

NAZI BASTIONS FALL TO YANKS

Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight; Thursday, partly cloudy to cloudy with little temperature change.
Temp.
Highest yesterday 53
Lowest this morning 28

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

ESCHWEILER LOSS
HINGES DEFENSE
WEST OF COLOGNE

Thirty-ninth Year MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1944 NO. 2

B-17 'Flying Dutchman' Sails Midwest Sky

CREW BAILS OUT WHEN ONE MOTOR DIES ON FLIGHT

Automatic Pilot Guides Plane In Absence of Human Hand; Fear Crash in City.

Seattle, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—Army pilots at Boeing Field gravely scanned the skies today for a pilotless Flying Fortress last reported somewhere over Minnesota.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—An unmanned B-17 Flying Fortress was cruising the skies late today somewhere between Milwaukee and Chicago, its crew having previously bailed out over Mitchell, S. D.

The Fortress, the army revealed, was from the Sioux City, Ia., army airbase.

The pilot, who refused to permit use of his name, said his crew bailed out at 10:30 a. m. when one of the engines went dead and the men were "unable to feather the prop."

The army said the automatic pilot of the Fortress had been set, but J. F. Reed, head of the safety division of the civil aviation authority in Chicago, said it was improbable that the craft could hold a straight course.

KIWANIANS HEAR POST-WAR PLANS

Frank Rogers, city superintendent, gave a breakdown of a partial list of postwar planning for Medford at the noon meeting of the Kiwanis club at Holland hotel today.

Sale of City Lots Ordered By Council

Sale of city lots was the extent of business transacted by the Medford city council last night at its regular meeting.

TACOMA PLAGUE SPOT

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—Tacoma health officials today confirmed the notification that the U. S. public health service has declared the port of Tacoma to be plague infested.

Missing Officer



(Acme Telephoto)
Lt. William K. Traile of St. Paul, Minn., 35-year-old naval gunnery officer, whose disappearance from his Liberty ship at San Pedro, Calif., harbor, leaving trail of blood, a smeared knife and smeared fingerprints has police "completely baffled."

THANKSGIVING DAY WILL BE OBSERVED BY OFFICES, SHOPS

Tomorrow, Thanksgiving day, almost all places of business in Medford will be closed. The county courthouse, banks, most city offices and most shops will be closed. Under a wartime ruling, the offices of the Rogue river national forest, the Crater lake national park service and the selective service boards must remain open on all holidays except Christmas.

According to the postmaster, there will be no city or rural mail deliveries and the post office will be closed all day.

There will be no issue of The Mail Tribune.

MINISTERS TO MAKE APOLOGY

Glendale, Cal., Nov. 22.—(U.P.) Plans were underway today for an assembly of the Glendale Ministerial association to apologize formally to President Roosevelt for reproving him over his reported blasphemy on election day.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brouger, Sr., association president, yesterday apologized on behalf of the group and said he hoped to get the members together Friday for a formal apology.

Roosevelt stated that when his voting machine stuck he said, "the damn thing won't work," but did not take the name of the Lord in vain, as was indicated in Time magazine's account.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Seth Bullis unfluffed by a request to arrange for 103 Thanksgiving dinners.

PHONE WORKERS REJECT DEMAND BY LABOR BOARD

Union Officials Told Their Fight Now With Government; Seizure Next Step.

Washington, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—The Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers today rejected a War Labor Board demand that strikers return to work unconditionally.

DLB public member Nathan Feinsinger told officials of the union that their fight then became one with the government of the United States.

"And no other union has succeeded when it undertook such a fight and the WLB will do everything in its power to see that this union does not win," he added.

Seizure Next Step

The union's decision was revealed when the board resumed a session following a recess requested by the federation.

The next step would be for the board to certify the case to Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson as a preliminary to seizure of the telephone facilities and possible imposition of sanctions against the union.

The army has not yet certified that the dispute is impeding the war effort, but it was expected that such a certification would be forthcoming immediately whenever the board decided it.

Strikers Won't Gain

The board has said that in event of seizure the properties would be operated by the government on the same terms as were in effect before the strike began—so that the strikers could not gain by bringing about a seizure.

Dispatches from Ohio revealed that despite the WLB's demand last night that strikers return to work, picketing had resumed this morning at Columbus, Cleveland, Fremont, Bell Telephone Co. offices in Columbus, Cleveland, Fremont, Dayton and other Ohio cities.

Pickets were said to have indicated that they would take no action to end the strike until they receive definite instructions from union officials here, and there were ominous threats that the strike might spread to other states.

LEGION TO HEAR TALK BY OVERSEAS VETERAN

American Legion Post 15 will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in Medford armory where they will hear a talk by J. Jacques, veteran of fighting in the South Seas.

