

BERLIN SEA OF FLAMES

Nazi Capital Hammered In Greatest Raid

A thousand British and Canadian planes made Berlin a fiery mass of exploding ruin Monday night in the greatest air attack in all history...

"Berlin never can recover this blow," the Stockholm Aftonbladet declared, commenting on dispatches from its neutral correspondent.

More than 2,300 long tons of bombs fell on the sprawling German capital, exceeding the record dropped on Hamburg in the offensive which knocked that German port out of the war.

The end was not yet. By daylight large formations of Allied planes returned to Europe for more attacks on its Nazi masters.

Mile upon mile of the Europe's third largest city, from downtown Berlin to its outer suburbs, was subjected to the fire from 5,152,000 pounds of bombs...

No Respite And their success in executing the raid, despite what once were regarded as impossible conditions...

The RAF's remarkable pathfinder system by which the bombers arrived over Berlin to find their target plainly outlined in flares dropped by advance planes...

No Air Opposition The clouds were so thick that the Germans apparently were unable to get their night fighters off the ground...

Trifling Cost All Berlin could do was to cringe and take it, tossing up a great barrage of flak. From a force numbering possibly a thousand or more bombers it took a toll scarcely more than would be expected from engine trouble or other exigencies.

The bombers hit Berlin at about 8 P. M. in one of the earliest attacks yet. They took off in late afternoon from fields all over Britain, forming a great, loose procession across the sky...

It was midnight when through the static of the control tower radio came a hoarse but cheery voice saying, "U for Uncle Calling, U for Uncle Calling". It was the first plane back.

In the star-speckled black sky, two of the stars suddenly swung down together toward the field. The stars were the plane's lights. They were back from Berlin.

City Already Smouldering The great avalanche of bombs landed on a city parts of which still were smouldering from the big raid of last Thursday.

All the districts of the city of 5,000,000 as well as the suburbs were damaged and particularly heavy devastation occurred in the center of the capital near Unter Den Linden, Alexander Platz and Friedrichstrasse...

Twenty-six bombers were lost in the great Berlin raid and subsidiary operations which included Mosquito bomber attacks on Western Germany and mine-laying in enemy waters.

The tonnage of bombs cascaded on the German capital probably exceeded the 2,300 long tons dropped on Hamburg in the last big raid on that city in August.

"Horrible Hours" Berlin today is covered by a huge black cloud of smoke, Swedish correspondents reported. "We have had horrible hours," messaged the Stockholm Aftonbladet correspondent from Berlin.

It was unofficially estimated in London that the bomb load dumped on Berlin last night raised the total weight loosed on the German capital thus far in 1943 to around 10,000 long tons...

Americans Take Another Island

Australians Pressing Jap Bases on New Guinea - McArthur's Headquarters Reports Damage to Jap Shipping

Pearl Harbor, T. H., Nov. 22.—United States Marines have landed on Abemama Atoll, 80 miles southeast of Tarawa in the Northern Gilberts...

This was disclosed today in a communique from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz as the public anxiously awaited news of progress of assaulting forces engaged in bitter fighting against Japanese artillery, machineguns and pillboxes on Tarawa.

A communique from the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet was encouraging, but brief on this phase. It stated only that "our troops have improved their position on Tarawa and Makin atolls, but still are encountering considerable ground resistance."

One Sentence The Abemama (Apamama) assault was confined to one sentence: "We have landed Apamama atoll."

This atoll was believed to be defended lightly; and the fact that no mention was made of opposition was seen as encouraging. Simultaneously, Admiral Nimitz disclosed that Vice Adm. Raymond A. Spruance of Indianapolis is directing Central Pacific operations and Rear Adm. Richard K. Turner is in command of amphibious forces.

It disclosed further that the Tarawa landings were made by the Second Marines in command of Major Gen. Julian C. Smith of Elkton, Md., the Makin assault by troops of the 27th Division commanded by Major Gen. Ralph Smith of Tucson, Ariz., and that Major Gen. Holland McT. Smith of Montgomery, Ala., of the Marines is in command of landing forces.

Southwest Pacific Allied Headquarters, Tuesday, Nov. 23.—Australian soldiers, supported by 26-ton Matilda (British type) tanks, have punched their way through the northeastern New Guinea jungles to within half a mile of the core of Jap defenses on high ground around Sattelberg.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters coupled this report today with others showing that during the past 48 hours aircraft flown by members of three Allied nations—the United States, Australia and The Netherlands—have sunk or damaged 19,000 tons of Japanese shipping.

