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Reds Complete Liberation Soviet Estonia

STALIN REPORTS CRUSHING OF LAST NAZI RESISTANCE

Troops Aided by Baltic Fleet
Clear Remaining Germans
From Island of Saare.

London, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin announced tonight that the Red army had completed the liberation of Soviet Estonia by crushing the last German resistance on the island of Saare (Osel) off the west coast of that Baltic state.

The island, largest of a group of three in the Baltic off Estonia, virtually blockades the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. Its southern tip is only 20 miles from northwestern Latvia.

"Troops of the Leningrad front with the support of ships of the Baltic fleet, as a result of stubborn fighting, today completed clearing the enemy from the island of Saare, which was transformed by the Germans into a stronghold covering the approaches of the Gulf of Riga," Stalin said.

"Thus the territory of Soviet Estonia has been completely liberated from the German invaders."

Storm Csepele Isle
At the other end of the eastern front, Russian troops were reported storming Csepele island in the Danube on the southern edge of Budapest.

Berlin and Moscow agreed that furious fighting was raging on the immediate eastern approaches to Budapest and at a half-dozen key points on the long battlefield extending 170 miles northeast of the capital into Slovakia.

Savage Fighting
A German DNB news agency commentator said powerful Soviet units battled their way into Csepele under cover of a heavy fog early yesterday morning, cementing a solid siege arc around the western, southern and eastern approaches to the city.

Savagery of the fighting was pointed up by Russian field dispatches telling of mass slaughter of Soviet prisoners by German and Hungarian troops. Barges loaded with wounded Russian captives were said to have been floated out into the Danube and sunk.

"Nubbings" Enjoys Thanksgiving Day

Denver, Colo., Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—Forrest "Nubbings" Hoffman, three-year-old Cheyenne, Wyo., boy, was "getting along nicely" in Mercy hospital here today where he is waging a desperate fight for his life against a bladder ailment.

The child was reported to have shown improvement after a blood transfusion Wednesday and was allowed to celebrate Thanksgiving with the traditional turkey.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Hattie Gore bewildering a reporter with a note.

Peggy Whittle entering a bus so primly she failed to notice friends.

Jim "Bosn" Murray absent-mindedly sipping his hotcakes with vinegar.

George Buchanan noting the eye appeal offered in the army air force's "Spot From the Sky" caravap



Nazi soldiers in trench at Gellenkirchen, north of Aachen in Germany, hold aloft the white flag of surrender as American soldiers advance on them with fixed bayonets. This dramatic battle action scene was transmitted to U. S. by Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

ALVA P. BONNEY MAYOR OF C.P. IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Alva Perl Bonney, a resident of Central Point for the last 20 years, passed away at his home at 515 Laurel street, Central Point, Thursday evening, following a brief illness.

Mr. Bonney was born at Monmouth, Ore., October 17, 1877. On December 31, 1909, he was married to Miss Bertha Phelps at Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Bonney served two terms as mayor of Central Point and had just been elected for the third term.

He served in the armed forces during the Spanish American war.

Mr. Bonney was an active member of A.F. & A.M. Central Point lodge 135, and also of Nevada chapter 93 of the O.E.S.

Mr. Bonney leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Bertha Bonney, one adopted daughter, Alberta Dusenberry of Gold Hill, and one step son, Robert Copple, of Gallup, New Mexico; two brothers, Henry Bonney of Klamath Falls, and Ralph Bonney of The Dalles, Ore.; two sisters, Maude Scott and Laura Bonney of Woodburn, Ore.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Monday at 2 p. m. The Rev. D. E. Millard will officiate and interment will follow at Grants Pass. Members of Central Point Masonic lodge will act as pallbearers.

RHUMBA LEADER REEFER SUSPECT

Hollywood, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—Nilo Menendez, leader of the rhumba band at the swank Clover club, as jailed today when police found, they said, "enough marijuana seed to plant three acres" and 18 "reefers" in his car.

Hollywood police said they had been watching the 42-year-old local Latin rhythm expert for quite a while. After he left the Clover club this morning, his auto was stopped on Beverly boulevard and the narcotics found.

He was booked for violation of the health and safety code.

Rain Brings Out Queer Costumes At Golf Tourney

Portland, Ore., Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—Professional golfers usually are noted for their smart appearance, but the rainstorm which muddled up the Portland golf course brought out some queer costumes.

Rubbers, old trousers, rain hats—almost every type of knockabout clothing was on hand. Most of the caddies carried gay colored umbrellas to protect their players between shots.

Spectators huddled under trees, carried umbrellas, and splashed around generally. Eight out of the nine greens on the back nine were covered with water for the opening rounds.

Weather note — More showers forecast.

FORTY KILLED IN ACCIDENTS OVER HOLIDAY

By United Press
Thanksgiving Day accidents caused the death of at least 40 persons, 20 less than the 60 the national safety council predicted would die during the nation's traditional holiday, a United Press survey showed today.

