

North Carolina: Mostly cloudy today with occasional light rain in west portion.

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Churchill Declares Army Set To Block Greek Communists

SPEAKER INTERRUPTED Relations With Russia May Be Involved, He Declares

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill asserted today that the British army stood ready to crush any revolt aimed at setting up a "communist dictatorship" in Greece. The Greek people will have a chance to choose the form of government they want—whether monarchy, republic, right-wing or left-wing—he said. A House of Commons heard the Prime Minister's declaration—regarding it as a possible keystone in Britain's policy towards liberated countries in its military sphere—even as some British left-wing factions accused the government of siding with rightist forces. A bloc of Laborite members pressed for an immediate full-dress debate after the Prime Minister set down. The House speaker refused to accept their motion, however, saying, "I will be quite frank I regard this matter as coming very close to an operation of war."

STATE DEPARTMENT CHOICES OPPOSED BY MANY SENATORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Prospects of a Senate fight over President Roosevelt's four appointments to the reorganized State Department developed rapidly tonight. Earlier, all four were approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, two with opposition. Senator George (D-Ga.), a committee member, predicted ultimate confirmation of the quartet. Bipartisan objection was voiced in the Senate to the appointment of Archibald Macleish, librarian of Congress, as an assistant secretary of State. Opposition also was raised to the appointments of Joseph C. Grew to be undersecretary, Nelson Rockefeller and Will Clayton to be assistants, and the expected appointment of James C. Dorn to a prospective new assistant post. Macleish's standing as a poet was called into question in a Senate discussion of the appointments. Senator Clark (D-Mo) served notice that he would move tomorrow to return Macleish's nomination to committee "for further findings on his qualifications." Earlier, he called the appointment "one of the worst that could have been made." Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) inquired: "Do you mean 'nt poet?" "And you ever see any of his poems in any anthology?" Clark asked in reply. Chairman Connally (D-Tex.; said Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich.), White (R-Me.) and La Follette (Prog-Wis.) joined Clark in the committee in opposing Macleish. But Vandenberg later told reporters he was not sure he would vote against confirmation.

Drydock Firm Receives Navy Merit Certificate

The Tidewater Construction Co., Norfolk, yesterday was awarded a Navy certificate of commendation for Captain Kirby Smith, USNR, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, Washington, at the commissioning of the eighth and last drydock to be completed by Tidewater, the ARDC-12. Acting for Vice Admiral Ben Moreell, bureau chief, who was unable to attend the ceremonies, Capt. Smith presented the certificate in recognition by the Navy Department of this company's great contribution to the war effort. Company officials last night said that the yard will be discontinued within a month, or six weeks and that according to present plans, it will belong to the Navy and will be disposed of by them. The evidence of an outstanding job is here in these excellent drydocks which you have completed at a very reasonable cost to the Government and in approximately the same time as originally set. Despite the handicaps caused by taking over the work when it was

British Tanks Disperse Elases In Hard Fight

Greek Liberal Head Says England Vetoes Change In Regime

ATHENS, Dec. 5.—Fierce fighting continues in Athens today as the Elases, fighting force of the left-wing EAM, national Liberation Front Party, laid siege to various police barracks and were dispersed by British tanks and Greek mountain brigade troops. Meanwhile, Themistokles Sophoulis, 85-year-old dean of the Greek Liberal party, charged that Prime Minister Churchill, through instructions to British diplomats here, had vetoed replacing Premier George Papandreou in a change of government which might have solved the nation's crisis. He said Churchill had sent word that replacing Papandreou was "impossible." Among ELAS prisoners taken in today's fighting were some Germans, but it was not proved whether they were political agents or merely deserters from the Nazis. ELAS units reportedly are assembling in various outlying parts of the country and preparing to march on the capital. It still seems touch and go whether an attempt at ELAS coup d'etat will succeed. The British may enforce the Papandreou government's control of Athens, but the provinces present a formidable problem. Right-wing groups, including monarchists, which had been lying low until the present crisis, have come out in the open, embarrassingly supporting the government and the British. A communique issued by Maj. Gen. R. M. Scobie, commander of British forces in Greece, today revealed that British tanks had fired (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

25 U. S. CONVICTS IN ATLANTA REBEL AND SEIZE GUARDS

ATLANTA, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Approximately 25 long-term prisoners were barricaded tonight in the Atlanta Federal prison's segregation building, holding four officers as hostages and keeping a large number of other prisoners under their control. Director of Prisons James V. Bennett of Washington, who was on the scene, said the rebelling convicts were not armed and that none of the hostages had been injured. He declined to name either the hostages or any of the ringleaders in the uprising. Bennett said the men seized the building, a large structure, last night. He declined, for the present, to give any details. Earlier, Warden Joseph W. Sanford issued a formal statement saying: "It has been impossible so far, to learn exactly the cause of the difficulty, except that some objection has been made to the quartering of German saboteurs and spies in the same building. Naturally, they are also protesting their own segregation." "All of the men who apparently are involved are long term prisoners who have been difficult cases over a considerable period of time," the statement continued.

