

Wilmington and Vicinity: Partly cloudy, continued moderately cool. Temperatures yesterday: High 68—Low 48.

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Anti-Horthy Coup Staged In Hungary

PRO-NAZIS TAKE OVER Set Up Own Government And Create Chaos In Their Nation's Capital

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(P)—Fanatic pro-Nazi Hungarians, with the backing of the German army and Gestapo, sought tonight to hold their chaotic country in the war on Germany's side even as the Russian invasion forces pressed closer to Budapest.

GERMANS QUITTING GREECE, NAZI HINT

ROME, Oct. 16.—(P)—A German withdrawal from Greece was indicated by Berlin today as a strong British naval force reached Piraeus, port of Athens, carrying troops to reinforce Allies and Greek patriot units liberating that country.

Athens Occupied

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Slain Girl's Friend



Los Angeles police, investigating the murder of Georgette Banerdorg, 20, socialite heiress, learned from her friend June Ziegler (above) that the dead girl was planning a trip by plane to El Paso. An autopsy disclosed that Georgette had been strangled by a washrag forced down her throat.

MOORE ANNOUNCES ABATTOIR PROJECT

"We will at least have an approved place for slaughtering and handling of meat, an objective toward which we have worked for a number of years," Sanitarian W. C. Haas of the Consolidated Board of Health, said yesterday in reference to the proposed construction of the first approved slaughtering house for New Hanover county.

Two And Half Million Troops Sent To Europe

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Belgrade's Liberation Seems Near

FIGHTING IN STREETS Bulgarian Forces Given Prominent Place In Battle With Nazis

LONDON, Tuesday, Oct. 17.—(P)—The battle for Belgrade developed into hand-to-hand fighting in the streets at the center of the city last night while combined forces of Russian, Bulgarian and Yugoslav troops spread out along the trans-Balkan railway to a distance of 175 miles south of the Yugoslav capital.

This stranglehold on the main rail route leading north from Athens threatened to choke off the retreat of large German forces from Greece even before the combined drive westward had made more than a dent into Yugoslavia.

The broadcast Russian communique announced that the important highway and railway junction of Nis, 125 miles southeast of Belgrade had been captured by united action.

DUPLIN LAUNCHING SCHEDULED TODAY

Miss Mary Jennette, of Faison, winner of a War Bond selling contest conducted in Duplin county during the Fifth War Loan drive, will christen the U.S.S. Duplin as it slides down the ways of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company this morning at 11:15 o'clock.

Half Million Homeless In Normandy Province

PARIS, Oct. 16.—(P)—Was has left 500,000 persons homeless in Normandy alone, the French government said today in issuing an appeal to the French people to donate blankets and clothing to aid these victims who are facing a winter of suffering.

Dewey Continues F.D.R. Attack While Truman Assaults G.O.P.

By The Associated Press Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, carrying his republican presidential campaign into Senator Harry S. Truman's home state, declared last night that the Roosevelt administration is "weary and worn out" and incapable of bringing "order out of its own chaos."

Returns To U. S.



Pictured in New York City after her arrival from abroad is Lt. Col. Bernice M. Wilbur, Park Ridge, N. J. Returning home after serving 38 months as director of Army Nursing in the Mediterranean Theatre, Col. Wilbur says that there is a dire need for 10,000 nurses in the Army Nurse Corps. (Int.)

TAYLOR RITES ON WEDNESDAY

SOUTHPORT, Oct. 16.—Funeral services for C. Ed Taylor, 69, prominent local attorney, who died at 6:30 a. m. today in the Doshier Memorial hospital after an illness of four weeks, will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from Trinity Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. R. S. Harrison, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Old cemetery.

He was a member of the North Carolina Bar association, a Mason, holding the thirty-second degree, chairman of the board of stewards of Trinity church, and a member of the board of trustees of Doshier hospital.

Mr. Taylor was born September 18, 1875, near Winnabow in Town Creek community, the son of a former sheriff of Brunswick county.

LEGION CIRCUS DRAWS THROG

One of the largest crowds ever to attend an outdoor amusement event in this vicinity was on hand last night for the gala opening of the Legion Thrill circus at Legion park. Despite the chilly temperature, the crowds came early and stayed late and the opening was an auspicious event.

The circus acts are all thrillers and diversified. Featured are A. Flying Romas troupe of high trapeze artists; the three Sky Rockers, 122 feet in midair, and Daredevil Bruffy, the man billed as hanging himself and living to tell the tale.

Other acts are Captain Doss trained animals, the great Lipincott, magician; Melchoir and Marie; the Rollo due; Pansy, the Horse, a comedy act; and the Hedrink, acrobats.

Midway attractions are presented by the Combined R. and S. Amusements and the Marks shows—Mile Long Pleasure Trail, with 20 rides and 17 big shows.

Tonight will be "Liberation Night in honor of the Greek patriots when the liberation of Athens will be celebrated by the local Greeks. Children's day will be Wednesday from 1 p. m. till 6 p. m. with school children admitted free at the main gates on payment of a nickel Federal tax.

700 JAP PLANES DOWN IN WEEK; BIG FORTS HIT FORMOSA AGAIN; NAZI LINE BENDS IN 2 PLACES

ENEMY'S AACHEN TRUST REPULSED

Patton Withdraws Force From Fort Driant Near Metz

LONDON, Tuesday, Oct. 17.—(P)—The taut battleline stretching 50 miles between Aachen and the Maas (Meuse) river in Holland bent toward Germany in two places early today and the Berlin radio asserted preparations were being made for a new Allied offensive in that sector.