Traffic accidents accounted for 30 of the fatalities. California led the nation in highway deaths with 15 casualties and Illinois was next with five deaths. Two hunters were killed in shooting accidents in Michigan, four persons died from burns received in fires in that state and California, and three persons died from train-automobile collisions in Illinois and Missouri.

Total fatalities in individual states were: California, 19; Illinois, 5; Massachusetts, 2; Ohio, 2; Michigan, 3; Missouri, 2, and New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin, one each.

In Des Plaines, Ill., village policeman Arthur Flentge, 60, was called from his dinner table to investigate the death of Louis Simce and Edward Bacina, both of Chicago, who were killed when their car struck a freight train. When Flentge arrived at the scene of the accident he collapsed and died of a heart disease.

GUARD KILLED, 4 CONS WOUNDED IN PEN BATTLE

Joliet, Ill., Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—One guard was killed and four convicts were wounded today when a band of ten prisoners attempted to storm the wall of Stateville prison here.

The guard, Zoethe Skaggs, was shot over the heart when guards in a tower opened fire as the convicts, led by two members of the Roger (the Terrible) Touhy gang, attempted to place a ladder against the wall. He died in the prison hospital two hours after he was shot.

The attempted break was frustrated by John Alberts, a guard in a tower on the wall, who opened fire on the convicts as they started to scale the wall with a crude, 20-foot ladder. It was a bullet from Alberts' gun which wounded Skaggs fatally, but he also shot four of the convicts and sent the others running for cover.

Had Mock Guns
Leaders of the attempted break were William Stewart and Mathew Nelson, who escaped from the prison in October, 1942, along with Touhy, the former Chicago gangster and kidnaper.

The prisoners were carrying three mock pistols which they had fashioned from wood and pieces of pipe.

Doughboys on Rain-Drenched Front Line Thankful for Fact Lives Spared in War

By Robert W. Richards
United Press War Correspondent
With the U. S. 35th Infantry Near Linstroff, France, Nov. 23

—(U.P.)—"We could all be dead here, but we're still alive. When I remember that, I'm thankful."

And that was Thanksgiving for five doughboys huddled in a shed today with the rain pouring down outside and shells whooshing overhead.

I ate hot turkey with these five doughboys, lying on dry straw, listening to the rain and the sound of battle.

Pfc. Giuliano Notari, 25, Old Forge, Pa., kicked a log deeper into the fire.

FRENCH, YANKEES OVERRUN MOST OF STRASSBOURG

Two Forces Fight Shoulder
to Shoulder in Smash to
Rhine; 50,000 Trapped.

Paris, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—French armored forces and American troops fighting a shoulder to shoulder in their first smash to the Rhine overran nine-tenths of the ancient fortress city of Strasbourg today and were battling on the approaches to three undamaged bridges across the Rhine.

The French tricolor flew from the spire of bomb damaged Strasbourg cathedral as the doughboys and polus hammered the German garrison crammed into one-tenth of the capital of Alsace, a city of 180,000, United Press Correspondent Clinton B. Conger reported in a dispatch from Strasbourg.

Nazis Fight Hard
The Germans battled desperately in pockets before the three bridges leading to their homeland and in old forts around the border citadel which underwent so six weeks siege in 1870.

As Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' French and American forces ground down the German resistance in Strasbourg and tightened the nutcracker on some 50,000 Nazis trapped to the south, the U. S. 3rd army mounted a new attack across the approaches to the Siegfried line on an 11-mile front in Germany's Saar.

Farther north, full blown counterattacks by eight to 12 German divisions totaling perhaps 100,000 men checked the push against the Cologne area of the Rhineland by the American 1st and 9th and British 2nd army forces.

At supreme headquarters it was estimated that one-fifth of Germany's fighting strength on the western front had been written off in the little more than two weeks of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's grand offensive.

Adjustment Sought In Steel Formula

Chicago, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—The Congress of Industrial Organization today demanded adjustments in the Little Steel formula and in a resolution asked that the National War Labor Board eliminate "bias and unfair reasoning in consideration of dispute cases."

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Washington, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—The War Labor Board was preparing today to begin a full inquiry into the telephone industry's wage rate structure as an aftermath of the now-concluded strike of operators in Washington, Detroit and Ohio.

British 8th Storms Over Cosina River

Rome, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—British troops of the 8th army stormed across the Cosina river Wednesday night and have established five small beachheads on a two and a half mile front, three and a half miles southeast of Faenza, despite heavy German counterattacks, headquarters announced today.

PHOTOS OF TOKYO BY B-29 "RECON" HELPFUL IN RAID

Saipan, Marianas, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—Tokyo's vital industries and targets stood out clearly to the peering eyes of a daring lone B-29 Superfortress photo reconnaissance crew who were the first U. S. airmen to fly over the heart of Japan since Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle and his gang sent Jap citizens into hysteria in April, 1942.

