

RECORD TURNOUT FEATURES VOTE

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight with scattered showers in mountains. Wednesday, cloudy with rain, little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 53. Lowest this morning 40.

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Violent Fighting Rages in Vossenack; Nazis Seek to Cut Off U. S. Spearhead

TIDE OF BATTLE SWAYS ALL DAY IN TOWN'S RUINS

German Losses in Southwest Holland Placed Near 45,000; Prisoners Taken.

New York, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—Incomplete returns from 86 of the country's more than 140,000 precincts, tabulated at 4:15 p. m., EWT, gave President Roosevelt 3,349 votes and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey 2,819. The scattered returns were from seven states—Kansas, Alabama, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Paris, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—Violent and indecisive fighting raged all day today in the streets of Vossenack where strong German forces battled in vain to cut off the deepest American spearhead in Germany and isolate the First Army troops at its tip to the southeast.

As Allied armies virtually completed their triumph in southwest Holland, supreme headquarters reported that the German 15th army lost 43,000 to 46,000 men on that front in the last month.

On Schouwen
Berlin reported that the Allies had crossed to Schouwen island, the central of the four large Dutch islands off the southwest coast. The reported crossing apparently was made from the adjacent St. Philipsland peninsula, which a Canadian army had occupied.

United Press Correspondent Jack Krankish, with U. S. 1st army forces in the Hurtgen forest southeast of Aachen, reported that the tide of battle swayed all day through rubble-strewn Vossenack.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops, defending Vossenack and the base of the salient looping southeastward to Kommereschmidt, were forced by powerful Nazi pressure to yield a few yards of bloody ground inside the town.

Battle Inconclusive
But late in the day the Germans and Americans each held a section of Vossenack and the struggle went on with no conclusive trend defined.

Frankish said the Nazi Command had thrown strong armored and infantry forces into the attempt to cut through the U. S. salient at Vossenack and isolate the doughboys clinging firmly to Kommereschmidt, a mile and a half to the southeast.

On the Dutch front, allied forces captured the Walcheren provincial capital of Middelburg and veered to the northeast, almost completing the conquest of the island athwart the sea lanes to Antwerp.

They also seized Willemstadt, on the south bank of the Holland Deep 16 miles south of Rotterdam, the core of one of the last two German pockets below the Maas. American units stormed into Moerdijk, center of the last pocket and half a mile from the approaches to the Nazi-blasted 14-span bridge across the Maas.

Many Captured
An official compilation of enemy casualties in the battle of southwest Holland showed 13,000 prisoners taken in the Schelde pocket, 7,000 prisoners on Beveland and Walcheren, and 6,000 on the mainland south of the Maas. German killed and wounded were estimated at 17,000 to 20,000.

Czechoslovak forces containing the German garrison of Dunkerque, last enemy-held channel port, made a raid that yielded 200 prisoners yesterday. Subsequently they granted the Nazis a two-hour truce to bury their dead and retrieve their wounded left in No Man's Land.

Singapore Raid Invasion Prelude?



The great strike by B-29 Super-Fortresses at Singapore is regarded as a prelude to full-scale amphibious landing somewhere in Southeast Asia, perhaps at Rangoon, which the Super-Forts hit last week. Sumatra targets also were smashed by the giant planes. Kandy, Ceylon, is Lord Mountbatten's headquarters and Ceylon is possible source of amphibious forces.

BODY FOUND IN ROGUE RIVER BY MEDFORD HUNTER

The body of an unidentified man was found wedged in the mud beneath a log drift in Rogue river Sunday afternoon, according to the county coroner's office. The body was found by J. L. Jenkins, 228 Haven street, Medford, who was crossing the log drift while on a duck hunting trip.

Jenkins notified state police who went to the scene, accompanied by Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris, Deputy Sheriff Bill Grenbemer and an officer from the Provost Marshal's office at Camp White. Arnold A. Gosnell, Sams Valley, furnished a boat and took the party to the scene, about five miles below Bybee Bridge and about two miles above Gold Ray dam.

Morris used a shovel to remove silt, sand and mud which covered all but the head and top of the shoulders of the body. The body was dressed in a khaki colored shirt and wore a plastic "dog tag" chain but had no identification tags.