The drive on Sattelberg is one directed inland eight miles northwest of Allied-held Finschhafen on the Huon Peninsula coast against forces whose jungle plateau positions overlook those of MacArthur's men.

Shipping Blows These were among the outstanding shipping blows: American Liberators in daylight Sunday sank a 4,000-ton vessel off and shot down two and damaged one of the six intercepting float planes. Enemy anti-aircraft fire downed one of the Liberators.

Near the Aroe Islands in the same area, Dutch-flown Mitchells with Australian-manned Beaufighters for cover sank a 2,000-ton ship and two small coastal vessels and damaged a 4,000-ton freighter transport the same morning. That afternoon, Liberators in the Aroe area sank a 1,000-ton ship and shot down four Japanese planes.

WILLIAM O. FULLER, JR. TO WED MISS DOROTHY PHELPS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Phelps of Louisville, wishes to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to William O. Fuller, Jr., U. S. Navy, of Bainbridge, Maryland. Seaman Fuller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fuller, Sr., of Louisville.

The vows will be spoken in Corinth Baptist Church, Sunday, Nov. 28th at 10:30 a. m., with the Rev. Ernest Russell, of Wake Forest, officiating. No personal invitations will be extended in Franklin County. The public is cordially invited to attend.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

On Thanksgiving night at 7:30 Thanksgiving worship service will be held at the Baptist Church. On Sunday, the 28th, the pastor will preach at both hours, concluding five years' ministry in Louisville. Everyone is invited to attend.

9:45 a. m.—Bible School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. 6:45 p. m.—Intermediate B. T. U. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.

THANKS!

TO OUR MANY APPRECIATIVE SUBSCRIBERS

During the past week we have had a large number of our loyal and appreciative subscribers call at our office and pay up their subscription and in most all cases a year in advance. Out of the entire list only two have expressed unpleasance and ordered their paper stopped.

House Coalition Beats Subsidies By Wide Margin

Washington, Nov. 23.—In a sledge-hammer assault upon the administration's "hold-the-line" program, the House late today passed and sent to the Senate a measure outlawing future use of consumer subsidies to hold down food prices.

Amid cries from subsidy supporters that the move would result in inflation, the opposition piled up a roll call vote of 278 to 119—enough, if the line-up remains unchanged, to override an anticipated veto by President Roosevelt.

The vote was not an absolutely clear-cut test of the subsidy issue, however, because the bill contained two parts: The ban upon subsidies, and a provision continuing the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Some legislators voted for the bill although opposed to one of its provisions. For example, Rep. Patman (D-Tex.) a leader in the fight to save subsidies, voted for the bill, explaining that he wanted to see CCC continued "and I expect to get a second whack at this thing when the President sends up a veto."

One-Sided Vote The one-sided result constituted the first vital blow struck in the second round of the bitter subsidy battle between President Roosevelt and a Capitol Hill coalition of Republican legislators and Democratic lawmakers from the farm states.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, which is the first Sunday in the Church year. The services will be Holy Communion 8:00 a. m. Church School and Bible Class 9:45 a. m. and Morning Prayer and sermon at 11:00 a. m. The Epistle and Gospel, at the early service, the Old and New Testament lesson, hymns and sermon at eleven o'clock, will be appropriate to the beginning of a new Church year.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

Regular services will be held at the Louisville Methodist Church next Sunday. Pastor Forrest D. Hedden will conduct the services at 11 a. m and 7:30 p. m.

McNutt About Ready To Quit

Washington.—Paul V. McNutt was described today as "so steamed up" that he will quit as Manpower Commissioner unless President Roosevelt vetoes the new father draft act.

The bill sent to the White House by the Senate on a voice vote yesterday strips McNutt of authority over Selective Service. It also is designed to slow down or halt the draft of pre-war fathers but officials indicated it would not bring about any radical changes in present induction procedures.

McNutt formally told the Senate that the legislation sabotaged "sound administration." One Senator declared he had heard the manpower chief was "so steamed up about this that he has indicated he would resign if the President signs the bill."

Patton Rebuked On Capitol Hill

Washington, Nov. 23.—Congressional sources said tonight that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's attack on a shell-shocked soldier will weigh heavily in Senate consideration of the Presidential-authorized promotion in the permanent rank of the United States Seventh Army commander.

