

# GERMANS WITHDRAW OVER MAAS

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Weather News	
Max. (Nov. 5)	50
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Stream year to date	1.90
Normal	1.31
Forecast: Rain	Last year 1.14
Tuesday Afternoon Hours	
Oregon: Open	7:00 Close 5:30
Tulelake: Open	7:15 Close 5:50

### ALLIES HOLD MAJOR PORTION OF RIVER BANK

### Nazis Blow Up Half Of Bridge Over Meuse

By WILLIAM FRYE  
LONDON, Nov. 6 (AP)—Field Marshal Gen. Walther von Model drew his battered 15th German army back over the Meuse (Moselle) river at Hoerdt in Holland today, leaving the allies in possession of all but one short stretch of the south bank.

The Germans blew up half the spans of the bridge, one of the longest in Europe, as British field officers declared the enemy army had been half destroyed in the hard-driving offensive in west Holland that began two weeks ago. Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st army group held sway on the south side for 50 miles, from 'S-Hertogenbosch to the sea except for a four-mile pocket at Willenstadt.

65,000 Casualties  
As the British and Canadian armies drew up to the water barrier 16 miles south of Rotterdam on a potential new assault line, the British estimated that 65,000 Germans had been killed, captured and wounded while being driven northward from 24 to 15 miles.

Declaring Field Marshal Wal- (Continued on Page Three)

### U. S. DOUGHBOYS OPEN BARRAGE AGAINST JAPS

### Yanks Annihilate Nip "Banzai" Attack On Leyte

By MURLIN SPENCER  
GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 6 (AP) (Via Army Radio)—American 155 millimeter long tons sent 400 rounds of high explosive whining into Japanese concentrations at dawn today as Yank infantrymen annihilated a "banzai" attack in another sector.

The artillery barrage in the Ormoc area possibly presages a bloody fight for that Japanese reinforcing point on the west coast of Leyte island and possibly the final battle of the Leyte campaign.

### Violent Clash

Entrenched Japanese, estimated at 800 to 2000 and including recently landed reinforcements that crossed a mountain chain from Ormoc, clashed violently with advancing American infantrymen of the 98th division west of Dagami, important Central valley road junction.

Fighting was bitter. The Americans were pinned down for two days until light tanks, flame throwers and grenadiers were hurled against the Japanese. Then the Japanese made a futile "banzai" counterattack, led by sword-waving officers. The bodies of at least 500 Japanese littered the battlefield.

### Straddle Trail

Units of the American 10th corps straddled the Dagami-Jaro trail, effectively trapping the survivors.

Pinamopoan, strategic communication center on Leyte's northwest coast, was captured yesterday by veterans of the American 24th division who immediately headed south toward Ormoc, 20 miles away.

South of Ormoc—the enemy's last escape port—the 7th infantry division was about 12 miles away from a 14-mile drive from captured Baybay.

### B-29S HIT SUMATRA, SINGAPORE TARGETS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (AP)—Striking audaciously by daylight, B-29 Superfortresses plastered military targets at Singapore in one of two raids yesterday by the aerial dreadnaughts.

The once mighty bastion of British naval might in the Pacific was visited in a substantial way, while sister ships lashed out heavily at an oil refinery in Sumatra.

### None Lost

None of the Superforts was lost to enemy action in either blow.

The giant bombers of the 20th air force which since early summer have ranged from Manchuria in the north to Sumatra in the south, and which have hit directly at the Japanese home islands, yesterday directed their might at the strategic tip of the Malay peninsula which (Continued on Page Three)

### Reclamation Heads Change



Picture shows B. E. Hayden, veteran reclamation superintendent here who is retiring, and Layton Stephens, project engineer, who will be acting-superintendent immediately and has been recommended as Hayden's successor.

### HAYDEN TO RESIGN RECLAMATION POST

B. E. Hayden, since 1929 superintendent of the Klamath Reclamation project and for 42 years connected with the federal reclamation service, discontinued today he will retire at the end of this year.

Hayden will take his annual leave, beginning Tuesday, extending to the date his retirement starts. He has not yet reached retirement age, but is retiring voluntarily before legal necessity.

### Stephens Recommended

Layton Stephens, for many years engineer for the Klamath project, has been recommended as Hayden's successor. He will be acting superintendent until the retirement of Hayden becomes officially effective.

