

# BRITISH TAKE DUTCH RAIL HUB

## Weather

Forecast: Fair and mild tonight and Saturday. Temp. Highest yesterday 77. Lowest this morning 58. Precip. past 24 hours 0.

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## Victory Over Japs Cost Six Ships

### THREE CARRIERS, TWO DESTROYERS AMONG U. S. LOST

Ships Not Identified and Details Not Given; Fleet Increases Bag of Nips.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—The British 2nd army captured the twin Dutch transport centers of Tilburg and 'S Hertogenbosch today, collapsing the eastern wing of the German defenses in southwest Holland. The 2nd army onrush overwhelmed the last pocket of resistance in the southwest corner of 'S Hertogenbosch, 13 miles northeast of Tilburg. Together the two towns commanded most of the communications in southwest Holland, and their loss left the Nazis stranded below the Moos.

Pearl Harbor, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—The naval battle of the Philippines cost the United States six warships, including one light and two escort carriers, the navy announced today as the known toll of Japanese ships mounted to at least 37, with American planes still pounding the fleeing enemy remnants. A Washington communique said that in the four-day air-sea battle two escort carriers were sunk, in addition to the light carrier Princeton, whose loss was reported earlier, together with two destroyers and one destroyer escort. The ships were not identified, and the communique said details had not been received.

Add To Bag  
A communique from Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters in Chungking disclosed that 14th air force bombers had caught part of a task force fleeing from the Philippines in the South China Sea east of the Luzon peninsula and had hit a transport, a freighter, and a tanker, totalling 10,000 tons. Two direct bomb hits probably sank the transport, while the freighter, left listing and burning, also was believed to have sunk. The tanker was left smoking.

The communique, increasing the American bag in the battle of the Philippines to between 10 and 16 ships sunk and 21 damaged, marked the first official mention of Japanese transports or cargo ships in a participating task force.

It was possible that the task force blasted by the 14th air force was intending to land reinforcements in the Philippines, while the main Japanese naval battle forces engaged the American 3rd and 7th fleets, but had turned and fled when the other armadas met disaster.

Planes Still Busy  
Swarms of carrier planes from the two American fleets still were blasting away at the battered remnants of the enemy's three main naval forces, which were known to have lost at least 34 combat ships, including 10 battleships and three aircraft carriers, sunk or damaged in the first three days of the battle.

Ten definitely had been sunk, four probably sunk, and at least 20 damaged—two thirds to three quarters of the three enemy naval forces which futilely challenged the American fleets. There was every indication that the final toll would exceed 40 warships alone.

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.)  
The last stage was accomplish-



Ernie Pyle, famous Scripps-Howard columnist and Pulitzer prize winner dons his war uniform for a cap and gown to receive honorary Doctor of Letters degree from University of New Mexico for his outstanding articles as a war reporter.

## ROOSEVELT OPENS HEAVY WEEK-END CAMPAIGN SWEEP

Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—A damp, chill wind greeted President Roosevelt as he arrived in Philadelphia today for a motorcade sweep of the historic city and adjacent Camden, N. J., across the Delaware river. Mr. Roosevelt's train pulled into the B. & O. railroad station from Washington shortly before noon and he quickly entered his open car for the start of a 30-mile parade under heavily overcast skies, in a bid for Pennsylvania's 35 electoral votes.

Speech Tonight  
The parade will be climaxed by a major political speech to the nation's businessmen tonight at Shibe Park—the start of a five or six-state political swing. His arrival in Philadelphia followed a brief stop at Wilmington, Del., where Mr. Roosevelt told the station crowd that the Republicans were trying to prove "that a horse chestnut is a chestnut horse."

A crowd of 1800 persons jammed the station as the campaign special pulled in. They were all bundled in warm clothing as the weatherman clocked the Philadelphia temperature at 40 degrees. Mr. Roosevelt, smiling broadly, appeared fit. His car passed the lower end of Broad street at a lively clip as several thousand persons, including many school children, waved and applauded.

## 96th Division Food Supply Problem in Swampy Area

By Lisle Shoemaker  
United Press War Correspondent  
With the 96th Division, Leyte, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Supplying forward troops of the 96th division with food, clothing, salt tablets, foot powder and medicine has become a severe problem to the tactician in this swampy fighting area.