Hillman Hints PAC May Become World Labor Unit Pattern

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Sidney Hillman, CIO labor leader, took his organization's Political Action Committee into the field of international affairs today. He hinted that it might become the pattern and a part of a similar, worldwide labor group to guard the future peace. "We must have an organization to express ourselves" on world affairs, he told a press conference. Here for a preliminary meeting with British trade union officials to arrange the agenda for an international labor conference in February. Hillman declared that American labor was solidly behind the idea of postwar international (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

Tough Work



In the same boat as the rest of us, Representative Edwin A. Hall, N. Y., tries rolling his own in Washington as the solution to the current cigarette shortage. (Int.)

91 NAZI PLANES FALL ON BERLIN

Yank Pilots, In Big Raid, Get 8-1 Ratio In Losses

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—American fighter pilots, shooting down Nazi planes at the rate of better than 8-1 over Berlin today, sent 91 Nazi aircraft hurtling down in flames on the German capital along with 1,500 tons of bombs dropped by more than 500 Flying Fortresses. Twelve bombers out of some 550 which hit the Berlin area as well as the big rail center of Munster, 50 miles north of the Ruhr industrial region, are missing. Twenty-two fighters failed to return to their British bases, but at least 11 of them are believed to have landed in France. Churning through leaden skies, the escorting fighters in 15 minutes dispersed the waves of Nazi planes attacking the bomber spearhead. The sky was cleared of enemy planes when the second formation of heavy bombers appeared. The heavy overcast forced bombardiers to aim by instrument. Most of the attack was centered on the capital's great industrial suburb of Tegel on the northwest perimeter of the city. Tegel has been transformed into Germany's most important military depot, jammed with munition works and aircraft engine and tank factories. Flak was reported heavy but no as intense as usual over Berlin. Without encountering fighter opposition, another force of 400 Liberators and escorts attacked the railroad yards at Munster, 50 miles north of the Ruhr industrial region. Munster is the hub of five main lines supplying the battle front. RAF Lancasters, guarded by Mustangs and Spitfires, hammered Germany's largest railway yard at Hamm, 30 miles south of Munster, with 3,000 tons of explosive. Only one plane was lost with the supporting fighters claiming at least three of 100 Nazi interceptors. It was the first heavy British attack on Hamm.

Japs Repulsed On Ormoc Road: Destroyer Sunk

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Wednesday, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Using powerful bazookas, American ground forces turned back a tank supported Japanese attack Sunday night on the roadblock established on the Ormoc highway a mile and a half south of the Leyte river bridge below Limon. This futile attempt of the enemy to break out northward from the restricted Ormoc area was announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur along with the destruction of a Japanese destroyer and five small freighters by Leyte based warplanes. The Nipponese destroyer was sunk off Bataan, the communique said. In other thrusts, Yank planes harassed a cluster of enemy airdromes at Manila. Adverse weather continued to retard the American advance in the Ormoc valley, but local gains on ridges south of Limon were noted. In stabs at Borneo, American air units sank a 3,000-ton tanker and a small freighter. Three of 16 Japanese interceptors were shot down. The Japanese are being slowly pushed into the Ormoc area, on the western side of the island. The headquarters reported Nov. 27 that enemy resistance in the corridor was "steadily decreasing." American ground forces cleared the Japanese from by-passed mountain positions and strong-points on Leyte island today awaiting the lifting of tropical rains when they can unleash the final phase of their offensive to drive the enemy from the island.

