

JAP NAVY REFUSES TO FIGHT

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
NIMITZ is finally heard from. His report is terse. The gist is that the Jap fleet poked out from behind Formosa, took one good look at us, and that it's about all over.

HEREUPON the Jap propagandists launch into their usual bludge of the war, and try to get their people that they have licked the socks off of us and that it's about all over. It would be interesting to know why this tossing of the ball.

This writer, not knowing how the sub-human Jap mind works, doesn't feel competent even to guess.

Nimitz puts it thus: "Upon discovering our length UNIMPAIRED (the Japs thought we had sunk them) and that we were still in the enemy's hands, they decided to avoid action and retired."

There is another puzzling question: Why didn't the Japs know what the Jap planes or had done to us? What were their reconnoissances and their communications? All too much for this writer. Someone better informed should have to answer that one.

MEANWHILE MacArthur's land-based bombers launch their fourth mass attack in two weeks on the Japs' prize oil supply at Balikpapan in Borneo, shooting down some 40 or 50 interceptors and dropping 300 tons of bombs.

In a run-of-the-mill attack on Cologne this morning 1300 tons of bombs dropped 4000 tons. Compare this with MacArthur's tons dropped on Balikpapan.) When we get Hitler licked and really get at the Japs with our hands, we'll show the little low man something.

Europe, the moving finger writes. The Germans tell us today that the British 2nd army, backed by 1500 TANKS, is standing "at the ready" in the Nijmegen salient, waiting until it is sure of a supply port.

The Canadians are steadily prying the Germans loose from Antwerp, one of the world's best harbors, located RIGHT BEHIND the lines.

The nazis add that the Russians have launched a powerful offensive against the heart of Prussia, along the railroads to Berlin and Koenigsberg. A thousand Russian tanks, they say, are massed for the assault on Warsaw.

The Russians, after their long push-line and reorganization, appear to be out for blood (and blood again).

It is useless even to guess at the details of what is happening in Hungary, but the Germans obviously not happy about it. We'll get the story eventually.

THE battle of Belgrade is in its last phases, and the reds are rapidly over-running all of the Yugoslavians. Up in the north, they are mopping up toward Norway.

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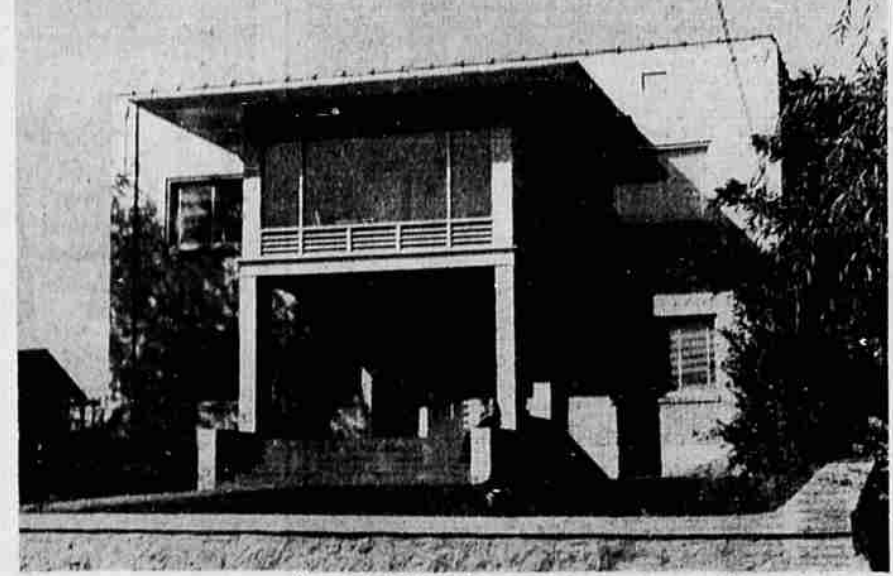
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Governor Doesn't Like It, Either

SALEM, Oct. 17 (AP)—Gov. Earl Snell doesn't think much of the quality of some of the liquor being sold in Oregon liquor stores.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said at today's board of control meeting that the state liquor commission's main warehouse in Portland is a bad insurance risk because it is filled with liquor, which Scott said is very inflammable.

The governor replied that he doubted whether some of the liquor now on sale would burn.

COURT DISMISSES COPLIN RAPE CASE

The case against Orbie Coplin, charged with rape, was dismissed in circuit court Monday afternoon on motion of the district attorney after the 16-year-old girl prosecuting witness failed on the witness stand to give incriminating evidence against the defendant.

On questioning by the state, the girl testified in effect that Coplin did not commit the act of which he was accused.