Patton is up for promotion to the permanent rank of major general. President Roosevelt recently sent his nomination and those of 13 other prominent generals to the Senate for confirmation.

The nominations first must be acted upon by the Senate military affairs committee, one of whose ranking Democratic members—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado—demanded tonight that the Army "clean up" the Patton situation.

"America is terribly shocked by the Patton brutality story," he said. "A slap on the wrist will not suffice. Unless the Army cleans it up, the Senate military affairs committee will be compelled to make a complete investigation."

Pepper's Comment Sen. Claude Pepper, D., Fla., said Patton "should have been court-martialed and given an elaborate military punishment of some kind, such as public reprimand and or incarceration for a period of time."

NOTICE TO ALL BONA FIDE DAIRYMEN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

November 30, 1943 is the final date for filing Dairy Feed Payment Applications for October sales of whole milk, cream, or butter.

These applications should be filed at the Franklin County Triple A Office. Mr. Ire T. Inscow, Chairman of Franklin County AAA Committee, urges all applicants to bring records of sales or evidence to show that products have been sold, so that payments can be made at time applications are filed.

Mr. Inscow announced that Dairy Feed Payments will be made in January to eligible dairy farmers for the above products produced and sold by them in the months of November and December. Producers desiring to receive payments should keep accurate records during these months.

Council Committee To Meet

Mr. Carl M. Watkins, district chairman of the local Boy Scout area council committee has announced that the committee will hold a meeting at Mrs. Beasley's Dining Room here Monday evening, Nov. 29, at 8:30 for the election of officers for the district committee.

There will also be supper in connection with the meeting. Mr. Watkins announced, and said that a quorum was necessary for the meeting as officers for the coming year were to be elected.

All members of the committee are especially urged to attend since this is one of the most important meetings of the year. A writer raises the question, "How will men of the future look?" It all depends—on how the women dress.

WAR NEWS

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 23.—Canadian troops of the famed "Princess Pat" light infantry have driven back the Germans in a sharp battle north of Agnone in Eastern Italy. It was announced today as other Allied forces closed in on the Nazis' central strong point at Alfedena.

London, Wednesday, Nov. 24.—German forces, driving back toward Kiev and the Dnieper line without regard for prodigious losses, yesterday reached the vicinity of Brussilov, approximately half-way between Zhitomir and the Ukraine capital, Moscow acknowledged today.

Russia's operational and supplementary communiques reported that the Red Army had abandoned several towns and villages north of Zhitomir, in the area of Chernyakhov, and to the east of the rail junction recaptured Saturday by the Nazis, around Brussilov.

The Russian report of fighting near Brussilov, 42 miles southwest of Kiev, indicated that the Germans had advanced approximately 42 miles since Field Marshal Fritz Erich Von Manstein massed his tanks and infantry west of Zhitomir for his desperate counterattacks. Zhitomir is 36 miles east of Brussilov.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Allied leadership is preparing tremendous psychological and military blows at the Nazis—which can be expected also to have profound repercussions in Tokyo.

This became increasingly clear today as a welter of rumors and reports flew here and in London of impending great decisions designed to hasten the war's end. One version of the British capital was that President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Premier Stalin intend to map final military plans and then tell the German people in effect that they must throw off the Nazi yoke or be smashed—a move which conceivably might lead to a quick crackup of the Nazi oligarchy.

All these reports went unconfirmed officially. In themselves, however, and the fact that they were permitted to pass cable censors and to be broadcast, they constituted an intensification of the war of nerves. Such an intensification might logically reach its climax in announcements from a Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference, though there has not, as yet, been any confirmation of reports that arrangements for such a meeting have been concluded.

MILLS STUDENTS PRESENT MRS. TURNER GIFT Mrs. Berta Turner who has been the most efficient manager of the Mills School Lunch Room for the past eight years has resigned the position on Doctor's orders. While the pupils hated to see Mrs. Turner go, they are glad for her to get a much needed rest. The entire student body considers Mrs. Turner, one of their best friends, and more than a friend, a kind, interested, loving SCHOOL MOTHER.

In appreciation of her excellent service, thoughtfulness, kindness and her excellent example of Christian living before them, the student body and faculty presented in Chapel a parting gift consisting of a beautiful table and electric lamp. With this gift went the very best of wishes of the school and its students and wishes for many more years of happy life.

P. T. A. MINSTREL Friday, December 17th the P. T. A. of Mills School will present a Minstrel show under the direction of Mrs. James B. King. See your own friends, made into actors and actresses.

