

YANKS DEEPEN AACHEN WEDGE

Weather

Forecast: Intermittent light rain tonight, Saturday, showers. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 61. Lowest this morning 49. Precip. past 24 hours .76.

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Fall of Budapest Seen Near

RUSSIANS CHASE NAZI FORCES TO CAPITAL VICINITY

Retreating Hitlerites Now Within 14 Miles of City; Radio Bespeaks Courage.

London, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Berlin said today that Soviet-pursued German forces had fallen back to the area 14 miles south of Budapest, and Radio Budapest broke in on a program to warn that "false rumors are spreading" and called on the people for "confidence in providence."

Jittery axis broadcasts supported Moscow reports that Russian forces were closing the gap between them and Budapest and reflected a fear that the capital itself might fall soon.

The Nazi radio said the defenders of Budapest had withdrawn to the area south of Buda, 14 miles below the capital. Soon thereafter a Budapest broadcast of the second act of a play was interrupted. A male announcer took over and said:

"False rumors are spreading. All human beings are made of flesh, blood and nerves. The war will be won by the people with the best nerves. . ."

POLLS DIFFER ON ELECTION CHANCE

New York, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Polls taken by two national magazines differed today on the outcome of the presidential campaign, one by Fortune magazine predicting a democratic victory, while that conducted by Newsweek magazine declared the election a tossup, with the state of Pennsylvania holding the key.

The Fortune poll gave President Roosevelt 53.5 of the civilian vote as of Oct. 20. The poll was not broken down into states or electoral votes but a 53.5 popular vote would assure an electoral victory, regardless of states, Fortune said.

Newsweek, breaking down a calculated electoral vote of 249 for Mr. Roosevelt and 247 for Dewey, declared that the 35 electoral votes of Pennsylvania were completely in doubt and would throw the victory to the winner of that state.

F.D.R. Warns of Last Minute "Trumped Up" Accusations

Washington, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt moved down the home stretch of his fourth term campaign today after charging that "trumped up" accusations or "sensational developments" may come in the next few days in an attempt to "panic" voters into the Republican camp.

Accusing the opposition and some newspapers of campaigning with whisperings, rumors and "wicked charges," Mr. Roosevelt said in a radio address last night that he did not propose to "answer in kind" and expressed confidence that the people would pay them "little attention" when they go to the polls next Tuesday.

"This election will not be decided on a basis of malignant murmurings—or shouts," he said. "It will be settled on the basis of the record."

WILL GIVE REDS CHANCE TO JOIN AIR ORGANIZATION

Conferences Decide to Offer Russia Membership; Japs, Germans Must Wait Awile

Chicago, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Russia, which abruptly decided not to participate in the international civil aviation conference two days before it opened, will be invited to join any organization of nations which results from the conference, it was learned today.

At the same time reliable sources said that after the war neither Germany nor Japan will be considered for admittance for some time to come.

The Russian status became known after the United States delegation submitted a proposal for establishment of an international aviation assembly and executive council with representation from the United States, Great Britain, Russia, Brazil, China and France.

Reliable sources said the proposal was drafted before Russia decided not to participate in the conference. No effort has been made to revise the draft, despite the fact Russia is not participating in the current meeting, it was learned.

Argentina was not invited to the conference, but it was said the absence of that nation from a postwar organization would not endanger such a program because Argentina's geographical position removes it from basic world air routes.

AIR CHIEF KILLED
London, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Air Marshal Sir Francis John Linnell was killed today in a traffic accident near Wheatley, Oxford.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Election school speakers overcame the competition of a nearby piano duet and passing freight trucks but taking second place to the walls of the fire station.

Pat Graham doing his duty for the Democratic cause.

Republican friends wishing Dr. William Roney a happy democratic birthday.

Navy Ace



Commander David McCampbell of Los Angeles, who shot down nine Japs in 95 minutes of aerial combat in second Battle of the Philippines to put himself far out in front as top Navy ace.