After dismissal, the district attorney moved, and the court granted, that a delinquency petition, charging perjury, be filed against her. The district attorney's office said later the girl's (Continued on Page Three)

Bomber Attacks Force Moving Toward Formosa

A U. S. 14TH AIR FORCE ADVANCED BASE, China, Oct. 16 (Delayed) (AP)—A single B-24 Liberator blew up a Japanese cruiser and sank a destroyer in a 45-minute, low-level attack today on a six-ship force moving toward Formosa.

The bomber probably put a crimp in Japanese naval reinforcement on that island stronghold. Its feat was all the more notable in that it came at a time when the U. S. 14th air force is fighting to retain a narrowed foothold in southeast China.

TOP OFFICERS IN HUNGARY START REVOLT

Officials Transfer To Soviet Side

LONDON, Oct. 17 (AP)—Open revolt in the Hungarian army against German efforts to force continuance of the war against the allies was indicated today in Berlin reports that high Hungarian officers had "gone over to the Soviets."

The official German news agency DNB said the commander of the second Hungarian army had been dismissed and that Maj. Gen. Bela Niklos von Dalnok, commander of the first army, had deserted to the red army along with his chief of staff, Colonel Kerri.

Conditions remained chaotic in Hungary, where invading Russian troops fought within 50 miles of Budapest, and it was questionable whether the Germans could expect any further effective military assistance from this last remaining ally.

Previously, Dalnok was reported relieved of his post, as was Maj. Gen. Ludwig Veress, commander of the second Hungarian army.

Berlin asserted that Dalnok "as well as several ladies belong" (Continued on Page Three)

BRITONS PATROL ATHENS STREETS

ROME, Oct. 17 (AP)—British troops, landed from more than 150 warships, patrolled the streets of Athens today after breaking up clashes between rival Greek factions.

The fleet of warships included units of the royal navy, and Canadian, South African, Greek, French and Polish naval craft.

The first units of British troops disembarked at the port of Piraeus yesterday and patrolled the streets of Athens between lanes of cheering, palm-waving Greeks.

The arrival of the British broke up armed clashes between rival Greek factions in the Civil Square. Order was restored within a few hours.

The huge fleet was under the command of Comdr. Geoffrey Oliver and the landing forces (Continued on Page Three)

Red Offensive Smashes Against Prussian Border

LONDON, Oct. 17 (AP)—A great new Russian offensive has opened and has reached the East Prussian border northeast of the Lithuanian town of Vilkaviskis, the German communists acknowledged today.

The drive was on a 25-mile front on both sides of the town by masses of Russian infantry, tanks and fighter bombers striking after a drumfire barrage lasting several hours. The Germans asserted 145 tanks were destroyed in opening phases of the battle.

Start Storm "Large-scale troop concentrations had been observed for days past," the enemy broadcast said. "They now have started their storm against the German defense lines."

"Strong artillery fire and severe bombing preceded the attack of tanks and infantry."

Vilkaviskis lies 12 miles from the central section of the East Prussian border, along which Russian troops have been deployed since August 17.

Menace Tilsit Other Russian troops besieging Memel are threatening the railway city of Tilsit in East Prussia and already have invaded the 1099 square miles of Memel territory which Hitler annexed to East Prussia six months before the outbreak of the war.

Still others are menacing East Prussia from the south from two

Harvest Weather

Clear today and tonight. Partly cloudy Wednesday. Showers later in week. Lowest temperature tonight about 30. No abnormally low temperatures for several days.

Hurricane Alert Given Caribbean

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 17 (AP)—The weather bureau put all the northwestern Caribbean sea area and the southern Florida peninsula on the alert today until a severe tropical hurricane lurking near the Cayman islands moves out of the section.

The future movement of the storm was so uncertain that meteorologists deemed it wise to sound a warning to all interests over a considerable area of land and sea—including the Florida peninsula, western Cuba, the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico, the Florida straits and the Yucatan channel, as well as the northwestern Caribbean sea.

Dewey Charges New Deal With 'Deliberate Chaos'

By JACK BELL
EN ROUTE TO ALBANY WITH DEWEY, Oct. 17 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey changed his campaign pace today in preparation for a forthcoming discussion of foreign policy issues after an applause-punctuated declaration in St. Louis last night that the new deal offers only "desperately planned, noisy chaos and bungling in the days ahead."

Aides said the New York governor plans a "dispassionate" discourse of the problems of maintaining future peace at the New York Herald-Tribune forum tomorrow night, as a departure from the full stride attacks on President Roosevelt and the new deal which he renewed in St. Louis.

Dewey told a cheering crowd which overflowed the 11,300-seat Kiel auditorium the new deal has failed not only at home

but abroad and demanded to know: "Can an administration which is filled with quarrelling and backbiting where we can see it be any better abroad where we can not see it?" The crowd roared "No."