Morris stated that facial features were so badly decomposed there was no way of determining age but said he was between 5 feet, 10 inches and six feet tall and probably weighed about 185 pounds. It was estimated he had been dead about one or two years.

On December 2, 1942, two soldiers from Camp White were reported drowned in the river with only one body being recovered. Officials from the army camp today stated no identification had been established and could give out no information until such was completed.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mark Goldy, Porter J. Neff and Bill von der Hellen poring over first election returns.

Jack Burres noting that Old Glory wasn't waving over all the voting places as provided by law.

Sharkey Reinking calling on friends and incidentally selling tickets to the Legion's Armistice Day dance.

LOCAL VOTERS IN EARLY POLL TREK

Heavy voting prevailed in local precincts this morning, starting with the opening of the polls at 8 o'clock. Brisk voting was also reported from other valley towns, and the rural districts.

In the first hour of voting in the North Main precinct, ballots were cast at the rate of 70 votes per hour, and in the Queen Anne precinct 32 votes were cast the first half hour. Another east side precinct reported 62 votes cast the first hour.

The poll close at 8 o'clock this evening. Sunshine with intermittent cloudiness prevailed, indicating a 75 per cent or higher vote.

HITLER TO MAKE IMPORTANT TALK

By United Press
A Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Tidningen said today that Adolf Hitler will make an "important" speech tomorrow, the anniversary of the 1923 beer hall putsch.

The dispatch reported by the FCC, said it had not been decided whether the speech would be made before a large audience or to a limited circle of Nazi party leaders.

"The general opinion within party circles is that a public speech would demand too comprehensive precautions," the newspaper said.

Polls Open Until 8 P. M.

For the benefit of those who were unable to vote this morning or in the early afternoon, it is pointed out that polling places remain open until 8 p. m. Information on precinct polling sites may be obtained from the Mail Tribune or a map in the window of the Medford Military Tailor shop, corner of Main and Bartlett streets.

If you voted in either the primary or general election of 1942, or if you are a new voter and registered 30 days or more ago, you are eligible to vote.

You must place an "X" between the ballot number and name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote. You cannot vote a straight ticket by marking a single "X."

You are not required to vote only for candidates of the party in which you are registered, but may do so if you wish. You may, if you desire, split your vote among Republican, Democratic and independent candidates.

8,590,000 NAZIS KILLED OR TAKEN, STALIN DISCLOSES

Reds Engaging Enemy in Great Tank Battle Outside Budapest, Last Capital.

Moscow, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—Victorious Soviet armies have killed or captured 8,590,000 German troops on the eastern front, Marshal Josef Stalin disclosed today as his forces engaged the enemy in a great tank battle outside Budapest, last Nazi satellite capital in Europe.

Berlin reported that the Russians were bringing up strong motorized formations for a final assault on Budapest, and claimed that other Soviet forces had made two attempts to cross the Danube in an effort to swing around the rear of the capital.

Frontier Restored
Stalin, in an order of the day observing the 27th anniversary of the Red Revolution, said the German violated frontier had been restored for its entire length from the Black sea to the Barents sea, and triumphantly declared:

"Our aim now is to smash Hitlerite Germany by the crushing pressure of the allied nations."
Stalin disclosed that the two summer offensives which carried Soviet troops into East Prussia, pushed the Germans back to Warsaw and liberated Romania and Bulgaria, cost the Germans 790,000 killed or captured.

On June 22, German casualties for the first three years of the eastern campaign were set at 7,800,000, thus bringing the total to 8,590,000 for less than three and a half years of warfare.

Soviet forces liberated tens of millions of persons from the yoke of Nazism, Stalin said, and together with allied armies have taken up positions "for a decisive offensive on the life center of Germany."

Although the regular communique for the first time since Oct. 2 reported "no essential changes on the fronts," military dispatches said the battle before Budapest had reached "fierce proportions" as the Germans made an 11th hour attempt to halt Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army.

First Town Gives Dewey 14, F.D.R. 5

Osborn, Me., Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—The first 19 ballots cast in Osborn today gave: Roosevelt 5, Dewey 14.

In 1940 the complete vote for this town was Roosevelt 6, Willkie 21.