INTEREST SHOWN ON INCREASE IN STATE ELECTION

Salem, Ore., Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Considerably heightened interest in the election is being shown throughout the state this week, with election day only four days away—and a campaign which has been marked by what some political observers call "dullness" has gone from second gear into high.

However, judging by the quiet interest manifested by voters, the issues of the election are not "dull" to the man who marks the ballot.

Nearly every newspaper in Oregon has received many letters, pro and con, on all the candidates and measures, but many of them ask explanations and clarification of issues, rather than stating any predominant viewpoint.

The big question, and that which is drawing a registration of nearly 100,000 larger than in the primary, is that of the presidency. More bitterness has been shown this year in this predominantly republican state (which has voted for Roosevelt three times) than in any recent election.

But in the local campaigns, too, the people are listening carefully to the words of the candidates, looking at the records and making up their minds, even though many of them are saying little.

For the first time two senators will be sent to Washington, a situation created by the death of Charles L. McNary, and the interim appointment of Sen. Guy Cordon, Roseburg, who is up for election. He is opposing Democrat Willis Mahoney, a veteran campaigner from Klamath Falls, who has tried on different occasions for the governorship or a senate seat from Oregon.

Mahoney, an attorney, is campaigning on the democratic administration's record. He is an advocate of the Townsend Plan, the curbing of monopolies, larger benefits for veterans, higher wages and cheap power.

Cordon, appointed to the senate by Gov. Earl Snell, advocates a continuing of the forestry development program, and will seek federal funds for irrigation, highways, rivers and harbors flood control projects, he says.

DETROIT WORKERS JOIN TOLEDOANS IN MESA STRIKE

2,500 Mechanics at Nash-Kelvinator Plant; Involve Work for Naval Forces.

Washington, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson today telegraphed Matthew Smith, secretary of the Mechanics Educational Society of America, Cleveland, charging that strikes sponsored by Smith's organization were "equivalent of treason" because they were stopping the flow of vitally needed munitions and supplies to the fighting front.

Oakland, Calif., Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—The National War Labor Board today ordered Machinists of America Local 1304 (CIO) to show cause at a public hearing tomorrow why they have not complied with NLWB orders to resume work in Oakland and Alameda shipyards, where construction and outfitting of 82 military and cargo vessels has been halted by a jurisdictional dispute.

Detroit, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Approximately 2,500 members of the Mechanics Educational Society of America employed at the Nash-Kelvinator corporation's plant here walked out at 10 a. m. today in sympathy with the union's strike in Toledo.

The walkout was the first scheduled for 20,000 MESA members in 23 Detroit war plants this morning and quickly was followed by a strike of 700 workers at the Detroit Tap and Tool Co. and 200 employees at the Parker Wolverine Co.

Public relations officers for the army, for which most of the 23 plants are making small parts, said no further reports had been given them as yet. Naval public relations men said two of the MESA plants involved manufactured parts for the navy and one of these, Sievek, Inc., had been on strike for three days over another matter.

Production of propeller control governors and rocket motors was halted at Nash by the walkout.

Mishawaka, Ind., Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—An unauthorized strike at the Ball Band company, involving approximately 6,000 rubber workers, ended today when most of some 2,000 first shift employees returned to their jobs after hearing a back-to-work plea by union officials.

GERMANY GIVEN RECORD BOMBING

London, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—American and British bombers dropped more than 113,000 tons of bombs—266,000,000 pounds of bombs and explosives—on Germany last month, it was announced today.

The record tonnage was disclosed as more than 1,000 RAF heavy bombers sent the November phase of the aerial destruction of Germany into its third day with the heaviest raid yet on Germany's inland port, railway hub and arms center of Dusseldorf last night.

More than 4,000 tons of explosives were dropped on Dusseldorf, Rhine river stronghold 40 miles northeast of American-held Aachen. RAF and American bombers already had reduced a major portion of Cologne, the other major objective ahead of the American 1st army, to ruins.

of labor in the state. His democratic opponent is rancher and businessman Edgar W. Smith, Pendleton, a member of the state board of higher education.