Today I joined a fighting quartermaster unit of three trucks and five "ducks" in an attempt to get supplies to a regiment which had fought itself beyond its supply route. The hungry soldiers were only five miles from the beach area as the crowd flies but were isolated by swamps through which no vehicles could pass. Our turnbuck rocked and rolled three miles south, six miles east and six miles north before reaching the peak. The last stage was accomplish-

## CHURCHILL HOPES FOR EARLY TALK WITH STALIN, F. R.

Allies Believed on Last Lap Of European War Is Declaration of Prime Minister

London, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that he "earnestly trusts" that he, Premier Stalin and the "head" of the United States government may meet within the next two months. "Highly satisfactory results" were achieved at his meeting with Stalin in Moscow earlier this month, Churchill told commons, but he added: "I am sure that no final results can be achieved until the heads of the three governments have met again together, as I earnestly trust they may do before this year is at its end."

On Last Lap  
Churchill said the allies believed they were on the "last lap" of the European war, but warned that "this is a race in which failure to exert the fullest effort to the end may prove fatal."

The present stage of the war is hard, he said, "and fighting must be expected on all fronts to increase in scale and intensity." The Germans were trying desperately to prolong the war in the hope that allied resolution would weaken or that a division might arise between the three great powers, he said.

British-Russian relations never were more "close, intimate and cordial than at present," Churchill said. Where they could not agree, he explained, they understood each other's point of view. Though he was unable to announce a solution of the Polish problem, he said "it certainly is not for want of trying."

Big Three Agreed  
"I am quite sure, however, that we have got a great deal nearer to it," he said. Churchill asserted Britain, Russia and the United States were "firmly agreed on the recreation of a strong, independent Poland."

## SPANIARDS GATHER TO FORM GUERRILLA BAND

Form-Spanish Frontier, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Some thousands of Spanish Republicans who fought alongside the French maquis in southern France are gathering near the frontier to organize a guerrilla force which they assert will aid in the ultimate overthrow of the Franco regime in Spain. So far two clashes have been reported between the Guerrilleros, as they call themselves, and the forces of Gen. Francisco Franco.

## Jap Navy Aircraft Practically Done Asserts Mitscher

Aboard Carrier Flagship Off Philippines, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—Japanese carrier-based aviation is "finished" as a result of the Third fleet's carrier-borne assault on Formosa, Nanshaisho and Luzon between Oct. 10 and Oct. 16, Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the task force, said today.

Most of the 932 enemy planes destroyed in the air and on the ground during that period were naval aircraft, Mitscher pointed out, forecasting the complete breakdown of Japanese naval aviation. Mitscher said the Jap naval fliers and aircraft have been our number one airborne opposition since the start of the Pacific war. Before the war Japan was regarded as well-developed in naval aviation, both from the standpoint of pilots and planes.

## CAVALRY CLOSES LEYTE PINNACLES ON REMNANT OF NIPS

Gen MacArthur's GQO, Leyte, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Front reports today revealed that a pincer operation by the dismounted 1st U. S. cavalry and units of the 24th corps has trapped remnants of still resisting Japanese on northern Leyte and the Americans have won a 10-mile or more strip of Leyte's northern coastline on Carigara Bay.

The American gains gave them control of virtually all of northern Leyte from Leyte Gulf, north along San Juanico Straits as well as the advanced north shore positions on Carigara Bay. (A broadcast by Correspondent Gordon Walker from the Leyte beachhead, heard in London, quoted him as saying "it can't be long now until all organized enemy resistance on Leyte is crushed.")

Gain Coastal Strip  
Francis McCarthy, United Press war correspondent with the 1st cavalry, said cavalry patrols had driven along both shores of San Juanico Straits, giving the Americans a coastal strip on Samar island as well as the northern Leyte coast.

A short distance to the south the 24th corps had driven straight across the island in a northwesterly direction along the high ground from San Miguel, 10 miles west of Tacloban, up the San Tantan river to the Carigara Bay village of Santa Cruz.

## WAR SITUATION WORRIES JAPAN

By United Press  
The Japanese board of information reported today that "the war situation has become more pressing than ever" and, as a result, the government is reorganizing its advisory machinery by appointing a number of men with ministerial rank to aid the cabinet and Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso.

The report was broadcast by the Domei news agency and recorded by the FCC. It said the present emergency setup of the cabinet advisory system had been abolished, and Emperor Hirohito had approved the reorganization effective tomorrow. The office of wartime economic advisor to Koiso is being abolished along with the emergency cabinet advisory system, Domei said.

GOV. WARREN HOME  
Sacramento, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren returned to the executive mansion last night to continue convalescence from influenza and a kidney infection which had kept him in a hospital for 10 days.