An army picture of fighting on Tarawa will also be shown.

Nazis Cross Swiss Frontier To Escape Advancing French

By Ludwig Popper (UP Staff Correspondent)
On Swiss-German Frontier, Frontiers, Nov. 21.—(U.P.)—German soldiers and frontier guards are still straggling across the border into Switzerland tonight to escape the advancing French, and among them are many tough young nazis who seem to have lost none of their cockiness.

City Population Figures Increase To Nearly 15,000

Based on comparative circulation figures of The Mail Tribune, the population of Medford is now about 15,000, according to Gerald Latham, circulation manager. The exact figures, worked out by means of algebra, show the city's population to be 14,671.

The 1940 census showed Medford's population to be 11,381.

Latham figures the population of the city zone, which would include territory immediately adjacent to the city limit lines, to be 19,379.

County figures were arrived at by the same process and show the present population, based on circulation, to be 50,646. The county census for 1940 showed the population to be 36,218.

ESCAPED CONVICT THREATENS POSSE, IS SHOT IN ARM

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—The second of two escaped Oregon convicts, Martin C. (Mark) Broom, was wounded and captured in the Leaburg area today after he had trained a rifle on members of a state police posse.

Broom was shot through the right arm as he attempted to threaten the possemen on the Hatchery Creek road near Leaburg, about 100 yards from where his companion in the escape, Cornelius Long, was captured yesterday.

Broom was treated at a Eugene hospital and was to be returned to the state prison at Salem later today.

The pair fled from the prison Armistice day by commandeering a station wagon.

Long was captured by Officer Clair Williams, who was making a routine check on the brush along the McKenzie river, 20 miles east of here. Broom escaped into the rugged country while Williams was capturing Long.

Broom, serving a life term as a habitual criminal, and Long, doing 20 years for attempted rape, fled after knocking down guards and driving away in the station wagon, which had been parked within the prison walls.

More Flying Bombs Strike Battlefront

U. S. 1st Army Headquarters, Western Front, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—The Germans have stepped up the firing of V-1 flying bombs over the battlefront for the last several days, it can be revealed today.

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Washington, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—Two B-29's were shot down by Japanese fighters during yesterday's attack on Omura in the "largest air battle in which the Superfortresses have been engaged," the 20th airforce announced today.

At the same time, American ground forces were reported wiping out the last survivors of a trapped Japanese regiment near the west coast of Leyte, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that U. S. heavy bombers were using the island's airfields as staging bases for attacks on other enemy positions in the Philippines.

CROP INSURANCE REVIVAL FAVORED IN HOUSE VOTE

Turn Attention to Fund For Matching State Expenditures for Road Building.

Washington, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—The house today passed, 254 to 16, and sent to the senate a bill to revive the federal crop insurance program with coverage for wheat, cotton and flax.

The measure provides for a 75 per cent coverage of the average yield of a farm in these crops, but limits the sum that can be collected to the amount invested in the crops. The bill also authorizes test programs on corn, tobacco and other crops in not more than 20 counties as an experimental program.

Cost Limit Approved

Before the vote, the house approved an amendment offered by Rep. August Andresen (R., Minn.), limiting administrative costs to 25 per cent of the premiums collected during the previous year. The house rejected an amendment proposed by Rep. Frederick C. Smith (R., Ohio), which would have limited total payments for losses to the amount collected in premiums.

The house then turned to consideration of a measure to authorize \$1,500,000,000 in federal allotments to match state funds in a three year postwar highway building program.

Add Rural Coin

The committee trimmed \$25,000,000 from the proposed annual allotment to urban areas and added an equal amount to that for farm-to-market roads. Those changes left the bill calling for \$225,000,000 annually for federal aid highways inside or outside of municipalities.

\$150,000,000 for farm-to-market roads and \$125,000,000 for federal aid roads in urban areas.

Support for the crop insurance program came from both Republicans and Democrats. Proponents admitted that losses had been excessive.

VIE FOR MASTERY OF JAPAN'S SKIES

By United Press
The battle for mastery of the skies over Japan has begun in earnest, it was revealed today in conflicting Washington and Tokyo accounts of a clash between strong forces of American B-29 Superfortresses and defending Japanese fighter planes yesterday over the enemy's home island of Kyushu.

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Radio Highlights

Play by play description of Medford-Gresham football game, 2 p. m. Thursday over KMED. Sponsored by KMED and Mail Tribune.

NO PAPER THURSDAY

In order to permit employees of The Mail Tribune to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday the newspaper will not be published Thursday.

