

Wilmington and vicinity: Clear and mild with slightly higher temperatures in afternoon. Temperatures yesterday: High 68—Low 50.

Beach Houses Smashed By Hurricane



Some 50 cottages were smashed by waves and high winds at Fernandina Beach, Fla., below Jacksonville, by the 100-mile an hour hurricane that swept across Florida. This general view shows a number of the wrecked beach homes. (AP wirephoto to).

DEWEY TURNING TO AGRICULTURE

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 22.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey tonight completed a postwar agricultural program speech and prepared to deliver it in the farm belt this week.

The republican candidate for president who worked today at the executive mansion on the final drafts of his forthcoming middle west speeches, is expected to state his case to the nation's farmers in a broadcast from Minneapolis Tuesday night.

He previously had promised, during his cross country tour, to discuss the farm problem in at least one major speech during the campaign. Unless present plans are altered, Minneapolis and Chicago will be his final two appearances in the middle west. The text, and closing week of the campaign has been set aside for an intensive drive through the east.

The governor was said by James C. Hagerty, his executive assistant to have no comment "at this time" on President Roosevelt's address before the Foreign Policy Association last night.

In this connection it was recalled that Senator Joseph H. Ball (R-Minn.) has said he would not support either candidate until he had a clear expression of their foreign policy views.

YMCA Council Favors World Court, Police

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 22.—(AP)—The national YMCA council went on record today as favoring an international organization comprising a judiciary body and police force.

A resolution adopted at the closing session of a three-day meeting called for: 1. An international organization composed of representatives of all people whose nations accept the rule of law; 2. An international judiciary devoted to attainment of political and social justice; and 3. An international police force to prevent aggression and insure enforcement of law and order.

Jeep Hits Road Mine Near Aachen; Driver, Correspondent Dead

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY NEAR AACHEN, Oct. 22.—(Delayed)—David Gardner, correspondent for the New Yorker magazine, was injured fatally and Russell Hill, correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, injured today when their jeep was blown up by road mines near Aachen. The jeep driver also was killed.

Jap Ships Race North To Escape Destruction

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Japanese ships in the south China Sea are racing northward to escape destruction by American planes, Chinese reports today said.

Many of the ships, which steamed northward under emergency orders after the battering given seacraft in co-ordinated attacks by U. S. naval planes and land planes of the U. S. 14th Air Force have reached the coast of northern Fukien province.

Chinese war minister Ho Ying Chin, in an interview, said the time for a decisive battle between the Allies and Japan was drawing near. "Final victory is well in sight," he declared.

NAVY DAY PLANS COMPLETED HERE

Naval and Coast Guard officers will speak at each of the 15 schools in the city and county on Navy day, Oct. 27. They will make brief talks, during school chapel exercises, on the growth of the American Navy and its tremendous role in achieving victory.

Local "Navy Mothers" will be honored at an outdoor meeting at the postoffice at 4 p. m. Navy day. Commander E. M. Doar, U. S. N. R. and a leading Wave will address the group.

Capt. R. N. S. Baker, U. S. N., of Charleston, will speak at a luncheon at the Cape Fear club at 1 p. m. Captain Baker is industrial manager of the Charleston Navy Yard. Many naval and marine officers, community leaders and prominent citizens will attend the luncheon.

EXTENDS GREETINGS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Carrying greetings from the protesting churches of America, Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, foreign counselor for the church committee on overseas relief and reconstruction, will leave shortly for London to aid in making plans for the establishment of European church programs, the committee announced today.

REDS FREE EGYPTIANS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The Russian Army in Bulgaria has liberated from a German prison camp 104 Egyptian survivors of the Egyptian merchant ship Zam Zam which was torpedoed and sunk by the Germans on April 17, 1941, the Soviet Tass news agency reported tonight.

FDR TO EMERGE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Committed to unprecedented powers for America's spokesman on a world peace council, President Roosevelt doffed his campaign gear today and retired once more behind a curtain of censorship which conceals his wartime movements.

The curtain will be pulled aside again next Friday night, however, for his fourth big political speech of the fourth term drive in Philadelphia's Shibe Park. The chief executive may be "on the record" much of the time from then until election day.

He has a speaking date in Boston, probably Nov. 4, and Chicago and Cleveland have been mentioned as likely spots for more oratorical efforts to sway voters. Furthermore, the special train which brought Mr. Roosevelt to New York for a round of political activities yesterday had a newly rigged out press car. Reporters figured it wasn't fixed up just for trips to New York, Philadelphia and Bogston.

For a major pronouncement on foreign affairs, delivered here last night at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, the chief executive selected as a forum a dinner of the foreign policy association. Two thousand persons, stacked up in balconies and bulging into foyers, vigorously applauded the President's stand on the use of American power to help maintain future world security.

"The council of the United Nations," he said, "must have the power to act quickly and decisively to keep the peace by force, if necessary. It is clear that, if the world organization is to have any reality at all, our representative must be endowed in advance by the people themselves, by constitutional means through their representatives in congress, with authority to act."

