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ATTACK EAST OF ZHITOMIR;

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Laval's Bloc May Collapse Before Petain

Chief Of State Determined To Lead France Back To Democracy

CENSORSHIP LIFTED

Berlin Spokesman Confirms Reports Of New Crisis At Vichy

LONDON, Nov. 20. - (A) - Belief grew in London tonight that colthe Vichy Chief of State Marshal Henri Philippe Petain to lead conquered France back to democratic

week-long blackout of on of Petain, the Vichy radio went to elaborate lengths tolay-apparently to quiet mounting ch home front unrest-to create the impression that the 87year-old marshall still was func-

Confirmation

A Berlin foreign effice spokesman was quoted in a Swiss distatch as having given guarded confirmation of reports of a crisis at The spokesman added. however, that "rumors" that Peain had resigned, "so far as is mown at the Wilhe!mstrasse, are

The Morocco radio in a broadcast ecorded by the Associated Press said that a woman's voice announcing that "Marsnal Petain has resigned" was heard on the Vichy radio just before the 7:30 a. m.,

Out of the conflicting welter of mors from unhappy Vichy, the port of an open break between and Laval, his Germanpported chief of government, appeared to be substantiated.

Doesn't Like Laval 1940, Petain called a meeting at ing battle to save the consumer he Parc hotel and when Laval subsidy program. emerged he was placed under arthe fact that he was in much better standing with the Nazis three their proposal. ears ago than he is today.

old marshal. The emphasis of every

MOSLEY AND WIFE

FREED BY BRITISH Pre - War Fascist Leader

Whisked Into Seclusion As Protest Mounts

LONDON, Nov. 20-(A)-Brit-'s pre-war Fascist leader, Sir eleased secretly from Holloway son before dawn today and isked into seclusion as a nan-wide protest increased in

in an Oxfordshire hamlet to- flation. oility and phlebitis.

the former Blackshirt leader, ended by Adolf Hitler, was de-appropriations, including war ex-

bed by Baroness Ravensdale, penditures.

aided stops at camps near El Pa-

British Battery Returns Here After Lengthy Tour

Traveling in two motor convoys, samp Davis last August for a coast Coast tour of military installa.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hour ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.
Temperature
1:30 a. m., 50, 7:30 a. m., 46, 1:30 p. m.
Temperature
1:30 a. m., 50, 7:30 a. m., 59. Maximum 74, Minimum 45, Mean 60, Normal 54.

Humidity
1:20 a. m., 96, 7:30 a. m., 97, 1:30 p. m. Traveling in two motor convoys, went first to New York from Camp passed through Wilmington Francisco, Los Angeles and Texas. derday en route to Fort Fisher

Only the trips from New York to the final demonstrations of Camp Edwards and from Camp

Hull Reports On Moscow



Cheered like a returned war hero, Secretary of State Cordell Hull reported on the Moscow Conference in the first recorded appearance of a cabinet member before a joint meeting of the Senate and House. He declared that the four-power declaration will hasten Allied victory in the war and eliminate, in the future, conditions which have produced wars in the past. He is pictured, above, as he spoke, with Vice President Wallace seated behind him and Representative Joseph Martin. (NEA Telephoto)

Price Control Machinery Faces Another Challenge

Naval Plane Crashes

In Brazilian Mountains

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 20.

__(P)_A U. S. naval transport

plane crashed in the mountains

about 30 miles east of here Fri-

day afternoon, killing all of the

18 occupants, it was announced

tonight by the Brazilian gov-

The announcement said the

plane was bound for Rio and

burst into flames after the

not known, the announcement

Ways And Means Commit-

tee Tells Administration

To Cut Spending

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. - (A) -

Cause of the accident was

ernment news agency.