Hayden began work for the reclamation service on December 12, 1902, on survey work in (Continued on Page Twelve)

### Hot Mayor Race Indicated Here

The hot mayor race, with four candidates battling for votes, topped interest in local politics today. Main street seethed with rumors and political talk, and it was generally agreed that the outcome of this contest is anybody's guess.

One candidate, Ed Ostendorf, issued a brief statement to the effect that he has not pledged himself to appoint any certain person as police chief. All of the candidates, including Ostendorf, Walter Wiesendanger, M. L. Shepherd and Kenneth McLeod, have indicated they intend to change the police chief here, and Police Chief Earl Heuvil has indicated he doesn't want the job, anyhow.

The situation in all other local contests appeared relatively quiet.

### Lt. Emil Potucek Reported Missing

MALIN — Lt. Emil Potucek, 26, U. S. Army air force pilot, is reported missing over Germany, according to word received this weekend by the pilot's wife, Mrs. Marie Watkins Potucek, and his parents, Mrs. Anna Potucek of Malin, and Joe Potucek of Bonanza.

Lt. Potucek is a graduate of Malin high school. He had been overseas six months when word came that he failed to return from a mission which occurred within the past week. In addition to his wife and parents, Lt. Potucek has two brothers, Joe Jr. and George, and three sisters, Mrs. Lydia Huff and Mrs. Wayne Holbrook, all of Malin, and Anna Potucek of Tulelake.

One source said that history includes a number of such insolent, crude provocations, beginning with a faked document ascribed to communists, which appear on the eve of parliamentary elections in some democratic countries, up to the burning of the Reichstag in Germany," Izvestia said.

Plot Prepared  
According to the rumors, Izvestia said, "the fake 'plot' against Dewey is being prepared by the republican party with the responsibility for the plot fixed on American communists," adding:

"The reason for this provocation is clear—to make millions of voters jump in a different direction. It has been reported this fake plot will be realized at the very last moment before election, with the purpose to leave no time for denial or investigation."

### POLLS GIVE FOR SLIGHT LEAD IN U. S.

### Four Out of Five See Demo Victory In Election

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 (AP)—Four of five nationwide polls show President Roosevelt slightly ahead of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, his republican opponent, on election eve.

The final Gallup poll, released today, gives Roosevelt 51.5 per cent and Dewey 48.5 per cent of the civilian popular vote. Gallup's 48 individual state surveys show 18 states with 165 electoral votes sure for Roosevelt and 10 states with 85 electoral votes sure for Dewey. The remaining 20 states, with 281 electoral votes, are classed as "pivotal states" in which neither candidate leads by more than 3 per cent.

The Fortune Survey of Public Opinion gives President Roosevelt 53.6 per cent of the popular vote compared to Dewey's 46.4 per cent. These figures were compiled from answers to "attitude questions."

A secret ballot poll conducted by the survey gave the president 52.5 per cent and Dewey 47.5 per cent.

Emil Hurja, associate publisher of Pathfinder Magazine and wife of a Southern Pacific conductor, was killed instantly Thursday afternoon in an automobile accident south of Dorris on the Weed-California highway.

The couple was en route to the northern section of Shasta county to hunt when their car overturned three miles east of Grass Lake. Mrs. Trafton was pinned beneath the machine. Mrs. Trafton is survived by her husband and one son, Lt. Irving Trafton, U. S. naval air force. A second son, Lt. Armand E. Trafton, was killed with the army air forces in England just one year ago.

### Mrs. Trafton Killed in Crash

Mrs. A. M. Trafton, well-known Dunsuir resident and wife of a Southern Pacific conductor, was killed instantly Thursday afternoon in an automobile accident south of Dorris on the Weed-California highway.

### Brakeman Dies FROM INJURIES

Morise Francis House, 45, for 16 years employed as brakeman for Weyerhaeuser Timber company, died at 8:15 p. m. Sunday at Hillside hospital from injuries sustained earlier in the day at the old camp eight miles from Keno.

House was working with a crane lifting logs when the crane toppled over, pinning House to the ground. Fellow workmen attempted to free House and finally used a torch to cut the crane away from his body. The accident occurred at 2 p. m. Ward's ambulance rushed House to the hospital.

In addition to his wife, Violet, House is survived by his two sons, Sgt. Vernon Eugene House, somewhere in the South Pacific, Sgt. Ervin Dale House, stationed in England, one daughter at home, Marian Frances, 1814 Etna, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie House, Atlanta, Mich.

Final rites will be held Wednesday at 3 p. m., from Whitlock's chapel with interment in Linkville cemetery.