## KRESSE'S CASE IS PONDERED BY FEDERAL JURORS

Deliberations Started Soon After Noon; Counsel Ends With Impassioned Plea.

Closing arguments of attorneys and instructions by Judge James Alger Fee were concluded in the trial of Dr. A. F. Walter Kresse in federal court this morning and the case went to the jury at 12:30 p. m. Deliberations were to begin after the jurors completed lunch. Dr. Kresse was tried on 13 counts of an indictment charging him with violation of the federal narcotics act.

Attorney George Roberts' closing statement was a dramatic plea to the jurors "not to brand a reputable doctor a criminal" and bring disgrace on his two sons serving in the armed forces. The attorney told the jurors that while Dr. Kresse might have done things "in the blindness of his heart" which he should not have, that he was in no sense a criminal. Roberts stated that the doctor had at one time written the narcotics bureau concerning the case of an addict, that the bureau's reply put him virtually on his own judgment and that the bureau had never given any warning to indicate his use of drug prescriptions were excessive.

Addicts Burden  
The attorney said the addicts "were a burden on society" that there was no relief for them and termed the methods of the federal agents in securing their evidence "reprehensible." Roberts asked the jurors to consider the plight of the defendant, saying that the ordeal of the trial had practically made a nervous wreck of him. Defense evidence yesterday afternoon was brief, being concluded about 2:30 p. m. Under questioning by Roberts, Dr. Kresse told of his medical education, his residence in Medford and of his two sons, both in the service. He declared the continued use of morphine affected the user's mental capacities, impairing their veracity and causing them to commit acts which they otherwise would not.

Woman Disputed  
Reviewing the testimony on the Shattuck brothers and Mrs. Maxine Marrett, he stated that Mrs. Marrett was already an addict when she first visited him, that he had never advised her to use drugs hypodermically and that he doubted if she had ever owned hypodermic equipment. The doctor further denied that Mrs. Marrett ever had spent the night at his home. Under cross examination William Langley, prosecution attorney, asked Dr. Kresse if he had ever read the narcotics laws and he replied "no one asked me to read them." Asked if he considered it good medical practice to give addicts morphine whenever they asked for it, the defendant replied "only up to their accustomed use." When the prosecutor asked the doctor why he didn't stop giving it to them, since he had testified that the drug made "liars and criminals" out of the addicts, the doctor made no reply.

Sweeney Testifies  
Following three charter witnesses yesterday, Dr. Charles T. Sweeney, Medford physician, was called as a defense witness. He answered questions about the use of morphine to relieve pain and the methods of cures for addiction. Walter Reinking, Medford policeman, and Willard M. Ruch, sergeant in the state police, were on the stand briefly and were questioned about a piece of paper taken from Mrs. Marrett by police and said to have had the doctor's name on it.

Neither attorney offered rebuttal testimony and when the cases were closed, Judge Fee denied a motion for a directed verdict for acquittal offered by Attorney Roberts.

## Jap 'Squeeze Play' Nipped



Japanese naval forces essayed a daring maneuver in attempt to beat American power off Leyte, sending fleets through straits above and below the invaded Philippine island. The result was the most decisive defeat yet dealt the Nipponese with at least 30 Jap warships sunk or damaged.

## Japanese Admirals Lose in Matching Wits With Yanks

By Ralph Teasorth  
United Press War Correspondent  
Aboard Admiral Kinkaid's flagship, off Leyte, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Our fast carrier planes are out in relentless pursuit today of two crippled enemy naval forces—the shattered remains of a fleet with which the Japanese had hoped to annihilate American forces in the Philippines. The Japanese admirals attempted to match wits with the American admirals; they had hoped to throw our fleet off balance with a feint and land a quick one-two punch at our naval forces and our foothold in the Philippines. But they lost.

Plan Backfires  
They failed to account for American strategy and their plan backfired. Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid saw the trap and stayed out of it. Then, with his carrier commander, Rear Admiral Thomas L. Sprague, he put his own counterstrategy into play. It was like a trap within a trap. The Japanese southern fleet, after being sighted by P-T boats, was allowed to enter the Surigao Straits for 22 miles to a point where the waterway was not more than 12 miles wide. There Rear Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf was waiting with his battleships, cruisers and destroyers.

Yanks Close In  
When the Japanese came in range, Oldendorf's destroyers closed in swiftly with a torpedo attack. Then the 16, eight, and six inch guns of the battleships opened up, belching steel and fire that turned the skies from night to day. Forty minutes later the Japanese started to run, with our fleet in hot pursuit. After daylight our torpedo planes joined in the attack. Meantime off Samar island in the north, the second force with which the Japanese had hoped to hit the Americans while the first group was striking from the south, was being smashed.

