

British Take Last Major Nazi Stronghold in Collapsing Dutch Pocket

Weather
 Forecast Cloudy with rain tonight and Tuesday; cooler.
 Highest yesterday 72
 Lowest this morning 52
 Precip. 0.00
 Past 24 hours 0.00

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ROUTED GERMANS CRUSHED BACK ON 50-MILE FRONT

Allies Marching Swiftly Toward Decisive Victory in Western Holland, Is Word

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—British assault forces stormed today into Roosendaal, last major stronghold of a collapsing Dutch pocket in which 40,000 routed German troops were being smashed back against the Maas river on a 50-mile front.

The German defenses of all southwestern Holland were falling apart under the unremitting blows of British, Canadian, American, and Polish troops of Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st army group.

Decisive Victory

Field dispatches said the allies were marching swiftly toward a decisive victory in western Holland which will open up the big port of Antwerp and free Montgomery's left flank for a wheeling movement eastward against Germany.

Canadian forces racing through Beveland island reached the causeway linking it with Walcheren island in a seven-mile advance, and silenced the big coastal guns on Walcheren which had blockaded the sea lanes to Antwerp.

Two columns striking westward across Beveland had virtually cleared the big island, and the stage was set for the assault of Walcheren and its key cities of Fiddleburg and Flushing.

Across the Scheide estuary, the Germans were routed and the Canadians reported a bag of 7,000 prisoners of an original 10,000 in the Breskens pocket. That meant that perhaps 2,000 Nazis were wandering in the closing trap, disorganized and without leadership or communications.

As the British crashed into Roosendaal, key transport center between captured Breda and Bergen Op Zoom, other units to the northeast drove within less than a mile of the 'S Hertogenbosch-Ramsdonk-Kveer highway at two points.

The road is the last lateral transport artery in German hands below the Maas. It was within easy shelling range of the British vanguard, and effectively immobilized as a Nazi escape channel from the tottering pocket.

Front reports said the Nazis were falling back as fast as trucks, horses and bicycles could carry them. The speed of their retreat indicated they would be able to ferry the bulk of the 40,000 troops across the Maas or take them out over the secondary bridges available to them.

Across the Dutch salient in the Venlo area, German counterattacks have been contained, a dispatch from Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army headquarters said. It estimated that they were carried out by 600 to 1,000 troops and 18 tanks.

The Nazis, apparently seeking to drain off allied strength in western Holland, had driven wedges up to two miles in the lines held jointly by American and British troops.

Montgomery's chase of the Germans in southwest Holland was being pressed today under a thick overcast that seemed to lie on the Dutch tile rooftops.

Collaborationist Editor Professes Love For America

Paris, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—Stephane Lauzanne, former editor of the collaborationist Le Matin, professed an ardent love for America today at his trial on treason charges.

Confronted with articles he wrote for Le Matin violently attacking the United States for the invasion of North Africa, the 70-year-old Lauzanne told the court: "I regret those articles from the bottom of my heart. I have always loved America. I regret and deplore those articles deeply now."

Lauzanne's American-born wife, the former Camille Gros of San Francisco, is in Paris but did not attend the trial today.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Democrat Paul Hanlin giving a Republican reporter the gizzard via telephone.

Glenn Harrison undecided as to what excuse to offer for being half an hour late for a breakfast date.

Gus Newbury in the greatest hurry of many years, he being too hurried to listen to a new story.

SUBS AND PLANES CHASE REMNANTS OF JAPAN'S FLEET

At Least 58 Craft Sunk or Damaged Is Latest Score in Philippine Debacle

Pearl Harbor, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today that the total damaged in the battle of the Philippines had been raised to at least 52 and possibly 64 by new strikes on the Manila and central Philippines area.

More than 90 Japanese planes were destroyed Friday and Saturday, bringing to at least 261 the number wrecked last week by 3d and 7th fleet carrier aircraft.

Pearl Harbor, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—American submarines and China based bombers prowled enemy waters today in a quest of smoking, crippled remnants of the Japanese fleet which fled the Philippines after suffering the worst defeat in modern naval history with at least 58 warships sunk or damaged.

Only one or two destroyers out of the Japanese fleet of 59 to 60 warships which sought to challenge the American invasion of the Philippines came through the six-day air-sea battle unscathed, and even they, along with 21 or 34 damaged and crippled ships, still faced the threat of American undersea and air raiders.

