

14 U.S. SHIPS HIT, SAYS JAPAN

Weather
Forecast: Cloudy with rain to night and Friday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 57
Lowest this morning 45
Precip. past 24 hours .02

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"SUICIDE UNITS" CLAIMED ACTIVE NEAR LEYTE GULF

Imperial Communiqué Says One Battleship, 3 Cruisers Sunk, 3 Damaged.

By United Press
Japan claimed today, in a series of announcements unsupported by any allied source, that its army air force and special suicide "attack units" sank or damaged 14 American warships, including battleships and cruisers, in heavy raids on the United States invasion fleet in and near Leyte Gulf yesterday.

The first claims were contained in a Japanese imperial headquarters communiqué, broadcast by Tokyo radio and recorded by United Press, San Francisco. The communiqué asserted that Japanese planes sank "one enemy battleship or cruiser and three cruisers and damaged three enemy battleships" in Leyte Gulf yesterday.

A later unofficial announcement by Tokyo reported that the Japanese "special attack corps," supposedly consisting of explosive-filled planes manned by suicide pilots, had sank or damaged seven additional American warships approaching Leyte Gulf.

Mud Slows Yank Advance in Philippines



Slowly advancing through swamps and tangled underbrush, American infantrymen seek out remaining Japanese resistance on Leyte Island in the Philippines. Note soldier, bogged down waist-deep, being aided by his buddies. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

White House Demand Led to Stilwell Recall Says Solon

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Rep. Walter H. Judd, R., Minn., who recently returned from Chungking, charged today that a demand from the white house that Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell be made the overall commander in China, with military authority even over Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, precipitated the crisis that led to Stilwell's recall.

Judd claimed that Stilwell was made "the goat of personal government in Washington." The congressman, a former medical missionary to China, said Stilwell, himself, carried the ultimatum to Chiang and that the Chinese leader "blew up."

"No head of any self-respecting government could accept such an ultimatum," Judd said. He claimed that the ultimatum threatened that unless Stilwell received command of all forces in China the United States would be unable to give military support to the Chinese.

In a formal statement on the recall action, Judd asserted that Chiang replied in substance: "Then the United States will have to withdraw its support."

The congressman, who was in Chungking late in September when the situation surrounding Stilwell was coming to a head, said that Chiang's reply put President Roosevelt in a position of having either to withdraw the United States from the war against Japan on Chinese soil, to order American troops to invade China, or to withdraw Stilwell.

"Naturally, he did the only thing he could do—he withdrew Stilwell," Judd said.

MACHINISTS HALT WORK ON VESSELS IN BAY SHIPYARDS

Oakland, Calif., Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Machinists of local 1304 (CIO) stopped work on ships in all San Francisco east bay shipyards today to attend a meeting in connection with a jurisdictional dispute with Steamfitters local 590 (AFL).

With the exception of men assigned to tool rooms, the machinists remained off the job to attend a second general meeting, which will consider further a national war labor board order directing them to resume work pending settlement of the controversy.

James Smith, business agent, termed the WLB order "ambiguous." The union requested clarification and scheduled another meeting.

Employers said withdrawal of the machinists from their jobs craftsman and possibly a general work stoppage if it continued.

The latest count indicated machine work has been halted on 27 military and cargo vessels in bay area yards. The dispute arose over conflicting claims of jurisdiction in the installation of copper piping, flange valves and pipe hangers. The steamfitters have remained on the job.

CENTRAL POINT BOY DIES WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

Jimmie LeRoy Ross, 7, Central Point, died in Community hospital last night from a crushed skull sustained when he was struck by a car driven by Leslie Leon Croucher, route 2, box 86A, Medford, on the main street of Central Point. The boy did not regain consciousness, according to the attending physician.

A report on file at state police headquarters, asserts young Ross darted across the street in front of the car and was not seen until too late to avoid the accident.

He was born August 29, 1937, at Central Point and survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ross, his grandmother, Mrs. K. D. Ross, Central Point, and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Further services, in charge of Perle funeral home, will be announced later.