Hundreds of huge jammed in the aisles of the staid auditorium as the GOP nominee spoke. A long torchlight parade, which wound through the streets gave Dewey's appearance in St. Louis the flavor of old-time political rallies. It was by far his noisiest reception and the audience responded vigorously when he levelled attacks on the new deal.

Spectacularly Incompetent Describing the democratic regime as "the most spectacular collection of incompetent people who ever held public office at the same time," the republican nominee said that the "conflict" within the new deal was illus-

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Passes

Death claimed J. L. Beard, 61, prominent Klamath resident, at his home on Pacific Terrace Monday afternoon. Story on page 3.



REFRIGERATOR CAR FREEZE RELEASED

Official notice was received at Klamath Falls and Tulelake today that the "freeze" on refrigerator cars for this area has been terminated and that shipment of potatoes and onions in available "reefers" can start immediately.

C. W. Taylor, agent of the interstate commerce commission at Chicago, who controls the reefer situation, sent notification to the Tulelake Growers, at Tulelake, which was confirmed by reports here, to the effect that loading in the refrigerator cars is permitted on the Southern Pacific north of Black Butte and on the Great Northern north of Bieber.

The news was warmly welcomed by growers and shippers, who have vigorously protested the ban on refrigerator use in this area on the grounds that the produce is endangered by both low and high temperatures when shipped in box cars.

Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon, and Representative Clair Engle of California have assisted the Klamath county agent's office, Tulelake Growers, Klamath county chamber of commerce, and others, in presenting evidence to the ICC in protest of the refrigerator ban.

Onions Ready Chester Main, president of the Tulelake Growers, informed the Herald and News of the wire received by that group, which received similar information from (Continued on Page Three)

Tule Lake Land Opened for Lease

The United States bureau of reclamation has advertised 20,000 acres of Tule lake land for lease under sealed bids which will be opened at the local office of the reclamation bureau at 9 a. m., October 31.

Successful bidders on lots 1-6 will be required to build dikes on the property and no potatoes shall be grown on any of these lands unless the national emergency calls for maximum production, in which event, the United States shall announce terms and conditions for permitting the production of potatoes on leased Tule lake land.

The land to be leased is to be used for grazing and agricultural purposes only and will be limited solely to that purpose.

All payments must be by cash, certified check, cashier's check, bank draft or money order payable to the treasurer of the United States. Uncertified personal checks are not acceptable and where credits available exceed the amount bid and such a bid is accepted, the difference will be subsequently refunded as provided in the leases now in effect.

Rubin Demands GOP Retractions

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 17 (AP)—A complaint demanding that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the republican presidential candidate, his running mate, Gov. John W. Bricker, and Rep. Clarence Booth Luce retract alleged "defamatory and untrue utterances" against President Roosevelt was filed with the federal communications commission today by William B. Rubin, Milwaukee attorney and former democratic candidate for governor of Wisconsin.

Named as defendants were the National Broadcasting company, the Columbia Broadcasting company, the Mutual Broadcasting company, and the Blue network.

Weather News

Max. (Oct. 16)	70	Min.	86
Precipitation last 24 hours			0.00
Stream year to date			3.23
Normal	51	Last year	0.51
Forecast: Clear			
Origin: Open	6:41	Close	6:02
Tulelake: Open	6:51	Close	6:22

AACHEN RING TIGHTENED BY YANK TROOPS

Cologne Given Heavy Hammering by Bombers

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Oct. 17—U. S. troops tightened their ring about Aachen today after smashing nazi counterattacks, while 1300 heavy American bombers gave Cologne, 40 miles to the east, its worst hammering of the war.

It was the sixth blow in as many days on Cologne, knocking it to ruin. The Germans declared the allies were preparing for a great new offensive on this northern sector of the front.

Loss 25 Per Cent A front dispatch declared the Germans rested quietly before Aachen today, spent by counterattacks which an American staff officer estimated had cost the nazis 25 per cent of their attacking troops.

Supreme headquarters said the doughboys in a night-long fight had thrown back the heaviest nazi counterblow yet mounted east of Aachen, and at dawn held firmly to their lines. The U. S. line was swiftly being built up in strength.

Fall Imminent Fifty miles to the north, British troops broke into the streets of Venray, Dutch road hub eight miles from Germany on one pathway to the Rhine-Ruhr region. Fall of the town appeared imminent.

An AP correspondent at Aachen said it had become apparent that "the state of German supply is better than had earlier been supposed—much better in fact." About 3500 civilians now have been escorted from that dying city, he added.

The German attacks at Aachen so far have cost them about 2500 (Continued on Page Three)

Klamath Slow to Mail Packages

The American public lived up to its tradition of being slow on the draw with the usual last minute rush to mail Christmas packages overseas.