JAP SUBS REPORTED SINKING U. S. SHIPS

London, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—Berlin quoted a Tokyo communique today as reporting that Japanese submarines operating off the west coast of the United States sank nine American transports.

OREGON OUTLOOK FOR NEAR-RECORD MARCH TO POLLS

Bitterly Contested Races Draw Voters; Presidential Fight Holds Main Interest

Salem, Ore., Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—A near record-breaking vote of more than 480,000 was expected in one of Oregon's most bitterly contested elections today, as perhaps 80 or more per cent of the 602,013 registered voters planned to visit their precinct polling places.

Occasional light showers early in the day, increasing tonight, seemed to have little bearing on the prospective size of the vote, as tremendous interest in the contest was made evident during the last week of the campaigns.

Oregon's six electoral votes may possibly be a deciding factor in the national election, particularly if the vote is as close as it has been indicated. Oregon has voted for the winner in presidential races at all elections except four since it gained statehood. The last time it missed was in 1918.

Candidates for state, local and national offices wound up their campaigns last night and turned this wartime election over to the voters of the state. While principal interest today is centered in the presidential race, Oregon's voters also have shown that there is tremendous interest in the state races, particularly the senatorial contests.

In these, Wayne L. Morse, Eugene Republican, opposes Democrat Edgar Smith, Pendleton, for the full term, and Sen. Guy Cordon, Republican, Roseburg, is against Willis E. Mahoney, Democrat of Klamath Falls, for the unexpired term of the late Sen. Charles L. McNary.

Perhaps the most controversial issue on the ballot is the so-called "Little Townsend plan," or the \$60 to \$80 measure, which would levy a gross income tax upon all citizens of the state to provide annuities for people over 60 years of age or who are physically disabled. It would also prohibit the levying of a sales tax.

Another tax measure which has vied for attention during the campaign is the proposed retail sales tax, a three per cent transaction tax, the proceeds of which would go for old age assistance, to the schools and to lower property taxes.

Other of the ballot proposals which have been strongly debated are the school fund bill, and the Burke wine bill. Less controversial measures include the bank depositors security measure, the bill to authorize a change to county managerial government and the measure permitting legislative regulation of the voting privilege. Also two veterans measures, educational aid and loan provisions, appear on the ballot.

BUSINESS HOLIDAY NOV. 11 PROSPECT

Practically all places of business in Medford plan to close on Armistice day according to information given the Chamber of Commerce during a poll just conducted. Exceptions were a small number of grocery stores and a few drug stores, the latter to be open for part of the day. The courthouse and city hall will also be closed that day. The traditional Armistice day parade is scheduled for 11 a. m. as usual and various patriotic organizations have planned annual meetings for the day.

FDR Home to Vote



Accompanied by Secretary of the Treasury Henry J. Morgenthau, President Roosevelt (left) starts on tour of his home country in the Hudson River Valley after his return to Hyde Park to cast his election vote. The President urged a record-breaking vote as evidence of continuing democratic processes in this country.

"Tree Grower" F.D.R. Votes

Hyde Park, N. Y., Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—"Tree Grower" Franklin D. Roosevelt voted for president today for the fourth time.

The President cast his vote in the old Hyde Park town hall where he made his first political speech in 1910 when he was a young lawyer running for the New York state legislature.

Mr. Roosevelt drove from his home with his family in an open touring car, reached the hall at 12:20 p. m., visiting en route with the children of Hyde Park Elementary school.

With the President were his wife, his daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, and five-year-old Johnny Boettiger.

The President was Voter No. 251 at the Hyde Park polls. He was greeted by Election Inspector Mildred M. Todd as he presented himself for identification.

"Name please?" Mildred asked.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt," the President replied.

"Occupation?"

"Tree grower," he answered, and then mused for a moment to recall how he had identified himself four years ago.

"What did I say then—tree grower or treefarmer?"

He was assured by the ladies of the polls that he was being consistent with "tree grower."

"Have some candy?" one of the ladies said.

"Why, thank you, yes I will," he said, selecting a fat piece of chocolate and chewing on it as he went into the voting booth.

After voting the President got in his car to wait while Mrs. Roosevelt and her secretary, Miss Malvina Thompson, cast their ballots. Mr. Roosevelt explained the voting process to little Johnny who seemed to take it as a pretty dull affair.