AIR LINES SEEK NEW ROUTES IN PACIFIC STATES

San Francisco, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Coast Aviation corporation today asked the civil aeronautics board for permission to establish a 27-city feeder line service in California and Nevada.

The C. A. B. opened the second day of hearings on the applicants of 15 airlines seeking to inaugurate and expand scores of air routes in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Wyoming and Montana.

Applicants and proposed new routes and stops included:

United Airlines: San Francisco to Portland via Chico, Cal., Klamath Falls and Bend, Ore.

Western Air Lines, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal.: San Francisco to Portland via Oakland, Sacramento and Chico, Cal., and Klamath Falls, Bend, and The Dalles, Ore.; Portland to Seattle via Astoria, Ore.

Southwest Airways Co., Beverly Hills, Cal.: San Francisco to Medford, Ore., with 14 passenger landing stations, three mail-express pickups; San Francisco to Eugene, five passenger landing stations, four mail-express pickups; Portland to Klamath Falls, Ore., eight passenger landing stations and two mail express pickups (connecting with San Francisco to Medford route).

Nevada-Pacific Airlines, Inc., Reno, Nev.: Reno to Medford, Ore., three passenger landing stations; Medford to Boise, five passenger landing stations (connecting with Reno to Medford at Klamath Falls); Boise, Idaho, to Boulder City, Nev., five passenger landing stations (connecting with all above routes except Reno to Los Angeles and Reno to Medford).

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Weatherman George Rudolph having difficulty in explaining the exact technical difference between "warmer" and "not so cool."

City hall employees attempting to solve the mystery of who left an eight-pound roast in the second floor hall.

Susan and Emil Schmidt delighted when their Halloween costumes completely deceived daughter Jane Fitzgerald and husband Jack on a "trick or treat" call at the latter's home.

Almost half the nation's vegetables in 1943 came from victory gardens.

Yanks Down 131 Nazi Fighter Planes In One Of Biggest Air Battles Of War

ALL-TIME RECORD FOR ONE MISSION SET BY ESCORTS

Nazis Send Strong Formations of Jet Planes Into Fight; Rise Straight Up.

London, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—American planes fought one of the biggest air battles of the war over Germany today, and a preliminary check at 8th air force headquarters showed that its fighters shot down 131 Nazi fighters, an all-time record for a single escort mission.

German planes rose in strength to challenge a fleet of more than 2,000 United States heavy bombers and fighters attacking synthetic oil plants and rail targets in the Ruhr and Rhineland.

British Join Bombing
British heavy bombers joined in the daylight attack on Germany, also hitting targets in the Ruhr and farther north.

The Americans fought their heaviest combat in the area of Merseburg, where strong formations of Flying Fortress bombers bombed the Leuna synthetic oil plant. German jet-propelled planes attacked the bombers and crewmen said they shot up from the ground almost vertically, like rockets.

It was the first time the Germans had used their jet-propelled fighters in force, although they had been in action on an experimental basis several times. The Nazis also sent in as many as 75 Focke-Wulf 190s and Messerschmitts at a time.

California Demos Turning To Dewey Says GOP Booster

San Francisco, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—William Reichel, northern California Dewey-Bricker campaign chairman, predicted today that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential nominee, will carry California, a predominantly Democratic-registered state.

"The growing support of registered Democrats," said Reichel, "will give Gov. Dewey a safe margin in California."

Corbett's Inc., betting establishment in San Francisco, quoted even money that President Roosevelt does not carry California by 300,000 votes. No odds were posted on the proposition that the president would carry California.

Odds of 3 to 1 still were being offered that Roosevelt is re-elected.

TRUMAN RECEIVES GREATEST OVATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

Democratic Vice Presidential Nominee Speaks from Back of Fire Truck.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—The Pittsburgh industrial area gave Sen. Harry S. Truman the biggest reception of his 8,000-mile campaign tour today when thousands lined the streets of suburban factory districts to greet his motor caravan.