Third Rate Now

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, disclosed the reduction of Japan to a third-rate naval power in a triumphant communique which announced the sinking of 24 Japanese warships, including two battleships and four aircraft carriers, the possible sinking of 13 others and the damaging of 21 in a blazing battle Oct. 22 through 27.

With the Japanese naval threat to the Philippines' invasion smashed, Tokyo reported that American carrier planes had resumed their attacks on the Manila area. More than 200 aircraft made three separate raids on the Philippines capital and nearby Clark field between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. yesterday, a Domei broadcast said, adding the claim that 37 had been shot down.

Another Tokyo broadcast asserted that Japanese planes caught an American task force of aircraft carriers east of Luzon bay Sunday and heavily damaged and set ablaze one carrier, a cruiser and two unidentified warships.

Manila March Aided

The decisive American victory in the naval battle of the Philippines was expected to speed the American march on Manila, as well as landings on Bataan, against the Japanese who China coast and probably home islands.

Japan lost all her available aircraft carriers in the battle, she may or may not have three battleships in operating condition and her cruiser and destroyer strength has been crippled at a time when she is in desperate need of escort vessels to maintain her menaced communications with her stolen empire to the south.

With Japanese shipyards already clogged with damaged ships from previous forays, vessels damaged in the Philippines probably will be out of service for months to come, even should they escape American submarines and planes on their homeward run. Furthermore, Japanese within easy range of Chinese shipyards at Hong Kong based flying Fortresses and Liberators, while Singapore and Japan's home ports could be hit by B-29 Superfortresses, Nimitz said the Japanese fleet had been "decisively defeated and routed," then summarized the "enemy's losses as follows:

Sunk: Two battleships, four carriers, six heavy cruisers, three light cruisers, three small cruisers or large destroyers and six destroyers.

Severely damaged and maybe sunk: One battleship, three heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and seven destroyers.

Escaped in a damaged condition: Six battleships, four heavy cruisers, one light cruiser and 10 destroyers.

U. S. Losses Listed

The American 3rd and 7th fleets lost the 10,000-ton light aircraft carrier Princeton, two escort carriers, two destroyers, a destroyer escort and a "few

Yanks Inch Closer to Luzon



American invasion forces race up west coast of Samar to within 67 miles of Luzon and 320 miles of Manila as Gen. MacArthur announces that Japanese all along the 80-mile Philippine front were bordering on "complete disorganization and disintegration."

Bong Back With Crippled Plane After Downing 32nd, 33rd Japs

With the Far Eastern Air Force, Leyte, Philippines, Oct. 27.—(U.P.)—Maj. Richard Bong, America's Ace of Aces, returned safely to a U. S. air base with a shot-out motor today after downing his 32nd and 33rd enemy planes—one of them without firing a shot.

Taking off from a northern Leyte airfield in a dusk patrol "scramble," Bong sighted a "Zeke," the first of the Japanese Zero fighter planes produced in this war, cruising blissfully at an estimated altitude of some 12,000 feet. Pointing the red nose of his Lightning straight up, Bong caught up with the surprised Nip from a distance of 20 miles and shot him down.

Zeke Crashes

Less than 15 minutes later Bong's plane patrol intercepted a bomb carrying "Zeke," apparently headed for the Tacloban area, flying some 10 miles out of Ormoc on the other side of Leyte. A pass at the enemy fighter-bomber by another member of the American patrol missed fire and Bong sprung into the fray.

With Bong on his tail, the Nip went into a steep dive and attempted to jettison his bombs. So great was the Zeke's speed

PAC RED FRONT, SAYS DIES GROUP

Washington, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—A Dies subcommittee today described the C. I. O. political action committee and its offshoot, the national citizens political action committee, as "fronts" through which communists are trying to win control of a "major political party" and become a principal power in this country.

In a report to the full Dies committee on its investigation of C. I. O. political activities, the subcommittee branded N. C. P. A. C. as the principal "communist front organization of the moment," but said that it and the P. A. C. together were the "rallying point for the communist party and its allied groups."

