain and fighting had broken out in the areas of Asturias, Andalusia, Toledo and Leon, where "some inhabited localities have been liberated."

At the same time Franco's Radio Nacional said outbursts in the Franco-Spanish border areas had been put down and "frontier towns can feel safe and secure because the remainder of the men have thrown away their arms, are hiding in the mountains, and eventually will surrender."

Conflicting accounts of the unrest in Spain left the situation obscure.

Radio Toulouse in France said "we have received very reliable news from Spain," and followed with the report of fighting in Lerida province of Catalonia and Navarra province in the Basque area.

LEGIONNAIRES TO SEE WAC MEDICAL PICTURE

Lt. Aida Ingraham, Wac recruiter for Medford, will attend the meeting of the American Legion tonight and show moving picture films of the Wacs in the medical corps. Members of veteran organizations or service clubs interested in seeing these pictures or hearing the Legion state commander speak, are invited to attend.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Dick Alley being acclaimed Second Vice President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce last night after making an impressive speech to the effect that the Junior Chamber had no use for a Second Vice President.

"Zeek" Eden calling attention to the "grand-slam" given the S. P. train service through this section of Oregon by Time magazine in describing the recent visit of Governor Bricker as follows:

"In Oregon he (Bricker) had his special train pulled over the backwoods Siskiyou line on which no national candidate had travelled for 20 years. This enabled him to pan for votes in untouched gravel at Grants Pass, Medford and Roseburg."

BRITISH RACE TO PIN GERMANS IN NORTH SEA TRAP

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—British troops on the Dutch front virtually completed the conquest of 'S Hertogenbosch today and, 12 miles to the southwest, struck up from the Gorlie area to the southern outskirts of Tilburg.

Between 'S Hertogenbosch and Tilburg the British raced eight miles up the road from Eindhoven to the latter town in two hours, as the Germans fell back into the pocket where some 30,000 troops were pinned against the Maas and the North Sea.

Reports reached headquarters that 'S Hertogenbosch had been captured, but later dispatches from United Press correspondents at the front said the German garrison was clinging to a shaky foothold in the southwest corner of the big transport center.

Port East Wing

The multiple thrusts of the British 2nd army were being fused into a solid front directly threatening Tilburg and the entire eastern wing of the German pocket in southwest Holland, the stubborn defense of which was denying the allies the use of Antwerp's great port.

Troops who had held positions some three miles south of Tilburg for three weeks joined in the 2nd army advance, moved through the Gorlie area, and reached Groenwood at the outskirts of the town.

Other forces were speeding toward Tilburg along the road from Eindhoven. They reached the Lorgen bridge across a canal a few miles southeast of Tilburg. At the same time a thrust westward from the Bortel area reached Moergestel, and patrols pushing on ahead were near the outskirts of Tilburg.

Modest Ernie Pyle To Be Honored For Yarns About G.I.'s

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Ernie Pyle has written human interest stories direct from the European battlefronts—stories about our American soldiers—and yet today he doesn't think he deserves to be awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree.

Modest Pyle will be given the degree today by the University of New Mexico. U. S. Appellate Judge Sam G. Bratton, president of the board of regents, will present degrees to 108 graduates and Pyle as part of the university's fall graduation exercises.

New Landing



(Acme Telephoto) British radio reports that American tanks have landed on Samar Island, important Philippines island north of Leyte. On Leyte, the beachhead was widened and deepened and Gen. MacArthur announced seizure of three smaller islands.

2,200 BOMBERS HIT VITALS OF NAZI WAR EFFORT

London, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—More than 2,200 American and British heavy bombers attacked Hamm, Hamburg, Essen and Homburg in Germany today.

Upward of 1,200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators hit rail yards at Hamm and oil refineries in the Hamburg harbor. They were escorted by about 500 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters.

Later in the day more than 1,000 royal air force bombers hit Essen and Homburg. An air ministry communique said four bombers were missing.

The American targets were blanketed by clouds and bombing was done by instruments. Hamburg, across the Elbe from Homburg, also was attacked.

TO BERLIN

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.)

JAP RESISTANCE STIFFENING ALONG PHILIPPINE FRONT

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—American forces beat off the first organized Japanese counterattacks today and extended their foothold on Leyte island to the extreme tip of San Juanico straits, giving them a 30-mile coastal zone to a depth of 10 miles and including three air-dromes and at least 28 towns and villages.

Japanese resistance was stiffening as American doughboys slogged through rice paddies and fields deep with mud to shove the defenders back to the foothills of the central Leyte mountain range.