### South Sixth Exchange Sold

Sale of 50-foot frontage on S. 6th at Plum and occupied by the South Sixth Street Exchange, was announced this weekend by Mrs. Clara McPherrin, widow of W. H. McPherrin who was killed in an automobile accident September 27. The property was purchased by Seth Waters, plumbing contractor, for a consideration in the neighborhood of \$7000.

Harry Roland and A. H. Weatherford have purchased stock of the Exchange which McPherrin operated for many years and until the day of his death. He was the oldest used goods operator in the city. McPherrin purchased the S. 6th and Plum corner from Joe McDonald of this city some three years ago. Mrs. McPherrin said she planned to remain in Klamath Falls.

### Germans Patrol Allied Position

ROME, Nov. 6 (AP)—The Germans began aggressive patrolling of allied positions in Italy today and several Nazi planes attacked the Fifth army sector below Bologna, but allied headquarters said frontline positions were virtually unchanged.

The weather cleared a bit after several weeks of heavy rains, but mud and swollen streams still hampered operations.

### Battle Rages In Suburbs Of Budapest

### Reds At Budapest

LONDON, Nov. 6 (AP)—Furious fighting raged in the suburbs of shell-torn Budapest today as heavy Russian infantry forces joined armored vanguards which had penetrated the defenses of the Hungarian capital from the north and south on the east side of the Danube river.

The Germans said they had recaptured the East Prussian rail town of Goldap, 19 miles inside the reich, after surrounding the place. The Russians at midnight reported violent German counterattacks staved off there.

The enemy said also that a counterattack had started south was not yet under a major Russian assault. The red army was declared regrouping and reinforcing for the final attempt.

The German radio announced early today that soviet tanks crashed into the southern metropolitan limits, only two miles from the heart of the city, while a Bucharest broadcast said other red army units, racing around the eastern edge of the capital, stormed the northern suburbs through Ujpest.

At the same time red army troops threatened to gain a bridgehead across the eastern fork of the Danube, just south of Budapest, and cross on to narrow Scepel island which divides the river into two arms for 30 miles southward.

The city's German and Hungarian defenders were being captured at the rate of 1000 a day in the powerful Russian encirclement, Moscow announced. Hungarian reports quoted by Bucharest indicated the bulk of the Nazi forces already were fleeing to the western part (Buda) of the Danube-straddling capital.

### Nazis on Edge Of Disaster, Asserts Stalin

By JUDSON O'QUINN  
LONDON, Nov. 6 (AP)—Germany is "on the verge of catastrophe," Marshal Stalin declared tonight in an address in which he said Russia, the United States and Great Britain have "made plans for a secure peace."

"It is not enough to win the war but we must make any future war impossible," the premier declared before a Moscow throng commemorating the 27th anniversary of the Russian revolution.

He hailed the invasion of France as the operation which enabled the red army to drive the Germans from Russian soil and declared that 120 German divisions had been destroyed during the year.

### General Fegan Visits Barracks

Major General Joseph C. Fegan, commanding general, department of the Pacific, for the U. S. marine corps, left for his San Francisco headquarters today after a weekend inspection of the Marine Barracks.

General Fegan conferred at length with Lt. Col. George Van Orden, commanding officer at the Barracks, and this morning visited the chamber of commerce to discuss community relationships with the installation. He indicated special interest in recent housing developments promising to relieve, in part, the housing shortage here.

### COUNCIL TO MEET

The city council meets in regular session tonight, Monday, at 7:30 o'clock and matters carried over from the October 30 meeting will be continued, according to Mayor John H. Houston.

### Election Information

The public will be warmly welcome at The Herald and News offices on Tuesday, election night. The traditional Herald and News blackboards will be in operation, bringing latest information on national, state and local contests. Radio station KFJI will broadcast from The Herald and News office, and will cooperate in gathering election returns.

Telephone inquiries to the office will be welcomed. The number is 3124.

The invitation to the traditional election party at the newspaper office is cordially extended to people of all political faiths. The latch string is out.

Here is election information:  
Polls Open—8 a. m. until 8 p. m., but closed from 1 to 2 p. m., for lunch. All election boards will stay together at lunch. Counting boards start work at 1 p. m., but no results announced locally until polls close at 8 p. m.

Polling Places—Complete lists will be found today on page 4. Who Can Vote—Only registered voters, and they must vote at the polling place of the precinct in which they are registered.