Mr. Roosevelt took a soaking, 50 miles of it, on a four-hour drive which paraded him in a rain-swept open car past tens of thousands of New Yorkers yesterday. Presidential secretary Stephen Early said the chief executive's physician, Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, had examined him immediately after the tour and found no ill effects. And McIntire himself told reporter that "it's much better than an even chance that he won't be a patient" as a result of the outing.

CLEVELAND EXPLOSION DEATH TOLL MOUNTS TO 98, WITH 107 MISSING

CLEVELAND, Oct. 22.—(AP)—land's worst catastrophe and one of the nation's major disasters, said "it may be days" before the rubble gives up all its dead. Seven victims remained in critical condition in hospitals, and 165 others were being treated for less serious injuries.

Russian Army Moves Ahead Into Norway

INVASION IMMINENT Red Forces Also Advance Deep Into East Prussia; Shell Tilsit

LONDON, Monday, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Russian troops hurled the enemy across the Norwegian frontier on a 40-mile front yesterday, capturing valuable nickel mines and driving to within 17 miles of the Nazi naval base at Kirkenes. Berlin meanwhile announced that other Soviet forces were now 21 miles inside German East Prussia and shelling the strategic rail city of Tilsit.

Red army units attacking East Prussia from the north reached the Niemen river opposite Tilsit in a 15-mile advance and farther south other troops in a 21-mile penetration from the east overran the Rominter forest, cut the Gumbinnen-Goldap highway, and began assaulting those communication towns, Berlin said.

As the grueling East Prussian offensive entered its seventh day, Moscow still had not mentioned the battle which Berlin described as the most savage of the entire war in the east.

The Russians, however, reported that their troops had advanced 12 miles closer to imperilled Budapest in Hungary, had captured the big eastern Hungarian junction city of Nyiregyhaza and other points near the southern Czechoslovakian border; had toppled the north Yugoslav communications town of Sombor and forced the Sava river beyond fallen Belgrade in a pursuit of the enemy.

In northern Finland the Soviet Karelian army under Gen. K. A. Meretskov, supported by the Red Arctic fleet, reached the Norwegian frontier on a front extending from Vuoremi on the Barents sea inland to lake Kuotsjarvis. Nickel mines in the Petsamo area which were ceded to Russia by defeated Finland were torn from the enemy.

RED CROSS WORKERS ALREADY IN GERMANY

ROME, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Basilio O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, who is inspecting Red Cross facilities in Italy, said today that Red Cross workers are already in Germany and that his organization is formulating plans for operations there.

He said \$9,000,000 in clothing has been distributed in Italy and that the budget for services to the armed forces in the Mediterranean theatre was nearly \$7,000,000 annually.

Churchill Fit And Well On Return From Moscow

LONDON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill returned to London today by air from his conference in Moscow with Marshal Stalin.

AMERICANS EXPAND PHILIPPINE POSITIONS, ADVANCING 4 MILES; ALL WEST FRONT BLAZES ANEW

AMERICANS DRIVE TOWARD THE SAAR

British, Canadians Start Squeeze Play On West Dutch Flatlands

LONDON, Monday, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The whole water-logged Western front from Holland to the Belfort Gap burst back to life in a thunder of Allied attacks Sunday as the British and Canadians launched a clean-up squeeze on the Western Dutch flatlands and the American Third Army made a new thrust eastward to the Saar.

The Germans, surprised, reeled back before the fury of the attacks and, in this hour of vengeance, their civilian slaughter weapon, the robot bomb, was seen for the first time in the frontline battle zone.

The flying bombs were noted "in some numbers" over the U. S. First Army front, which includes the Aachen area. At what they were aimed was not clear and where they fell was not disclosed.

The new allied offensives flamed with rising menace to the German hopes of maintaining their block on Antwerp and holding the Americans from the Rhine.

Striking at dawn yesterday in a surprise offensive, the British Second Army drove within less than four miles of the Germans' Dutch bastion of 'S-Hertogenbosch and put a giant squeeze on southwestern Holland in concert with a powerful Canadian drive from the north.

The Canadians meanwhile seized Esschen, 16 miles above Antwerp, and also captured the stronghold of Breskens in the pocket, south of Achelde, thus racking up a double triumph in the fight to open Antwerp's port as a floodgate for Allied supplies.

The U. S. Third Army at the same time broke forward in a push east of Nancy, in France, advancing two miles in the sector below enemy defenses inundated by the bursting of a dam by air assault.

The British offensive sliced 2 1/2 miles toward 'S-Hertogenbosch, main escape route for the Germans fighting desperately to hold the southwestern Dutch coast. It

ALLIED BOMBERS HIT Foe TARGETS

LONDON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A fleet of more than 1,100 American heavy bombers, attacking without loss, bombed northern Germany's Reich industrial belt from Hamm and Munster east to Hannover and Brunswick today. Two of the 750 covering fighter planes did not return, and the were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

All of the bombing was done by instruments through the overcast clouds. No enemy aircraft were encountered and anti-aircraft fire was generally moderate. Fighter pilots reported the destruction of 13 locomotives and 24 railway cars, and the destruction or damage of five barges and five small steamboats. Two gas manufacturing plants were shot up.