Encounter Pilloboxes

The Americans encountered a Japanese system of pillboxes, field bunkers and trenches, defending the Buri air-drome and a stiff battle developed. The Americans already hold Taclogan, Dulag and San Pablo air-dromes. The latter's capture was announced today.

Pressing westward from San Pablo the Americans met a fierce Japanese bayonet counter-attack, but knocked the Japanese back near Burauen, 10 miles west of Dulag.

The fighting was the severest yet encountered in the Philippines invasion.

Japs Use Planes

The Japanese were also hurling more airpower into the battle, carrying out five attacks on Leyte harbor with a total of about 40 Japanese planes in action. Only seven of the Japanese were able to penetrate the American defenses and five of these were brought down.

American defenses employed smokescreens to protect the harbor and obscure the Japanese bombers' view of the masses of shipping concentrated there.

LIQUOR AT 4 P. M.

Sacramento, Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—George M. Stout, alcoholic beverage division administrator, today announced that commanding officers of both the 11th and 12th naval districts have agreed to permitting purchase of beverages by enlisted men starting at 4 p. m. daily instead of at 5 p. m. as at present.

Radio Highlights

Today: Fulton Oursler New York (Mutual) 5:15-5:30 p.m. (PWT).
Quentin Reynolds New York (Blue) 6:30-7:00 p.m. (PWT).
Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Chicago (CBS) 7:00-7:30 p.m. (PWT).

ENEMY CARRIER SENT TO BOTTOM, 5 WARSHIPS HIT

U. S. Carrier Princeton Lost In Action Is Admission—Casualties Said Light

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today announced receipt of a dispatch from Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., saying "the Japanese navy in the Philippine area has been defeated, seriously damaged and routed by the United States navy in that area."

Summoning a handful of White House reporters from the press room about 5:20 p.m. EWT, Mr. Roosevelt in oblivious elation over American success in the great Philippine engagement read a brief statement saying that he had received today a report from Halsey telling of the defeat, serious damage and rout of the Japanese navy in the Philippine area.

Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—American naval forces engaged three Japanese forces in the Philippines area, sinking at least one large carrier and severely damaging two others in addition to five or six battleships and other lighter units, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Nimitz in his announcement of another great U. S. naval victory however, admitted the loss of the 10,000-ton U. S. carrier Princeton.

Casualties Light
Casualties in the sinking were light, Nimitz said. Her captain, 133 officers and 1227 enlisted men were saved.

Both Japanese striking forces earlier reported to have been moving eastward through the Sibuyan and Sulu seas were brought under the attack of U. S. aircraft Monday.

Meanwhile, a third Japanese force, including carriers was located southeast of Formosa, approaching from the Japanese home waters, Nimitz said, indicating that the main body of the enemy fleet had been contacted.

The latter force was brought to action Tuesday. The communique quoted reports from the battle-scene as yet incomplete, which indicated severe damage had been inflicted on the enemy, that at least one of his large carriers had been sunk; and that two others had been severely damaged.

Planes Open Action

Two of the enemy naval forces were sighted yesterday Philippines times (Monday, Pearl Harbor time) sailing through the central Philippines, one proceeding through the Sibuyan sea about 100 miles northwest of Leyte and the other in the Sulu sea about 190 miles southwest of Leyte at the nearest points.

Roaring out to the attack, Halsey's carrier-borne planes damaged three or four battleships in the Sibuyan sea with bombs and torpedoes at least one of them. One of the 10 cruisers in the force also was torpedoed, but there were no reports of damage to 13 accompanying destroyers.

The entire enemy force sighted in the Sulu sea northwest of Negros island was damaged in varying degree by Halsey's planes. Two battleships were hit with bombs, and a cruiser and four destroyers were strafed, severely, Nimitz said.

Late, yesterday afternoon search planes sighted the third enemy force between the Philippines and Formosa moving south from Japanese home waters. It was brought to action today, Philippines time.

Princeton Blows Up

It reported that Japanese shore-based aircraft attacked one of the American task groups in the 3rd fleet while it was moving against the northern enemy force yesterday, seriously damaging the light carrier Princeton.

"Subsequently, the Princeton's magazine exploded and the ship badly crippled, was sunk," the communique said.

Approximately 150 enemy aircraft were shot down during the attack.
The Japanese naval forces, accepting battle in strength for the first time since the forays of Guadalcanal two years ago, apparently were attempting to drive off the American 3rd and 7th fleets supporting the invasion of Leyte, isolate and bombard MacArthur's troops on the island and land reinforcements for the hard-pressed enemy garrison.