Japs Make Mistake  
There the Japanese made the mistake of opening the action. Our light flattops were no match for the enemy fleet in a surface engagement, so they eluded the enemy. Then when in position, Sprague sent hundreds of Wildcats and Avengers into a concentrated attack on the Japanese force. For five hours they hammered incessantly and then the Japanese broke, fleeing back through San Bernardino strait. Apparently the two battered forces are attempting desperate-

## LAST DEFENSES ARE OVERUN AT HERTOGENBOSCH

Few Remaining Snipers Are Cleaned Up by Army—50,000 Nazis in Pocket.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—The big Dutch transport center of 'S Hertogenbosch fell today to British troops who crumpled the eastern anchor of a wilting pocket in which more than 50,000 Germans were pinned against the Maas river. Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's 2nd army assault forces stormed through the last defenses of 'S Hertogenbosch and overwhelmed the foothold which the Germans had held in the southwest corner of the town for two days.

Snipers Mopped Up  
Only a few snipers remained to be cleaned out of 'S Hertogenbosch, one of Europe's oldest towns and the capital of North Brabant province, United War Correspondent Walter Cronkite said in a dispatch reporting its liberation. A city of almost 50,000 in 1940, 'S Hertogenbosch lies three miles below the Lower Maas. From its railroads and highways radiate to all parts of Holland, and the Germans once used it as the transport control center for a broad reach of the low countries.

To the west, British forces broke through the southern German flank on Beveland island, guarding the approaches to Antwerp, after an amphibious landing and drove inland to within two miles or less of a junction with Canadian units pushing in from the causeway to the mainland.

Counter Repulsed  
Cronkite said a counterattack against the Beveland bridgehead was repulsed, and the allied position had been reinforced. The Canadians thrusting west on Beveland crossed the Zuid Beveland canal and pushed on more than a mile beyond.

## NAVY WAVE DIES IN FARRAGUT FIRE

Farragut, Ida., Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—A navy wave was burned to death and several other navy service women were injured in a fire which swept barracks at the naval hospital here last night, navy officials at the navy training center here reported today. Ensign Emil G. Giordano, USNR, fire marshal of the naval training center said the fire was confined to one wing in the civilian barracks at the hospital area occupied by more than 100 Waves assigned to the hospital as well as civilian women employed in offices, the laundry, the Red Cross and hospital laboratories. Giordano said girls were jumping from the second story windows as firemen arrived and others were reported to have fashioned makeshift ladders of bed-sheets to drop to the ground. Members of the Farragut fire department hastily erected ladders and succeeded in carrying many of the trapped to safety. Flames swept up a stairway and completely filled the upper hallway.

## COUNTY GRAND JURY RETURNS 3 TRUE BILLS

The Jackson county grand jury, E. C. Faber, Central Point, foreman, returned three true bills and one secret indictment late yesterday. The grand jury was recessed for two weeks, when it will resume work. Fred Summer Marratt and Maxine Jesse Marratt were indicted jointly for breaking and entering, on August 27, the office of Dr. R. W. Clancy in the Medford Center building, and stealing drugs. Dr. Clancy, held in the county jail awaiting sentence in federal court on a narcotic count, was a witness against the Marratts. Fred Alva Bailey was indicted for murder in the first degree for the death of Ira Clyde Carman, 45, millworker; Bailey, a San Quentin prison camp escapee, allegedly inflicted fatal head wounds upon Carman, on the night of September 3, with an auto jack, during an alleged assault to commit robbery.

## RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Today: President Roosevelt from Philadelphia, over CBS and MBS, 6 to 6:45 p. m., PWT. Sen. Truman from Peoria, over NBC Blue, 7:30 to 8 p. m., PWT. Sen. Ball from New York, over NBC Blue, 7 to 7:15 p. m., PWT. Gov. Bricker from Kansas City, over NBC, 7:30 to 7:45 p. m., PWT. Saturday: President Roosevelt, over NBC and NBC Blue, 6 p. m., PWT.

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
Bill Isaacs in from his country manor with good news for friends. Tribune office girls staggering home after answering some 500 telephonic calls because the paper was late. Walter Hadlock and other federal court officials sighing over their impending departure from the Rogue River valley because of the beautiful autumn weather and the pheasant hunting.