SHOWDOWN SLATED

Administration Losing Battle To Save Consumer Subsidy Program

By ALEX H. SINGLETON WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. - (AP) -

The administration's price control machinery collided with another challenge today-a threat to remove coal and oil from OPA juris-Petain never has liked Laval. It diction-as President Roosevelt's was recalled that in December, stalwarts waged an apparently los-

erought about through the inter-lawmakers from coal and oil proention of Otto Abetz, Nazy envoy duction states announced that 209 of France. The danger to laval's signatures—just nine short of the osition now is believed to lie in osition now is believed to lie in required 218—had been collected on a petition to force action on

The Vichy radio during the day counded a curst of reports on the Calvin Johnson (R-III). The peti-"We'll collect the rest of them tion calls for committee discharge Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) of the Disney Bill to turn control of oil prices over to Interior Secretary Ickes. Johnson plans to offer an

amendment to include coal. The move - another in a series chorus, dec'ared today the public of rapid fire developments on the can stand no more taxes and told committee of liberation said i nation's economic front-left the the administration to cut down now was able to define its posi administration confronting this sit- spending if it wants to block infla- tion with a view to speedily set uation as it strove desperately to tion. preserve the program it has chosen The committee said its second ficials after the chamber of depufor holding the line against infla-

1. Likelihood that the house, probably by an overwhelming margin, by the taxpayers at this time."

A solution must be taxpayers."

"A solution must be taxpayers." a prohibition against subsidy pay- bucket to the \$10,560 000,000 the adments--a device which the adminisministration asked to fight the war tions and in accordance with the Oswald Mosley, and his wife were tration intends to use to keep down and inflation.

retail food prices. 2. Refusal of the House Ways and to further taxes, the full commit-Means Committee to approve more tee report hardly went as far as than one-fifth of the \$10,500,000,000 a separate statement by Republiin new taxes which the treasury cans on the committee who told the The Mosleys were reported to said is necessary to help curve in-

ht, protected from the hue and 3. A new drive for creation of as an extordishing hamilet to all protected from the hue and a single food administrator, with against the government's defree them on the control over prices as well as prounds of Sir Oswald's general duction, which would leave the Office of Price Administraton an tax.

Orators at street corner rallies empty, executive shell. The proponanded bitterly today: "What sal is supported by the House Agriwe fighting against-phlebitis cultural committee and the house republican food study committee. 4. Mounting demands on Capitol se second wedding in 1936 was Hill for the scrutiny of executive (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) told correspondents in an inter-

Continued on Page Ten; Col. 2) (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 3)

WEATHER

"For too long the over-burdened

1:30 a. m., 96, 7:30 a. m., 97, 1:30 p. m., 27, 7:30 p m, 52.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.,

Houston, Texas. The unit (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 4) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) until Monday.

Allied Forces RED FORCES CRUMPLE NAZI ApplySqueeze To Jap Bases

Foe Knows Present Blows Are Harbingers Of More Powerful Ones

OUTPOSTS BLASTED

Australians Register New Gains In Advance On Finschhafen Area

(By The Associated Press) From the central Pacific to the Netherlands East Indies, Allied troops, planes and warship are putting the squeeze on the Japa-

Evidence that the enemy knows he blows already struck are but harbingers of those to come apceared in a statement from Ad- (AP)—Breaking through Germiral Kichisaburo Nomura. The man forward positions in the Tokyo radio said he had told his first heavy fighting on the people that "hereafter, America's counter-operations against Japan, Italian front in recent days, with Anglo-American sea power as the British Eighth army the root, will be hastened and will lunged forward five miles to steadily swell."

"Now Have Means" Six successive days of air at- nounced today, thereby tacks on Japanese outposts in the threatening an important in-Marshal and Gilbert Islands and land sector of the Nazis' en Nauru islands without loss of an heavily fortified line behind the recent statement of Admiral the Sangro river. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of Against heavy artillery fire, Chester W. Nimitz, commander of Against Heavy archives the Pacific fleet, that "we now wretched weather and difficult terminate the Pacific fleet, that "we now wretched weather and difficult terminate May Draft Psychological have the means to blast the Jap rain, the Fifth Army also made out of his island stronghold."