'Ripper' Stolid at Inquest



(Acme Telephoto)
Curious spectators stare at Otto S. Wilson, confessed mutilation murderer of Mrs. Virgie Griffin and Mrs. Lillian Johnson, as he stolidly sits in Los Angeles coroner's jury room where murder inquest was held.

Noted British Author, Wife Held by Free French Police

By W. R. Higginbotham United Press Correspondent
London, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—P. G. Wodehouse, British author who created Jeeves in happier days and later was granted the freedom of all Nazi Germany, was under arrest with his wife in Paris today.

Officials confirmed reports that Wodehouse and his wife were in the hands of the police of liberated Paris, but withheld details of the charges against them.

The authoritative British press association said British and French authorities were discussing the procedure to be followed against the pair.

"I never have been able to work up a belligerent feeling," Wodehouse said. "Just as I am about to feel belligerent about some country, I meet some nice fellow from it and lose all my belligerency."

Commenting on Wodehouse's inability to work up a belligerent feeling, the London Daily Mirror said: "Mr. Wodehouse is fortunate. He hasn't seen the great areas of London, Coventry, Liverpool and other cities flattened by his Hunnish hosts. He hasn't heard the rattle of machine gun fire as gorillas of the Luftwaffe spray bullets at British seamen struggling in the water."

"You say you can't work up any belligerent feeling, Wodehouse. That again is where you are different from the ordinary Briton. He just calls it hate. And one of the things he hates most, Wodehouse, is a man who lets down his own country."

K. FALLS RADIO PERMIT GRANTED

Klamath Falls, Nov. 22.—Word was received here today that the Herald Publishing company of Klamath Falls has been granted permission to construct a standard broadcasting station.

Under the authorization of the federal communication commission, the station is to operate on 1450 kilocycles with 250 watts power, day and night.

Mulhouse and Metz Capture Chops Up Nazi Positions; Germans Retreat.

Paris, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—The American 1st army captured Eschweiler today after a three-day siege, unhinging the German defenses west of Cologne, and far to the south the bastions of Mulhouse and Metz fell to Allied armies chopping up the Nazi positions in France.

The fall of outflanked and ruined Eschweiler, six miles northeast of Aachen, released the main weight of three armies battering eastward toward the Rhineland for a concerted push to the Roer river, 20 miles west of Cologne, to which the mauled Nazi defenders were withdrawing.

At Colmar Gates

Mulhouse fell to the lightning sweep down the Rhine valley by the French 1st army, the vanguard of which Gen. Charles De Gaulle said was at the gates of Colmar, another 20 miles to the north.

Simultaneously the American 7th army broke through the Vosges defenses northwest of Strasbourg and raced down the eastward slopes within sight of Germany.

As the German defenses swayed back on the southern front, the United States 9th army, flanking the 1st above Aachen, disclosed that its armor had knocked out 67 of about 100 German tanks in a four-day battle and now was nearing the Roer river line above Duren.

After capturing Eschweiler, the 1st army troops pushed on to clean out Durwies, two miles to the northeast, and the hamlet of Lohn.

The 9th army captured Paterm; five miles northeast of Eschweiler.

Highway Held

Front dispatches said the 1st army now held a nine-mile stretch of the four-lane highway between Aachen and Cologne.

Henry T. Gorrell, United Press correspondent, went into Eschweiler soon after it fell to a final onslaught. He said the Germans were fighting hard to bar the way to Duren, due east of Eschweiler on the Roer, the biggest single obstacle on the way to Cologne.

Maj. Fred E. Needham of Auburn, Calif., commanded the siege forces at Eschweiler, which Gorrell described as a ghost town in which he saw only 50 or 60 civilians. It was hard hit by the combined artillery bombardment which which opened the 1st army offensive a week ago.

In another sector of the Aachen front, an officer told United Press Correspondent Jack Frankish that "this is the roughest show since the Argonne in the last war."

REDS SLASH DEEP IN SAARE POCKET

London, Nov. 22.—(U.P.)—Soviet tanks and riflemen, supported by the guns of the Red fleet, slashed deep into the last pocket of German resistance on the southern tip of Saare island today, in a bitterly contested drive to reopen the Gulf of Riga and break the Nazi blockade on Riga harbor.

Far to the south, German counterblows and driving rains that churned the Hungarian battlefields into a quagmire stalled the Red army's enveloping sweep on Budapest almost to a standstill.

Marshall Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army hacked out limited gains all along the 80-mile front extending northeastward from Budapest, but the ceaseless rains and stiffened enemy resistance prevented any decisive breakthrough.

Both Moscow and Berlin hinted strongly that the uneasy lull on the eastern front was about to end in a mighty Russian offensive.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are — "E" Bonds \$74,190
Total Sales \$388,267