Friday, Saturday and Monday were the heaviest days of the mailing period, it was announced by local postal authorities. There were long lines on all three days, extending through the doors of the local postoffice with approximately 40 people waiting in line.

Virtually all the boxes used were those donated by the Pellican Bay Lumber company, and it is estimated that 4000 boxes were utilized during the official mailing period of September 15 to October 15. The mail-period was extended one day because the 15th, official closing day, fell on Sunday.

Packages may still be mailed to army personnel but must be accompanied by a request from the recipient of the parcel. This does not apply to the navy, however, as it is not bound by this rule and naval personnel may receive parcels at any time without a request.

Beverly Thomas Reported Missing in French Fight

Pvt. Beverly W. Thomas, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thomas, 2105 Wantland, pioneer residents of Klamath Falls, is reported missing in action in France since September 25.

Pvt. Thomas was an infantryman with Lt. George S. Patton and had been overseas since late spring of this year. Pvt. Thomas' wife, the former Starla Parvin of this city, is now making her home in Spokane, Wash., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parvin.

A short time ago, Thomas' parents received word from Lt. Ralph Taylor of Klamath Falls, their son's commanding officer, advising them that in early September, while in France, their outfit encountered a German tank column and that Thomas was wounded about the face but refused to be evacuated. He returned to the front almost immediately and a few days later was reported missing.

Thomas was born in Klamath Falls on May 24, 1908, went through the grades and attended (Continued on Page Three)

THIRD FLEET SIGHTS NIPS OFF FORMOSA

Imperial Ships Avoid Battle With Yanks

By CHARLES H. McMURTRY
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 17 (AP)—Part of the Japanese fleet came out to look at the U. S. fleet off Formosa but turned and flew when it discovered the American fighting strength was unimpaired, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

His terse communique, giving the lie to Japanese boasts of a great air-naval victory in the western Pacific, said of the enemy sortie: "On discovering our fighting strength unimpaired, they avoided action and have withdrawn toward their bases."

"There has been no damage of consequence to our battleships or carriers" in the week-long strike along the inner island approaches to Japan, from the Ryukyu islands to the Philippines, Nimitz said. Two ships, apparently destroyers or cruisers, in Adm. Ernest Halsey's third fleet were damaged by Japanese aerial torpedoes, but they were able to retire under their own power.

Formosa Hit Nimitz' blunt denial of Japanese assertions was made almost simultaneously with a war department announcement that China-based Superforts bombed Formosa today in their third attack within four days on the fortress island.

Previously Nimitz announced that a seaborne fighters and bombers were still attacking the Philippines, opening the second week of raids on the Ryukyu islands, Formosa and the Philippines.

New Japanese aerial losses announced today brought to more than 800 the number of enemy aircraft knocked out in the first week of these raids.

The Reluctant Jap The about-face of the Japanese fleet apparently ended another attempt to lure the reluctant imperial navy into battle.

This flat refusal to engage the mighty Halsey-Mitscher force belies radio Tokyo's broadcast boast that imperial warships not only engaged the American fleet but claimed sinking up to 52 ships, including 11 carriers, a preposterous figure.

Nimitz also disclosed that Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's carrier pilots destroyed 16 enemy aircraft in the October 13-14-15 bombings of Formosa and in defending the carrier force against torpedo attacks.

McKeehan Dies In South Pacific

James Orland McKeehan, 23, boatswain's mate 2/c. U. S. coast guard reserve, reported missing on October 5, has been declared dead by the war department in a message received by the south's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McKeehan, Hilliard avenue. The word reached them Monday.

The family was advised that McKeehan was repairing a cable on a landing barge and that he fell, slipping overboard. He failed to come to the surface. No other details were available. McKeehan was serving in the South Pacific at the time of his death. He was graduated from Henley high school, class of 1939, served in the coast guard for 18 months with 5 1/2 months of that time spent overseas.

Harry Truman to Appear On Train Platform Here

Democratic party highlight of the week will be the brief visit of Harry S. Truman to Klamath Falls, Oct. 18. Truman, democratic vice presidential candidate, at the Southern depot, Wednesday morning at 7:40 o'clock. Other than the entire political front appears quiet, with the election only three weeks away.

Ivory, county demo chair, said that Truman will be greeted with a string of ducks geese when he makes a platform appearance. The will be held some time for the case with Dewey's special, and his appearance will be fairly brief, Ivory said.

Only Vis Harry S. Truman and Dewey's appearance, apparently, will be the major national candidate to Klamath Falls in this year. Governor John W. Weller, the republican vice (Continued on Page Three)



Harry S. Truman



Pvt. Beverly Thomas