Airdromes and shops on Nauru, the northern sector of its front. an important enemy airbase, were nit with 90 tons of bombs Thursday. Several grounded planes were cestroyed and a ship was set afire. less than a mile of the only bridge Seven Zeros put in a belated appearance and two them were shot

The attack on Nauru was the second of the day in the central! (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

LEBANON DISPUTE

End Of Disagreement Over Issue

LONDON, Nov. 20-49-French opposite Perano it loops down into authorities in Algiers, faced with a valley to within less than half a ples for treatment of defeated Ger the possibility the British might mile from the stream itself. have to take control of Lebanon, promised speedy settlement tonight of their conflict with the Leb anese over that little republic's (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) tion by Roosevelt and Churchill

The powerful House Ways and independence. The Morocco radio broadcast Means committee, m bi-partisan communique in which the French tling the dispute arising from the war-time revenue measure, calling ties had voted to throw off French for \$2,140,000,000 in new taxes—is control granted through a League

"A solution must be found with will approve legislation containing The total was only a splash in the in the framework of the mandate received from the League of Na promise of independence" 'made Although firm in its opposition by the French in 1941 when Vichy Broz (Tito) grappled desperately control was overthrown, the com-

> munique said. Meanwhile, conflicting views on command the approaches to Fiume the gravity of the situation were through which Hitler has been expressed by British and French representatives at Cairo.

"For too long the watchword has British minister to the Middle tial lodgements on both islands been 'spend and spend, tax and East, after a visit to the Lebanese and heavy but as yet indecisive capital of Beirut. "The time has come," they con-

On the other hand, General when nenceforth the ad- Georges Catroux, French commithalf a dozen Yugoslav fighting ministration, instead of insisting tee representative sent to interfronts. In central Bosnia the Parupon squeezing more and more vene in the troubled Arab state, tisans were pushed back slightly,

> "You can see it is calm now. There has been much inexact news sent out of here about the revolt." (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 7)

PERANO SEIZED BY BRITISH GAIN FIVE MILES Swift Red Drive Keeps Pierce Nazi Positions In

First Real Fighting In By EDWIN SHANKE Italy Recently STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Nov.

20.—(AP)—The swift Russian offensive has kept Hitler and his NEAR SANGRO BRIDGE headquarters staff on the jump forcing them to move seven times within the last seven Heavy Rains, Deep Mud months, a reliable informant from Germany who has contacts with Hitler's bodyguard And Swirling Floods

Impede Operations

BY NOLAND NORGAARD

ALLIED HEADQUAR

TERS, ALGIERS, Nov. 20-

first heavy fighting on the

capture Perano, it was an-

some gains above Venafro along

The capture of the village of

Perano put the troops of General

Sir Bernard L. Montgomery within

the coastal road and a point ten

Near Vital Road

my units could look across the

All gains were made against

FOR TWO ISLANDS

Seek To Force Germans

From Isles Commanding

Approaches To Fiume

Nazi sea-borne troops gained ini-

This was the most important of

but in the Croatian coastal area

The Germans' fear of an allied

eastern Europe flank.

fighting erupted.

YUGOSLAVS FIGHT

miles from the Adriatic.

said today. This informant said that just before Hitler went to Munich earlier this month to address veteran Nazi party members he had moved his headquarters to within a few miles northeast of the old Polish bor-

At no time has Hitler's headquarters been closer than 10 miles behind the last line of

NO CONFIRMATION

Drive Aimed To Attract

Nazis' Surrender

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 21.-(A)-

German defense. He travels by armored train when Grman retreats force him farther westward, the informant related.

He said the entire civil population is moved from the vicinity of each new base, usually organized in a forest region distant from any likely bombing objectives such as railways and airfields. The exact location is kept such a secret even most men in the fuehrer's bodyguard are unable to pinpoint it.

"The perfect camouflage of Hitler's headquarters is most astonishing," the informant continued.

"Aviators flying over the spot even at low altitudes are (Continued on Page Eight; Col. 4)

Nazis Stage Nuisance

Raids Against London

LONDON, Nov. 20 -(P)- A

small number of German planes struck at Britain tonight

and a few reached London in nuisance raids which caused

slight damage and cost the

Quantities Of German

War Chemicals

many's war chemicals and poison

light foray against other targets.

belonging to the great I. G. Far-

benindustrie Chemical Trust,

known to produce ingredients used

in the production of poison gas

although not the gas itself. The

town's importance as a source

of explosive chemicals is rated

alongside Ludwigshafen, which

both the preceding nights.