Droning in after a gruelling flight from new bases on Saipan, the giant silvery Superfort named "Tokyo Rose" cruised over Tokyo for 35 minutes. It brought back crystal-clear photos of strategic targets which Japan jealously guarded for 10 years.

Japanese radio announcers screamed frantically that U. S. planes were over the city, then added as a face saving afterthought that "an American plane fled before our attack."

Three Flights
Not content with the first valuable photo-flight, the same crew flew over the famed target twice more, noting that ack-ack became more accurate with each trip.

Hundred or More Planes Roar From Marianas; Some Damage Admitted

Washington, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—One hundred or more B-29 Superfortresses, officially opening a two-pronged air offensive to soften Japan for invasion, bombed Tokyo by daylight today, and the enemy admitted factories and other important installations had been damaged.

Roaring out from new bases on Saipan in the Marianas, 1,550 miles to the southeast, the giant four-engined bombers swept over Tokyo at noon (11 p. m. Thursday, EWT) to give the jittery Japanese capital its first taste of American bombs since the historic April 18, 1942 raid by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's fliers.

TOKYO ADMITS "SLIGHT" DAMAGE
Four hours later Tokyo belatedly admitted the raid and backed into admissions of what it sought to imply was slight damage to

Aboard Superfortress Over Tokyo, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—Six violent fires—just a starter—blazed in the low rectangular buildings of the Nakajima aircraft factory in the western outskirts of Tokyo about 12:15 p. m. today after the first of many waves of army Superfortresses outsmarted Japanese defenders to deliver the war's first heavy home blow to the enemy's aviation industry.

factories and other major installations. "Small fires" were caused, Tokyo broadcasts added, but only among "civilian homes and hospitals" and all were controlled "immediately."

Tokyo said the bombers, attacking in 10 or more groups, were over the city for two hours.

The attack, the first on Tokyo by land-based aircraft, was announced here by Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the army air forces and chief of the global 20th air force. He said another communique on damage done to the industrial targets would be issued "when further details are available."

"The battle for Japan has been joined," Arnold said in a special report to President Roosevelt. "This operation is in no sense a 'hit-and-run' raid. It is a calculated extension of our air power . . . no part of the Japanese empire is now out of our range, no war factory too remote to feel our bombs . . ."

SYSTEMATIC DEMOLITION BEGUN

The Saipan based B-29's, working under the newly-formed 21st bomber command, Arnold said, will coordinate their operations with those of the China-based 20th bomber command, whose B-29's have already carried out 17 missions against Japanese empire targets.

"The systematic demolition of Japan's war production, begun six months ago from China bases, henceforth will be carried out with decisive vigor, softening up the Japanese heart for the ultimate invasion by combined united nations land, sea and air forces," Arnold told Mr. Roosevelt.

The Tokyo radio, which gave the world the first, albeit hysterical, account of the Doolittle raid, was silent for several hours after today's attack and then blossomed forth with its usual report—that the B-29's had "failed to attain any tangible results" due to "effective interceptions."

ON JAP HOLIDAY

The attack on Tokyo came just 24 hours after Japan had observed its Thanksgiving day—the Minamati festival—in which Emperor Hirohito had offered newly harvested grain to his gods. Even as the festival was in progress, the Japanese witnessed a har-binger of things to come when a single B-29, according to Tokyo reports, flew over the Nagoya area some 275 miles west-southwest of Tokyo.

Other reconnaissance flights by B-29's over the island of Honshu, on which Tokyo is located, had steadily increased Japanese fears of a coming raid on their capital and thousands of children, women and older residents had been ordered out in preparation.

Arnold gave no indication whether the B-29 bombing crews had been given special instructions to avoid Hirohito's palace, which Doolittle's fliers spared despite an excellent opportunity to hit it.

Arnold said the 21st bomber command was commanded in its first operation by Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, Jr., a 41-year-old native of Fort Monroe, Va., who first gained fame ten years ago as a member of the aviation acrobatic team, "Three Men On a Flying Trapeze."

Plane Commander Capt. Ralph D. Steakley, Jefferson, Ohio, and a 10-man crew saw from 19 to 21 enemy intercepting planes on their first trip, but Jap pilots apparently were leary to attack the Superfort with their bristling guns and made no attempts to get within shooting range.

Despite the breathless altitude the crew and cameras clearly saw and recorded Jap airfields studded with fighter planes and saw Hirohito's place and factories. The first sight to greet their eyes was famous snow capped Mt. Fujiyama.

Ickes Restriction Refused by Senate

Washington, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—The senate today rejected, 42 to 27, a proposal to restrict the authority of Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes to build transmission lines for sale of public power from flood control dams.

The restriction was offered by Sen. Josiah W. Bailey, D., N. C., as an amendment to the \$970,965,000 postwar flood control bill.

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Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are —
"E" Bonds\$85,033

Total Sales
\$420,510