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Deweys Cheered At Polls

New York, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey voted today as "Thomas Edmund Dewey, New York, lawyer," supporting his candidacy for President of the United States.

He voted at the poll place at 108 E. 48th street, just three blocks from his legal residence in the Roosevelt Hotel.

Arriving from Albany at 12:30 p. m., the GOP candidate went at once by automobile to the polling place.

Approximately 100 persons waiting in line to vote, gave him a round of applause and urged him and Mrs. Dewey to go to the head of the line.

To shouts of "Good Luck, Dewey" and "We Want Dewey," the candidate and his wife stepped up to the desk of Election Clerk Mrs. Mary E. Dunn. In response to her questions, he

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From the executive mansion in Albany, Dewey submitted his candidacy to the voters last night with an appeal for a republican victory "to shorten the war" and lay the groundwork for postwar peace and prosperity.

Last Minute Coin Runs Betting Odds To 1 to 4 On F.R.

St. Louis, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—A last minute deluge of betting money on President Roosevelt bet shops closed at noon today gave the President a new edge of 1 to 4 odds to win the election over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. The GOP nominee's odds went down to 3 1/2 to one.

Betting Commissioner James Carroll said odds listed at the close of business yesterday were one to three on Roosevelt to win and 2 1/2 to 1 on Dewey. This meant the customers had to place three dollars on Roosevelt to win one dollar if he wins and \$1 on Dewey to win \$2.50 if he wins.

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KEEN INTEREST AND CLEAR SKIES CROWDS POLLS

War Workers on Hand Early in Industrial Areas; Cities Report Heavy Turnout.

New York, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—Some of the heaviest voting in history, despite the absence of men in the armed forces, was reported today from industrial centers of this nation which is choosing between Franklin D. Roosevelt and Thomas E. Dewey in the first wartime presidential election since 1864.

War workers crowded the polls in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Nashville, Houston, Dallas and other cities as soon as the voting places opened. Fair weather over most of the country also was expected to bring out a strong rural vote.

Nutbush First
First returns came from the rural Nutbush precinct of Vance county, N. C., where the 21 registered voters cast their ballots unanimously for President Roosevelt, and from Mashpee, Mass., where the first block of voters counted gave Dewey 51 and Roosevelt 44.

Boston reported the total vote running ahead of 1940 throughout New England, particularly in the industrial areas.

Detroit officials estimated that city would poll 700,000 votes compared to 584,000 four years ago.

Watchers in Philadelphia reported "very heavy" voting in both the industrial and residential sections. Industrialized Chester, Pa., was piling up its heaviest vote in history, and Pittsburgh totals were running ahead of 1940.

In New York City's Brooklyn Borough, 100,000 of the 1,121,053 registered voters had cast their ballots by 8 a. m., two hours after the polls opened.

Kansans for Dewey
The first 50 votes counted in Pratt City, Kan., traditionally a republican stronghold, gave Dewey 27, Roosevelt 23.

Despite scattered rains in the west, early voting was exceptionally heavy in Colorado and Utah. Kansas City was having its biggest rush to the polls in many years and some precincts were half voted by 9 a. m. (CWT). The total was expected to be far ahead of 1940.

Several Texas cities, including Fort Worth, San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Longview and Wichita Falls, were expected to set new voting records.

Oklahoma war workers rushed to the polls early and in mid-morning the vote was running ahead of 1940.

CARRIER PLANES BLAST JAP SHIPS IN MANILA AREA

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 7.—(U.P.)—The liberation of Leyte neared its final phase today while American carrier planes, striking at the ultimate American objective in the Philippines, reported the destruction of 191 Japanese planes and blasting of eight or more ships in raids on the Manila area.

A submarine chaser was sunk, a heavy cruiser probably sunk and a light cruiser, three destroyers and "several"—two or more—cargo ships damaged by aircraft of the 3rd fleet in or near Manila bay Saturday. Pacific fleet headquarters announced in a communique.

Near Ormoc
Tank-packed American invasion forces on Leyte, 350 miles south of Manila, were converging advances within 16 miles north and 11 miles south of Ormoc, last Japanese stronghold on the island.

"Our advance toward Ormoc continues unchecked," Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported in his daily communique from his headquarters on Leyte.

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