Ready to Clear Last Nazi Antwerp Resistance



British and Canadian troops, landing "Ducks" lined up along south shore of Scheldt, prepare for invasion of north bank to clear Germans from channel leading to Antwerp. Berlin radio reported Allied landing near Flushing against last big pocket of Nazis guarding the estuary.

Japan Whittled Down to Low Rate Naval Power -- Mitscher

San Diego, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—American naval forces in the Pacific have knocked Japan down to a fifth rate naval power and have virtually eliminated her naval air arm, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the mighty task force 58, revealed here today.

Arriving here with members of his staff for 30 days leave in the United States, Mitscher said his carrier task force had sunk or damaged 202 Japanese warships and 593 enemy merchant ships between its first battle last January 29, and its last battle October 27, off the Philippines.

"Japan now may be considered a fifth rate naval power," Mitscher said. "And we feel that we have practically eliminated her naval aviation."

In addition, task force 58 destroyed 2,568 enemy planes in the air and 1,857 on the ground, Mitscher said. "These are conservative figures," he added. "We don't count those on the ground unless they burn up."

Of the 202 warships destroyed, Mitscher listed 88 as known sunk, 25 as probably sunk, and 89 as damaged. Of the merchant vessels, he recorded 282 as sunk, 78 as probably sunk and 233 as damaged. He said the merchant tonnage was about 1,450,000 tons destroyed.

"In the battle of the Philippines, we got four Japanese carriers for sure and probably two others. We know we got the four because we saw them sunn," Mitscher said.

"As far as I know, they (Japan) now have a few battleships and one or two first line carriers. Japan's homeland is pretty well open for our naval power."

During the battles of Formosa and the Philippines, Mitscher said the ratio of Japanese to American losses in combat was 8 to 1.

Radio Highlights

Today: Leo T. Crowley, from Washington, over MBS, 5:15 to 5:30 p. m. PWT; Gov. Saltonstall, from Springfield, Mass., over Blue, 5:30 to 9 p. m. PWT; Daniel Tobin, over NBC, 6 to 6:30 p. m. PWT; Gov. Bricker, from Philadelphia, over Blue, 6:30 to 7 p. m. PWT; W. Averell Harriman, over NBC, 7:45 to 8 p. m. PWT.

Saturday: Gov. Bricker, from Philadelphia, over NBC and CBS 7:30 to 8 p. m. PWT; Franklin Roosevelt, from Boston, over NBC, 8 p. m. PWT.

CITY ELECTIONS UP TO MEDFORD, ASHLAND VOTERS

City elections will be held along with general balloting in Medford and Ashland next Tuesday. Voters will also be given a non-partisan ballot for county school superintendent. C. R. Bowman, incumbent, is the only candidate for the office.

There is but one contest in Medford city election, that being between Elmer Childers and Don Campbell for councilman from the fourth ward. The remainder of the ticket, all incumbents, are mayor, C. C. Meeker; city recorder, J. R. Woodford, and city treasurer, Oris Crawford.

In Ashland, Thornton S. Wiley, incumbent, is unopposed for mayor. There are six candidates for councilman: Ralph E. Kooser, Harold A. Merrill, Walter Redford, Jacob Weitzel, George A. Andrews and Guy T. Applewhite.

Gertrude Biede Esterling, incumbent, is unopposed for city treasurer. Kenneth M. Bremner, Frank E. Thompson and James Q. Adams, incumbent, are seeking the city recorder job. Noel E. Heard and Dr. Ralph E. Poston are the park commission candidates.

Scrubbing Brushes Are Going To War

San Francisco, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Housewives will just have to get along with mops or last season's scrub brushes because of heavy army-navy spit and polish demands, the regional office of the War Production Board disclosed today.