Gen. Douglas MacArthur on a landing barge during the invasion of Morotai island.

Welcome In Philippines A sounds Broadcaster

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(AP)—William J. Dunn, CBC radio correspondent, today broadcast this account of the welcome Filipinos are giving American forces on Leyte island: MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippine Islands, Oct. 22.—Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to witness scenes such as those which greeted American troops returning to the Philippines.

Little children, hardly three years old, certainly not old enough to have a memory of any days before the Japanese occupation, shouted and danced in the streets of Tacloban. They waved two fingers in the famous "V" sign and shouted in piping voices: "Vic-tor-ee, Vic-tor-ee."

The first Americans to enter the city were greeted with mingled laughs and cheers. What cheers. They were almost inarticulate because of the emotion behind them. Filipino women, dressed in their colorful costumes which are a vivid combination of the orient and occident, waved from every window and every doorway. Old men threw smiling salutes at everyone in uniform.

Most of the Americans had never heard the Filipino greeting, "Mah Boo Hy" before, but they caught on in piping voices: "Vic-tor-ee, Vic-tor-ee."

American Shot Wife, Baby To Save Them From Japs

By RICHARD BERGHOLZ WITH AMERICAN RANGERS IN THE PHILIPPINES, Oct. 17.—(Delayed)—A tragedy of the Pacific war in which an American civilian guerrilla fighter killed his sick wife and child to keep them out of the hands of the Japanese and who was slain himself after he had shot many of the enemy was disclosed to me today by Ranger Lt. Leon Tinnel.

I met the lieutenant when I landed with the Rangers who went ashore on Dinagat and other islands in Leyte gulf several days before Yank assault waves hit Leyte beaches. The lieutenant, his words calm but his face tense and muscles tight, told me, "the most unforgettable man I knew who was fighting with brilliance in Mindanao was an American—a civilian who had taken to the hills with his wife and baby. "Ever since the Japanese had forced this American family out of its home in 1942 they had lived with Filipino guerrillas—always scared—always on the move—never any time to catch their breath—never any feeling of security. "But there came a time when the wife became sick and couldn't be moved. The Japs were reported-

M'ARTHUR ASSERTS PUPPET RULE VOID

Captured Airfields Being Repaired For Use In Future Operations

GENERAL M'ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Philippines, Monday, Oct. 23.—(Via Army Radio)—(P)—Steady expansion of American ground force positions on all Leyte island fronts today paralleled the beginning of work on what a communique called a "great base for all arms for future operations."

Simultaneously, Gen. Douglas MacArthur in a proclamation declared the Americans had come as "liberators for the entire Philippine archipelago." He declared the seat of the islands' government had been reestablished under President Sergio Osmeña, of the commonwealth government, who landed with liberating forces.

Enemy forces on Leyte are currently withdrawing westward after their "preliminary defeat," the communique reported. It said work had begun to prepare the captured airfields near Tacloban and Dulag for American use, as other preparations commenced to make Leyte a great offensive base for future campaigns.

MacArthur's proclamation declared the laws and regulations of puppet President Jose P. Laurel's "republic" government are "null and void" in areas "free of enemy occupation and control."

The authority of the commonwealth government will be extended by "constitutional process" to liberated areas as soon as they are freed, the proclamation said.

The commonwealth government is "subject to the supreme authority of the United States."

The headquarters communique reported the Japanese supply problem already had become difficult and might become worse. The Japanese attempted "minor and ineffective" air raids on American shipping off Leyte, the announcement said. Allied bombers, however, were extremely active in bombing flank bases in the Philippines and other southwest Pacific areas.

Heavy bombers unloaded 94 tons of explosives on Mindanao, smashing buildings and other installations. Among targets was Tagayan, principal communications center in the northern part of the island, which was attacked without enemy opposition, the communique said.

Medium bombers and fighters also roared over Mindanao, the latter strafing 23 trucks on Sayre highway. They also damaged two small vessels off Sarangani Island.

Medium bombers hitting the Visayan islands, in the central Philippines, sank three small freighters and probably sank four more.

Night reconnaissance planes continued to harass the vital oil center of Balikpapan, Borneo, among other widespread attacks reported in the communique. The Yanks on Leyte already have occupied the island's capital, Tacloban, and its adjacent airfield, as well as the airfield and town

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Yankes Free Philippine Town From Japan's Yoke; Thank God, Says Bishop

PALO, Leyte Island, P. I., Oct. 22.—(AP)—The little Philippine town of Palo today cast off its forced affiliation with the Japanese Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity sphere and "we thank God for that," Bishop Manuel Lascarin told liberating troops.

American soldiers freed the town of 3,000 yesterday and then fought of Japanese counterattacks during the night. What is it like to live under the Japanese?

Bishop Mascarin answers: "At first they tried treating us as friends but they don't know what friendship means. Then they began suspecting us as being guerrillas and only a few days ago they took one of us out on the bridge and killed him."

The bishop welcomed the first American correspondent to reach the town. It has been little damaged.

Japanese dead lined the macadam road leading into it.