KILL 1,000 NAZIS

Hitler, Staff On Jump Soviet Army Gains In Push Toward Manganese Center Of Nikopol

SCORE OTHER GAINS

Germans Use Fresh Forces In Counter-Attacks In Rechitsa Section

BY JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 21-(AP)-Red army troops crumpled a massed German tank and infantry attack in bitter fighting east of Zhitomir yesterday, slaughtering 1,000 Nazis, overran German defense positions to widen their newly-won bridgehead at Cherkasi, and gained in their drive toward the manganese center of Nikopol, Moscow announced early to-

The Russian midnight bulletin said a total of 4,000 Germans were killed in fighting which saw Soviet troops beat back German counterattacks at two other main points and gain ground in the lower Pripet river area west of Chernigov, and to the north in the Rechitsa region west of almost-encircled Gomel. In the Rechitsa area alone 1,200 Germans were killed as the Russians went over to the attack after blasting nine consecutive

Nazi counter-attacks.

Launches Assault Hoping to capitalize to the fullest on the German capture Friday of the strategic rail and highway junction of Zhitomir, Marshal Fritz HIT LEVERKUSEN in the area of Korostyshev, 15

miles to the east. Soviet forces, fighting near the scene of the greatest Russian seta thrust of 6,000 German infantry. men and 60 tanks in one sector, the war bulletin, recorded here

by the Soviet monitor, said. In the "fierce engagement" that LONDON, Nov. 20—(P)—British followed the Russians burned out 32 enemy tanks, killed 800 Germans and "forced the Hitlerties sources of vast quantities of Ger- indicating that the initiative in the area had passed again to the Red army troops.

Trap Unit

gases, last night pounded Leverkusen, an industrial suburb of A local German tactical error Another rumor said German mil- Cologne, and today lighter Allied also was reported in another secitary leaders had Turkish foreign planes followed up with a day- tor in this area when Soviet mortarmen caught a German infantry unit massed in a gully and The principal goal for the RAF killed 200 of them. last night was a group of plants

In the drive toward Nikopol. on the south side of the Dnieper bend, a Red army guard unit carried off a night attack and threw the surprised Germans from a strategic height southwest Dnepropetrovsk which dominated the surrounding countryside, the the RAF had blasted heavily on counter-attacked three times with-In peacetime it is the center gain their positions and left 700 of a great dye works employing dead on the battlefield, as many as 10,000 workers. It had

The Russians were been bombed four times before within 22 miles of Nikopol. by the RAF and presumably was Three hundred Germans were just recovering from a blow de- killed in the fighting at Cherkasi, livered Aug. 22 when the fleet German middle Dnieper tank diinforced Japanese columns, sup- of four-engined bombers swept vision headquarters which has been transformed into "a heavily It was estimated unofficially fortified strong point." zig-zag front westward from Tung- that as much as 1,000 tons of German troops were buried un-

(Continued on Page Ten; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Eight; Col. 5)

Germans' Leros, Zhitomir Wins Prove F. D. R. Right

LONDON, Nov. 20.-(A)-The Ger- against the Hitlerites.

man armies proved Allied leaders The most significant blow was were correct this week by retaking the counter attack climaxed by Zhitomir in Russia and the island the recapture of Zhitomir in the of Leros in the Aegean sea, fighting first real set back given the Rusthe Americans and British to a sians since the Soviet offensive standstill in Italy and tightening began more than four months ago. their grip on the Yugoslav coast. President Roosevelt. Prime Minister Churchill and other responsible Allied spokesmen repeatedly Russians, as in the proof that after have warned that the German months of retreat the Germans still army is still a tough, smart unbroken force, but this series of vic- terattack, involving two or three over-optimism than 1,000 speeches. 150,000 men.

tide of battle which is running

The significance lay, not so much in retaking the city less than a week after its capture by the were able to mount a fierce countories probably had killed more armored divisions and perhaps

To Allied military men, however, Coming head-on from the west, the German gains are nothing

NORTH CAROLINA: Fair and continued warm Sunday except slightly cocur north portion. Monday partly cloudy with little change in temperature. Mysterious Blast Wrecks Leves Parilling In London Large Building In London By E. C. DANIEL LONDON, Nov. 20—(P)—A mys- tion of the blast soon after it oc-

for a while had Londoners dis- ly had gone week-ending. cussing the possibility that the Germans had employed one of mysterious blast in a week-knock-

The final demonstrations of The First American stay.