Dewey Pledged Pennsylvania; Maps Strategy for Climax

Albany, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey returned to the New York state capital today to map the strategy for the last four days of his campaign for the presidency after his third swing into Pennsylvania in quest of that state's 35 electoral votes.

One of the first things on Dewey's schedule after his arrival here was a conference with Herbert Brownell, Jr., GOP national chairman. The Republican nominee is to speak over a nationwide radio hook-up from Madison Square Garden, New York, tomorrow night and again from the executive mansion Monday night.

Dewey came home with the pledge of Gov. Edward Martin of Pennsylvania that Dewey would carry that state.

"Pennsylvania will be overwhelmingly Republican on November 7," Martin promised.

It was with those words that he introduced the Republican presidential candidate last night to GOP rallies at Wilkes Barre and Scranton — climaxing the

LT. GEN. HODGES' NEW SPEARHEAD IN STEADY GAIN

Doughboys Advance 2 1/2 Mi. From Vossenack, Capture Town of Schmidt.

Paris, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—American doughboys advanced two and a half miles southeast from Vossenack on the Aachen front today and captured the highway town of Schmidt, ten miles inside the Siegfried defenses and 27 miles from Cologne.

United States 1st army headquarters dispatches revealed that Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' new offensive southeast of Aachen was developing steadily after 24 hours of fighting on the rim of the Hurtgen forest.

German resistance was stiffening amidst the westwall fortifications guarding the Cologne plain and approaches to the Rhineland, but the 1st army spearhead probing beyond Vossenack was advancing steadily.

Flushing Falls
To the northwest the Dutch city of Flushing fell to British commandos, and the commander of the Nazi garrison, Lt. Gen. Reinhard, was captured along with many prisoners.

Other British forces captured Domburg in the swift rush over the island of Walcheren, last barrier to the free Allied use of the port of Antwerp after the last German resistance was crushed in the pocket across the Schelde estuary.

British empire forces were swarming through Walcheren from the east, south and west and a junction which will mean the end of the last effective German resistance on the island appeared near.

United Press correspondent Jack Franklin, in a dispatch from 1st army headquarters, reported the capture of Schmidt, strategic town on high ground overlooking the headwaters of the Roer river.

Ten Miles in Germany
The fall of the town 15 1/4 miles southeast of Aachen on the Monschau-Duren highway represented the 1st army's deepest penetration of Germany. The town lies ten miles inside the frontier in the Roeten area.

The German DNB news agency said the Americans and British were concentrating forces in Holland "for a new assault on the German western frontier," and "preparations seem complete."

Already the campaign on Walcheren island was being referred to at headquarters as a "cleanup" which should not take long since most of the heavy gun batteries on the island had been silenced.

MARRETT'S GIVEN TIME FOR PLEAS

Fred Marrett and Margaret Maxine Marrett indicted by the last grand jury for breaking and entering for the purpose of stealing drugs, were arraigned in Judge H. K. Hanna's court yesterday, and were granted until next Wednesday to enter pleas, upon motion of their attorney, George A. Coddling.

The indictment charges the Marretts with breaking into the office of Dr. R. W. Clancy in the Medford Center building last August 27. They appeared in federal court as witnesses against Dr. Clancy, recently found guilty by a federal jury of illegal disposal of drugs. Dr. Clancy is scheduled to be a witness against them, the district attorney states.

Dr. Clancy is held in the county jail, pending a presentence investigation, before transfer to Portland for sentence.

Escaped Convict Nabbed At Bridge

San Francisco, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Leigh H. Fowler, 45, escaped convict from the Washington state prison at Walla Walla who is wanted here on robbery and kidnapping charges, was captured today at the center of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge by a squad of police and FBI agents.

Acting on a tip, police trailed a car containing Fowler and Fred Richardson, San Francisco, and forced it to the side of the bridge where they disarmed and subdued Fowler. He was carrying a .45 pistol and extra ammunition.