Friday evening, December 17, in the Mills High School auditorium. RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 per year in Advance PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisville Theatre, beginning Friday, Nov. 26th: Friday—Lena Horne, Bill Robinson, Fats Waller and Band, and Cab Calloway and Band in "Stormy Weather."

Saturday—Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "Old Barn Dance" and Ted Lewis and Band in "Is Everybody Happy?" Also "Secret Service in Darkest Africa."

Saturday late show—11:30—"Stormy Weather." Sunday—Humphrey Bogart and Bruce Bennett in "Sahara." Tuesday—William Lundigan and Virginia Dale in "Heading For God's Country." Also "Bat Man."

Wednesday—Andrews Sisters and Grace McDonald in "Always a Bride's Maid." Thursday—Sonja Henie, Jack Oakie, Cesar Romero and Woody Herman and Band in "Winter-time."

On Pay Day, Buy Bonds

FARM BUREAU MEETS

MANY ENJOY INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS

Followed By "Food Fights For Freedom" Meeting With Many Present - Hons. Lumpkin, Floyd And Mitchell Speak

Approximately 150 members and farmers gathered at the Court House Tuesday night to attend a joint Farm Bureau and Food Mobilization meeting.

Mr. Carl E. Hicks, outstanding Farm Bureau leader of Greene County, addressed the group, speaking on the farmers today and the farmers in the post-war era. Mr. Hicks stated that even though tobacco farmers are receiving good prices for their product, they are sitting on a powder keg, in that tobacco is now the only farm crop in the favorable position of being allowed to regulate production.

The speaker reminded the group of the fact that labor, industry, commerce and even government is more highly organized today than ever before, it is essential that agriculture organize to be able to cope with these groups.

A report was filed by all people soliciting membership. Mr. Otis Burrows, Louisville, R. I., obtained a total of 64 members to take the lead, followed by George Leonard with 30, and F. W. Justice with 22, this brings the total paid-up membership in Franklin County to 228.

Following the Franklin County Farm Bureau meeting the occasion was turned into a "Food Fights for Freedom" meeting. Farm and civic leaders of Franklin County made plans to mobilize all men, women and children for maximum war production at a meeting in Court House Tuesday night. One hundred and fifty leaders were present. The program was sponsored by the Franklin County Agricultural Workers Council.

Hon. W. L. Lumpkin, of Louisville, Mr. E. Y. Floyd, N. C. Plant Food Institute, Raleigh; W. F. Mitchell, Supt. of Franklin County Schools; and Mr. P. H. Massey, project manager, Tar River Soil Conservation District, ably presented the program.

The program is expected to grow until every person knows his part and does it well. Neighborhood meetings are planned for every community. Every person is invited to attend these meetings and contribute his maximum in the war effort.

MILLS PUPILS GO OVER THE TOP The \$75.00 quota assigned to Mills students for the War Fund Drive was over subscribed, the total amounting to \$126.39. The following room report is gratifying to the school administration and also to the Chairman of the Franklin County Committee.

Mrs. Dorey and Seniors—\$10.50. Miss Boyd and Juniors—\$8.16. Mrs. Bailey and Freshmen—\$10.00. Mrs. Jackson and Sub-Freshmen—\$6.50. Miss McGinnis and Seventh grade \$20.00. Miss Davis and Sixth grade—\$7.52. Miss Lucas and Fifth grade—\$8.00.

Mrs. Lewis and Fourth-Fifth grade—\$7.25. Miss Smithwick and Fourth grade—\$15.46. Mrs. Uzzell and Third grade—\$10.00. Miss Winston and Second-Third grade \$4.00. Mrs. Inscow and Second grade—\$6.00. Mrs. Perry and First grade—\$5.00. Miss Jenkins and First grade—\$3.00.

The Seventh grade topped the rooms in their donations of \$20.00. Betsy Leonard, a member of the Seventh grade, gave ten dollars and the grade and Miss McGinnis matched this amount giving them the high honors in the Drive.

VISITS LOUISBURG Com. T. A. Wilson, of the State Compensation Commission, was a visitor to Louisville Tuesday. While here he heard a case involving a claim for compensation for a Mr. Pearce.

For the 1943-44 crop season the supply of fertilizer materials available for food production is larger than any previous year, except for potash and organic nitrogen, say USDA officials.

Diplomacy means saying things in such a way that nobody knows exactly what you mean.