A German counterattack was hurled back from Aachen itself and the American pinners were snapped clean through the half-mile gap in the steel ring which had been forged around the city. Doughboys of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodge's First U. S. Army came from the north to capture Wursselen and linked up with troops from Crucifix Hill to the south.

British troops pulled up at the outskirts of Venray, five miles south of the Maas. The German radio reported a Nazi withdrawal in this sector to the railway embankment west of the river, several hundred yards behind the previous enemy positions.

These two Allied advances, though perhaps not significant in themselves, coincided with German reports of a budding offensive in the only two sectors where General Eisenhower's forces have any freedom of movement in the forward battle areas—those held by the British Second and the American First armies.

The German reports said "strong troop reinforcements" had been sent behind Hodge's line and the Berlin commentator predicted they would be employed in the coming "battle of Geilenklirchen."

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Held By Germans



Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Vanaman (above) of Millville, N. J., is a prisoner of Germany, the first American general officer to be captured by the Germans. He was first reported missing in action over Germany while serving as an observer on an aerial bombing mission. (AP wirephoto.)

PESCHAU BECOMES DEPUTY RECORDER

The appointment of George L. Peschau, prominent local attorney, as deputy recorder, at a \$50 monthly reduction in salary from that received by J. H. Ferguson, who resigned recently from the position to become juvenile judge, was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at its weekly meeting yesterday.

Commissioner Louis Coleman made a motion that adjustment for 1944 taxes be made on the assessment on a piece of property on Third and Grace streets, belonging to the heirs of Mrs. Hannah L. Stone, which was found in a recent survey to be 6 1/2 feet short of the footage required in the deed.

The weather at that time was reported good, and Drew Field officials expected the plane to land within an hour. Nothing more was heard from the ship, however.

Headquarters said the search would continue until all possibility of a forced landing in the Gulf or some remote section had been exhausted.

ERSATZ HELPS US

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—(P)—Sabotage and use of ersatz have so undermined efficiency of German war plants that in two of the latest Nazi raids on England 37 per cent of the bombs dropped were dud, Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr., the Army's chief of ordnance, declared today.

State Department Asks Peace Proposals Study

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(P)—The State Department today called on the public for "wide, intelligent and maturing" consideration of the Dumbarton Oaks peace agency proposals so that the government can move forward "successfully" in the creation of a world security organization.

The call was issued by Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., at a meeting of representatives of about 100 civic, professional and social organizations. Except for the opening and closing remarks of Stettinius and a brief statement by President Ernest Martin Hopkins of Dartmouth college, the meeting was off the record.

PACIFIC FORCE SPEEDS DRIVE

Superforts Meet Little Opposition

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(P)—An almost complete lack of enemy air opposition in both the attacks of B-29 Superfortress bombers against Formosa was reported today by the 20th air force.

A statement by General H. H. Arnold, commander of the 20th, said that reconnaissance photographs of the first mission made two days ago showed that "all air strips in the target area were inoperable due to bomb damage" and that at least 50 aircraft had been destroyed or damaged on the ground.

"Since our targets were somewhat removed from these airfields," the statement added, "it is presumed that most of the damage had been inflicted earlier by navy carrier-borne attacks, and that the same navy operations against the island of Formosa are responsible for the lack of enemy air opposition to the B-29 assaults. The result is that the B-29's had a freedom of action for the accomplishment of their missions that might not otherwise have been possible."

The second attack on Formosa had been disclosed by the War department earlier, which said the mission had been carried out without loss of planes.

Plane Reported Missing By Tampa Army Air Base

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 16.—(P)—The Third Air force headquarters started a widespread search today for a missing transport plane carrying five officers.

The plane was last heard from last night while over Cross City, Fla., during a return flight from the Athens, Ga., airport. It took off from Athens at 6:24 p. m. and while over Cross City at 7:58 asked for weather conditions in the Tampa area.

The weather at that time was reported good, and Drew Field officials expected the plane to land within an hour. Nothing more was heard from the ship, however.

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INVASION PRELUDE?

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MANY FOE BASES HIT

Third Fleet Carrier Planes Sweep Across Luzon Twice In Two Days

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(P)—American carrier planes slashing anew at the Philippines, have destroyed another 89 to 104 Japanese planes, bringing the total of enemy aircraft shot down or riddled on the ground to more than 700 in the past week of widespread raids in Japan's home waters, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

A B-29 BASE IN WESTERN CHINA, Oct. 16.—(P)—A strong force of Superfortresses returned to Formosa today, adding their multi-ton loads to the rising crescendo of furious army and navy attacks on the main Japanese base in the south China sea area.

The primary targets were the already hard-hit enemy airforce installations at Okayama and the air base and shops at Heito, a few miles to the southeast. The second raid on Okayama in 48 hours was designed to expunge any possibly usable installations remaining after Saturday's strike. The targets at Heito were only slightly less important than at Okayama. Crew members estimated unofficially that 75 per cent of Okayama's military objectives were knocked out in the raid Saturday.

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 16.—(P)—The carrier planes of the Third fleet sweeping across Luzon in two new raids a day apart, shot

COTTON MARKET REVIVAL SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(P)—Officials of the commodity credit corporation said today that plans for putting the United States back into the world cotton market and for subsidizing sales on surplus cotton abroad at competitive world prices will be put into effect shortly after they are agreed on and will not await the end of the war.

A two-day closed conference opened at the Agriculture department today between CCC representatives and an advisory committee composed of representatives from the cotton industry. J. B. Hutson, CCC chief, said the object was to determine the best plan for placing U. S. surplus cotton into world trade at competitive world prices.

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Arrows with plane symbols indicate naval task force and Superfortress air assaults on Formosa and the Ryuku islands in the past few days. Open arrows indicate possible invasion of Philippine islands which may follow.