FRANCO AID CLAIMED

London, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—The News-Chronicle in a dispatch from its correspondent, Philip Jordan, dated from the Pyrenees, charged that the German "condor legion" had been re-established in Spain to aid the Franco regime and that thousands of German troops escaping across the French frontier into Spain had not been interned.

lesser craft," Nimitz said. A total of 171 Japanese planes were shot down in two engagements while the only American air losses listed were 10 planes in one engagement.

While the 75 ships sunk or damaged on both sides in the battle of Jutland during world war I exceeds the 64 Japanese and American vessels announced hit in the Philippines, never before in modern history has a single nation lost as many ships in a single engagement as did Japan in last week's test of strength.

BOSTON ADDRESS PROBABLY LAST ON F.D.R.'S LIST

Secretary Early Throws Cold Water on Reported Ohio Campaign Tour

Washington, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—White House Secretary Stephen T. Early today threw cold water on reports that President Roosevelt would carry his campaign tour into Ohio, and indicated that his already-scheduled Boston speech—on Saturday—will be Mr. Roosevelt's sole remaining major appearance before election day.

There had been widely circulated reports that the president would make a speech at either Cleveland or Detroit this week. Early said a definite decision would be made within 24 hours, but that as of the moment, the president still planned to spend the week in Washington taking care of important work.

F. R. Feeling Fine

The president now has no fixed campaign plans beyond the Boston speech and a tour of the Hudson river valley near his Hyde Park home the day before election.

Early said the president was "feeling fine" after his trip, which ended last night and took him into seven pivotal states.

Designed largely to show the people the state of his health, the journey just ended included two big night speeches in raw and windy weather, long, rainy hours in an open car parade and several train-end speeches.

Political camp followers on this train and some of those who have been traveling independently now have the distinct impression that the president's health is the top conversational issue of this campaign. That is what the question-askers want to know about and it was "how he looks" that interested curb and train-side crowds the most.

RUSSIANS POISE FOR NEW DRIVE TOWARD HUNGARY

Moscow, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—Gen. Ivan D. Petrov's 4th Ukrainian army, slashing across Czechoslovakia to capture the big communications center of Csep, was poised on the northern Hungarian border today for a new possible thrust toward Hungary.

Petrov's forces at Csep were only approximately 25 miles from Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army which was pushing against the Hungarian capital from the south and east.

The Russian communique again failed to mention the campaign in East Prussia, where Red army infantry, tanks and artillery were waging a heavy offensive along both sides of the main railway leading directly to Konigsberg.

(Berlin reported that Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's 3rd White Russian army occupied three additional towns south of the rail junction of Gumbinnen, 15 miles east of Insterburg, but later were driven out of the places.)

(The Germans also reported that a Soviet army of possibly 400,000 to 600,000 men, backed by seven full tank corps, opened a new Baltic offensive and captured the Latvian stronghold of Auce in an attempt to split the escape ports of Liepaja and Ventspils. Auce is 73 miles east of Liepaja.)

RENO GAMBLING CLUB IS SCENE OF SLAYING

Reno, Nev., Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—James Lanagan, 28, was shot and killed during an altercation at the Bank Club, one of Reno's better known gambling houses, early today, District Attorney Melvin Jepson announced.

Jack Blackman, 32, one of the operators of the Town House, another Reno restaurant and gambling club, much frequented by divorcees, was taken into custody in connection with the affair, Jepson said.

Stilwell Recalled in Chiang Kai-Shek Row



Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell (center), relieved as U. S. commander in Far East in sensational move which assertedly stemmed from direct demand by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan (left) will command American forces in Burma-India theater. Maj. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer (right) will command the China theater.

YANKS CHECKED BEFORE BOLOGNA BY HEAVY GUNS

Rome, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—The heaviest German artillery fire yet encountered by the 5th army checked the American drive on Bologna today, although British troops on the right flank met only limited resistance in the push northward toward Forli, a key point on the Bologna-Rimini highway.

The Germans also reported hastily improving their defenses with new minefields and wire entanglements apparently for a determined stand on the approaches to Bologna, the central gateway to Italy's Po valley.

NEW YORK SOLONS IN SQUABBLE OVER SOLDIER BALLOT

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—The predominantly Republican New York state assembly voted unanimously today to extend the time for receiving absentee soldier votes in the November 3 election from November 3 to November 6.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—A fight over soldier voting developed today in a special session of the New York state legislature.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, laying aside his role as a presidential candidate temporarily to convene a special session to liberalize voting arrangements, proposed that the time for receiving absentee ballots be extended to November 6.