In a bid for the labor vote in critical Pennsylvania, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee spoke from the back of a fire truck in Braddock, at the gate of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. plant at East Pittsburgh, and alongside a railroad track at the Westinghouse airbrake plant in Wilmerding.

U. S. FIRST ARMY TAKES VOSENACK

Hodges' Troops Smash Forward Nearly Two Miles Onto Cologne Plain.

Paris, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—The United States 1st army opened a new offensive today in the sector of its deepest penetration of Germany southeast of Aachen and smashed forward nearly two miles to Vosenack, 28 miles southwest of Cologne.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops broke out of the Hurtgen forest onto the Cologne plain under cover of a thunderous artillery bombardment in the first major action on the 1st army front since the fall of Aachen.

JAMES FLY QUILTS AS FCC CHAIRMAN

Washington, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Chairman James Lawrence Fly of the federal communications commission, long a target of bitter charges by Republican congressmen and some segments of the radio industry, announced today that he has resigned, effective November 15, to return to a private law practice in New York.

A special house committee has spent more than a year investigating the FCC and Fly's stewardship of it. The group first was headed by Rep. E. E. Cox, D., Ga., who joined some Republicans in charging that Fly sought to pave the way for complete domination of the broadcasting industry by the federal government.

Quads Given Good Chance To Survive

Philadelphia, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—The Cirmellino quadruplets started their second day of life in "good condition and with no physical defects" today, and were placed on two-hour tube feedings of milk at the Philadelphia Lying-In-Hospital.

Dr. Ralph M. Tyson, pediatrician in charge of the babies, said that they have a "good 65 per cent chance of survival" and that the first 48 hours of their lives will be the most crucial.

Sixty-two thousands of the 192,000 men inducted into the armed forces in January, 1944, were fathers.

Hannegan Renews F.D.R. Prediction

New York, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Robert E. Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic national committee, renewed his prediction today of a Roosevelt victory next Tuesday and backed it up with predictions of (1) a smaller popular and electoral vote for Thomas E. Dewey than the late Wendell L. Willkie received in 1940, (2) fewer states in the G. O. P. column than in 1940 and (3) a total vote of more than 47,000,000.

To urge a flat metal curtain rod into the heading of a curtain, first fit a smooth button in the end of the rod and you'll have smooth gliding.

Blaze Destroys Andren Residence

Fire completely destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Andren on Maple Park Drive last evening about seven o'clock. The Andrens had left the house after dinner and when neighbors discovered the blaze it had gained such headway that nothing was saved with the exception of a small quantity of bedding.

The three-room house was owned by Mrs. Allie E. Troutler of 518 East Main street and the loss is partially covered by insurance. Neighbors who entered the house when the fire was discovered were of the opinion that the blaze started from wiring near the radio.

Andren is employed by the Medford corporation. The couple has one small child.

New Deal In Alliance With Communists Dewey Tells Huge Audience In Boston

Aboard Dewey Campaign Train, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey bid for Maryland's eight electoral votes today after accusing President Roosevelt in Boston last night of selling out his party to communists determined to seize control of the government.

The republican presidential candidate carried his campaign into Baltimore in an attempt to take Maryland—which has been on the winning side in every presidential contest for half a century—out of the "doubtful" category and into the Dewey column.

Under his belt was the strong denunciation he has made thus far of the "cynical alliance" which he told 25,000 persons in strongly Catholic Boston that the New Deal has entered into with Earl Browder's communists.

He charged that the alliance was effected through Sidney Hillman and his political action committee.

Lashing out with the bitterest personal denunciation of President Roosevelt since the campaign began, Dewey charged that "Mr. Roosevelt, in his overwhelming desire to perpetuate himself in office for 16 years, has put his party on the auction block—for sale to the highest bidder."

He said the highest bidders were "the political action committee of Sidney Hillman and the communists of Earl Browder."