The Ballot—The ballot will include the presidential tickets of four parties, the state offices, district offices, Klamath county offices, state and city measures, and Klamath Falls offices.

### TWO KLAMATH MEN KILLED IN REICH

Two former Klamath Falls men were killed in action October 9, both on German soil, relatives have been advised.

1st Lt. Robert Bunnell, 25, U. S. army infantry, and T/Sgt. Claude E. Pollock, were the two whose names were to be added to the memorial shaft of World War 2 heroes.

1st Lt. Robert Bunnell, 25, U. S. army infantry, was killed in action, according to word received here by the youth's uncle, Robert Ross, 2152 Thrall, Lt. Bunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bunnell now making their home at Sandy near Portland, was married and leaves a wife, Maybelle, who resides with his parents.

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### Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
RUSSIA dominates the news today.

Her armies are fighting inside the Hungarian half of the Danube valley that is Budapest, the capital city of the Danube valley.

Stalin, speaking on the 27th anniversary of the Russian revolution says Germany is "on the verge of catastrophe." The red army, he adds, has destroyed 120 German divisions this year, leaving only 204 to face the Russian on the eastern front. He says the British full force will be used for the establishment of the most important western front, and differences among Russia, Britain and America are insignificant and indicate his belief that a successful peace, with a strong international organization to prevent future wars can be worked out.

Yvestia, Russian GOVERNMENT newspaper, comes out at the last minute FOR FDR.

Yvestia, heading its article "The Election of Roosevelt is guaranteed" and asserting that Dewey's chances "are insignificant," dreams up a weird tale of "interests."

It charges, may stage a last-minute "take plot" against Dewey's life and then claim that the plot was instigated by American communists.

Yvestia says: "It has been reported this fake plot will be carried out at the very last moment before election, with the purpose to leave no time for denial or investigation." It adds that the pro-fascist, pro-German ties of those who... financed Dewey's election campaign are well known.

It indulges in a lot of other European-minded nonsense.

AMERICAN voters, MUCH more intelligent than any European despot can realize, know that when Yvestia speaks of the VOICE OF STALIN and the Russian communist party we are.

Admiring Russia's fighting machine, hoping that we will be able to work intelligently with her in the long years to come, knowing that we WILL be unless we try to FORCE COMMUNISM ON US, laughing at the absurdity of this last-minute "take plot" that is ascribed to the Russian party, Americans nevertheless RESENT this official attempt to BUTT INTO OUR POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

Electing a President is OUR business. It is NONE OF RUSSIA'S BUSINESS.

On the Pacific, a bloody battle is impending at Ormoc, on the western side of Leyte, where the Japs have been landing reinforcements under cover of night.

There bringing up our heavy artillery. There has already been a "banzai" charge led by sword-waving Jap officers whose end result has been to leave 50 dead Japs on the field.

These charges are the usual ones that the Japs know they're doomed.

39, in "considerable force," hit Singapore. The weather was good, and a direct hit was on the control house of the largest drydock, with another on a Jap ship in the dock, and another on a Jap ship in the dock.

Another formation of superbombers hit an oil refinery in near-Singapore which is the second most important source of Jap high octane gasoline. Not the regularity of these raids.

The Japs nervously report reconnoitering flights over the island. The usual purpose of reconnoitering flights is to MAP FOR EFFECTIVE BOMBING.

The Germans are thrown back across the Maas (their new name for the Rhine) in Holland on a new offensive. This new defense is the defense of Rotterdam. The city of Antwerp is in our hands, and we are cleaning German forces out of the waters approaching it so that we will be (Continued on Page Three)

United Service Organizations, familiarly known as USO, have taken over operation of the service center on Main street as of November 1.

Gregory Foley of New York, director of USO, Monday announced members of his personal staff at the request of the community, will aid this area by being through contributions which enable funds to be bud-

geted to the community," Foley explained.

"There will be no change in the policy of the center and the 'business as usual' sign is out," the director concluded.

Foley explained that the national policy of USO has a contract with the federal government, army and navy and Red Cross, which specifies that USO must operate along certain lines, USO can only operate in the United States, South America and Hawaii. This explains, Foley pointed out, why many service men with overseas records, mention the fact that USO was not available in other parts of the world.

Little Change Needed  
In the case of Klamath Falls, the USO directors find it necessary to make little change in the operation of the service center. Plans for the new center, to be housed in the Blanas building at 11th and Walnut, will not be made until the arrival (Continued on Page Three)

Community Request  
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