The Democratic minority introduced a bill proposing that the deadline on absentee ballots be extended to November 30.

Under present law the absentee ballots must be in the hands of the war ballot commission by November 3 and counted in the proper election district, along with all other votes, on November 7.

The fight over soldier balloting, which also marked the regular session of the New York legislature earlier this year, overshadowed the purpose for which Dewey called the session—to extend for two hours, until 9 p. m. (EWT), the polling hours in the state next Tuesday.

PEAR CROP OVER EARLY ESTIMATE

Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—Oregon's pear crop, estimated at more than 3,000,000 boxes in the state's principal producing regions, Jackson and Hood River counties, has been harvested successfully despite labor shortages this season.

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.)
 Russia — 315 miles (from Warsaw. Unchanged in week.)
 Italy — 535 miles (from point south of Ravenna. Unchanged in week.)

602,013 REGISTER TO VOTE IN STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Salem, Ore., Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—A total of 602,013 persons have registered for the general election in Oregon next Tuesday, the elections division here reported today after receiving all county reports. This is more than 100,000 more than registered in the primary election in May of this year, but it is about 11,000 less than were registered to vote in the last presidential election in 1940.

There are 17,989 more Republicans registered than Democrats, the figures showed, 302,805 to 284,816. A total of 2,786 were named as independent, 420 as socialist, 482 as prohibitionist, and 10,704 in the "all others" column, which included service men whose party affiliation was not designated.

Some service men voters are included in the figures, but not all, as it was not possible to include the soldiers who sent in their applications for ballots, which served as their registration, after the civilian registration closed on October 7.

A total of about 41,000 applications for soldier ballots have been received here so far.

While the total number registered is smaller than that for the Roosevelt-Willkie contest in 1940, the actual vote may be considerably larger, due to the absentee service votes.

EX-ARMY NURSE SUFFOCATES IN NEVADA HOTEL

Ely, Nev., Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—Winifred J. Hays, 29-year-old former army nurse, who survived the horrors of Bataan and served in the south Pacific and European war theaters, died of suffocation in a hotel room here today, the coroner's office reported.

It was said Miss Hays, whose home was believed to be in Shady Springs, W. Va., came to Ely some weeks ago, following an honorable discharge from the nurses' corps of the U. S. army.

It was believed that after having dinner last night she returned to her hotel room and apparently unable to sleep, took a sleeping potion, the coroner's office said.

Later, it was said, she apparently fell asleep while smoking. Her bedding was ignited by the cigarette.

Radio Highlights

Today: James F. Byrnes, over NBC 6 to 6:30 p.m. PWT; John W. Bricker over MBS, 6:00 to 7 p.m. PWT.

Tuesday: Thomas E. Dewey over NBC 6 to 6:30 p.m. PWT.

Little Brother Commando Victim

New York, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—Police reported today that four-year-old William Drach, whose father and gagger body was found in a dumb-waiter shaft, was the victim of a "commando" raid staged by his eight-year-old brother Robert.

They questioned William's playmates in an effort to learn how the child had been killed. When police got around to Robert, he broke down and admitted he had tied up the younger boy while they were at play.

Fortresses Hit Northwest Reich

London, Oct. 30.—(U.P.)—More than 800 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed Hamburg, Harburg, Hamm and Munster today in a four-pronged attack on northwest Germany.

Upward of 95 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters escorted the heavy bombers smashing at the Ruhr and the Hamburg port area, the United States strategic air force announced.

Transport facilities and industrial plants were hit at Hamm and Munster, while oil refineries and processing plants were the targets at Hamburg and neighboring Harburg across the Elbe.

Royal Air Force Mosquitoes made two separate attacks last night on Cologne, dropping two-ton blockbusters on the Rhineland city.

Bill Thorndike Listed Wounded

Cpl. Bill Thorndike was slightly wounded October 15 in Germany, according to a wire received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thorndike, 55 Berkeley way, this morning. A letter from the corporal written September 28, stated that he was in Holland with a replacement unit and his parents had no further information of him until the wire this morning.

Cpl. Thorndike went overseas in July and has been with a supply unit. He has been in the army since March of 1943 entering the army after two years at Oregon State college, and is a graduate of Medford senior high school.

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