Party Weakened
Dewey charged that President Roosevelt has "so weakened and corrupted the democratic party that it is readily subject to capture" and "the forces of communism are, in fact, now capturing it."

"The communists are seizing control of the New Deal, through which they aim to control the government of the United States," Dewey shouted. "If they should succeed, the fundamental freedoms of every American would stand in gravest jeopardy."

As an example of what he meant, Dewey painted the communist system as one under which "the individual cannot worship, vote or think as he would, or conduct his life as his own." The price for disobedience, he declared, "is liquidation, either through violence or slow economic strangulation."

"Everyone knows," he continued, "that communism is for state ownership of all property, including your house, your farm and the factory, the shop, the office in which you work. It stands for absolute dictatorship, the abolition of civil rights and total political and economic bigotry."

The G.O.P. candidate leveled a similar personal attack against Browder and Hillman.

Of Browder he said: "He is the man who was convicted of draft dodging in the last war. He was again convicted—this time for perjury—and pardoned by Franklin Roosevelt in time to organize the fourth term campaign. Browder stands for everything that would destroy America."

He described Hillman as a labor leader who had held "one official post after another in the New Deal" and "a front for the communists" in the fourth term campaign.

Dewey warned against any ignoring of "the communist threat because of their small numbers."

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REDS 25 MILES FROM BUDAPEST

London, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Russian forces driving on Budapest today captured Tartarcenty, 25 miles southeast of the Hungarian capital, the soviet high command reported tonight.

Nagykoros, big rail town 40 miles southeast of Budapest, was among the more than 60 localities which fell to the soviet troops closing an assault arc against the capital.

To the northeast the Russians cleared the eastern bank of the Tisza river, a Moscow communiqué reported.

JAPANESE RUSH AIR FORCES TO LUZON DEFENSE

By United Press
With her navy crippled as a result of the abortive attempt to smash the American invasion of the Philippines, Japan air reinforcements to Luzon today in an obvious effort to support a desperate delaying action against liberation of that stepping stone to her homeland.

Enemy aircraft from the dwindling reserves in Japan were known to be shuttling into Luzon by way of Formosa and other intermediate bases. One Japanese pilot, captured after parachuting into the Leyte area, said he had left Japan only six days ago.

Americans Slowed
Terrain difficulties were reported slowing construction of American airfields on liberated portions of Leyte but is expected strong forces of land-based planes soon would be in operation.

Fighter planes from the land bases already have joined carrier planes in maintaining a blockade along the west coast of Leyte. The planes sank a small freighter and lugger attempting to bring reinforcements from Ebu and torpedo boats boosted the toll by sinking a troop-landing barge.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that the Japanese continued "light and ineffectual" attacks on American shipping and troops at Leyte.

Tokyo Jitters
Jittery Tokyo finally decided today that American planes—identified in some of the confused broadcasts as B-29 Superfortresses—which reportedly flew over Tokyo yesterday were reconnaissance missions and dropped no bombs.

The official version, given by Vice Chief Kenichi Kumagi of Japan's air defense headquarters, left vague the number and type of planes involved.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that "several ships" of the U. S. 3rd and 7th fleets had been damaged in the Philippines engagement last week but said that neither the names of the ships nor the extent of the damage could be disclosed at present.

Dewey Aided Lynch Law, Claims Ickes

New York, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes told a Harlem audience last night that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey had walked "hand in hand with the most vindictive enemies of the negroes" and demonstrated "great zeal to assist in the administration of the Lynch law."

Appearing at the Golden Gate ballroom in New York's Negro residential district, Ickes shared the speakers' platform with Vice President Henry A. Wallace and Sen. Robert W. Wagner, D., N. Y.

Radio Highlights

Today: Roosevelt, from Washington, over NBC, 6 to 8:30 p. m. PWT; Bricker from Patterson, N. J., over CBS, 6:30 to 7 p. m. PWT; Philip Murray, over NBC, 7:30 p. m. PWT.