The first section of the First British Composite Demonstration battery included the light ack-ack stands and their crews. Later the slower moving heavy guns and exarchlights rumbled through the freets on the last leg of their outputs from Camp Stewart, Ga., the first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three for the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the stay at Fort Fisher will be the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the first of the month, of the cour, which totaled more than 13,000 the stay at Fort Fisher will be three first of the month, of the cour, which totaled more than 13,000 the stay at Fort Fisher will be the stay at Fort Fishe ed likely to remain so at least

terious explosion wrecked a five- curred, but did not announce their Tzali on the Japanese flank was story building in London's night- findings and today everybody conclub belt of Soho last night and cerned with the incident apparent-

(Continued on Page Ten; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 6) more than a counterswirl on the (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

German air force two planes. crossing the Sangro river between A Reuters dispatch from Wash-A few casualties were reportington early today said an an-The Nazi planes dropped high nouncement was expected soon in Washington on a meeting of Presiexplosive bombs in one London district, in two other places in the home counties and in their new vantage points dent Roosevelt, Prime Minister southeast England.

in and near the village Eighth Ar- Churchill and Premier Stalin. There has been no Allied con Later it was learned that river at a short section of an ex- firmation of any meeting at pres several houses were damaged tremely important lateral road up- ent of the tri-power leaders, but in the London area and it was on which the Germans are depend- Axis sources for several days have feared there might be a nument for supplying large forces en- hinted a meeting between the ber of casualties as some peotrenched in the hills overlocking three was imminent, suggesting ple may be trapped in the de-Cairo as the conference spot. molished buildings.

Report Of F. R., Stalin,

Churchill Meet Expected

Lavel's release then was Monday in the house, a bloc of FURTHER TAXATION French Promise Speedy Chiefno on the Adriatic coast along gested that one result of such a a winding course inland through Castelfrentano, Casoli and Palena offensive aimed to attract bombstelfrentano, Casoli and Palena offensive aimed to attract bomb to Roccaraso. Along most of its, distance it is well behind the river the Allied armies strike in the and screened from the British, but spring.

An Allied declaration of princimany was suggested as a possible Strike At Source Of Vast back of the 1943 campaign, met means of hastening the end of the sharp opposition. Big guns on both fighting. A similar appeal was made to Italy before her capitula backed up by dire threats of de-

struction There have been fresh rumors of German peace feeler seeking a heavy bombers, striking for the definition of what "unconditional third time in three nights at the to retreat," the communique said, surrender" would mean. One such rumor said German resistance on the home front was being bolstered by the uncertainty as to the

country's probable fate. Minister Nurman Menemencioglu sound out British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on the probable

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Yugo slav partisans under Gen. Josip (Continued on Page Eight; Col. 5)

with the Germans tonight for the with the Germans tonight for the islands of Krk and Crew, which DRIVE IN CHINA pouring reinforcements in the long, costly effort to beat down the everincreasing menace to his south

Launch Offensive Along 100-Mile Front West Of Tungting Lake

CHUNKING, Nov. 20- (A) -Reperted by war planes, have launch- over again. ed a new drive along a 100-mile they threw back all Nazi attacks.

> sectors 10 o 20 miles, a Chinese communique announced today. The Chinese high command a knowledged the invaders had accupied Tzali, a highway town 90 miles south of the Yangtze river port of Ichang, but said more than 2,000 Japanese had been slain in the fighting in that area.

ting lake and advanced in some

A counter-offensive by the Chinese from the mountains west of said by the Chinese to be developing favorably. The communiqu also said Chinese "troops attack-The explosion - London's third ing the environs of Ichang scored further successes.