U. S. MUNITIONS SHIP EXPLODES

Mount Hood Lost In Accidental Blast At Pacific Base

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The 3,733 ton naval ammunition ship Mount Hood was lost when it accidentally blew up at an advanced base in the Central Pacific, the Navy reported today. A communique also disclosed the sinking of three small naval vessels and a motor torpedo boat as a result of enemy action in the Pacific. Commander Harold Agnew Turpin, commanding officer of the Mount Hood, 56, of Palm City, Calif., was reported missing. No other details of loss of life on the Mount Hood were given, and no estimate of the ship's complement was available. The vessels lost to enemy action were the motor mine sweepers YMS 19 and YMS 385, with a normal complement of about 20 men each, the Landing Craft Infantry (gunboat) 459, with a normal complement of about 30, and the motor torpedo boat PT 363, with a normal complement of about 12. There was no loss of life on the LCI 459, the Navy said. Commanding officers of all the vessels except the Mount Hood survived. The Navy made public an interview with Lt. John Keys Mahaffey of Pittsburgh, commander of YMS 19, who said three men were killed outright and five others and an officer were lost in the sinking of his vessel. The craft struck a submerged Japanese mine September 24 while engaged in sweeping operations off Angaur islands. "It looked like an explosion in a lumber yard," Mahaffey said.

Americans Force New Crossing Of Saar River Line

GI St. Nick In Germany



The Christmas spirit is evident in this picture taken in Eschweiler, Germany. Pfc. Nathan Teasta, Los Angeles, Calif., found a Santa Claus costume in the town after its capture by our forces and immediately put it to use. (International)

PATTON HOLDING 40-MILE FRONT

Five Yank Armies On Nazi Soil Six Months After D-Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The German radio tonight claimed recapture of the city of Saarlautern. The broadcast was heard by the Blue Network. SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, PARIS, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The American Third Army forced a new crossing of the Saar south of Saarlautern today and other Yanks pressed eastward beyond that arsenal city as the Allies wound up their first six months of the Western invasion with five armies fighting on German soil. Two others are hammering at the Reich's Rhine river boundary. Battlefront dispatches said the 85th Division of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army sent troops across the Saar south of Saarlautern and into the outposts of the Siegfried Line. Other units of the same division started beyond Saarlautern and expanded their original bridgehead, which now is about 2 1/2 miles wide at its base. Special details continued mopping up operations in Saarlautern itself. The wheeling operation all along the Third Army front south of Saarlautern continued. Associated Press Correspondent Lewis Hawlins said the doughboys advanced up to three miles, pressing within six miles of the great industrial (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 2)

Russians Are 50 Miles From Border Of Austria

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Red army drove within 50 miles of Austria today with the capture of Marcali, eight miles below the southwest corner of Lake Balaton in Hungary.

Against sagging German opposition, the Russians established themselves on a front at least 30 miles long on the south shore of the lake, thus safely buttressing their flanks for continuing drives either northwest into Austria or northeast on Budapest.

ALLIES DESTROY UNLIGHTED NAZI HOSPITAL VESSEL

ROME, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The sinking of the unilluminated German hospital ship Tuebingen by planes of the Allied coastal patrol shortly before sunrise November 18 was announced today by Allied headquarters. Regrets over the incident have been conveyed to the Germans, the communique said. Headquarters said, "A full inquiry into this unfortunate incident is in progress," adding that it was understood casualties among the crew were very light. The ship at the time of the sinking was in the Adriatic en route to Trieste and was not carrying any wounded. The Allied communique did not identify the nationality of the planes which attacked the German vessel but indicated they were British. The communique said that the British navy under the Second Hague Convention intercepted the hospital ships Tuebingen and Gradisca, which were evacuating German sick and wounded from Salonika, and the casualties were made prisoners of war.

First Yank Aircraft Lands On Newly-Won Air Strip At Bhamo

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The first plane of the Tenth U. S. Army Air Force landed today on the newly-won Bhamo air strip in Burma only 500 yards behind the Chinese 58th Division troops who are spearheading the drive southward.

A Southeast Asia command communique said that British East African troops had crossed the Chindwin river from Kalewa and advanced about a mile against Japanese opposition, while British 36th Division patrols thrust southward more than two miles along the railway south of Pinwe without encountering the enemy.



"It's just your imagination—'an' besides the STAR-NEWS Want Ad said it was a kitten!"

Bishop Darst Appeals For Purchase Of Bonds

In an appeal for increased contributions to the war effort, Bishop Darst declared. He told of a conversation he had yesterday with two Marines who had returned from overseas. When he asked the boys what he should say in his speech last night, one of them said, "tell 'em that our boys are still fighting and dying over there and that this isn't going to be a short war. They've got to keep on fighting and dying." Our sons are fighting for the same ideals that our fathers fought for, the Bishop continued, saying "you and I want to keep the America they fought for a reality—want it to stand forever." He related a story of a wounded Marine who had returned home and was unhappy because he did not find the homefolks behind the war effort as he had expected. The Bishop said the disillusioned Marine said that to him it seemed that business was going along as usual and that he had seen people who seemed glad that the war was on because they were making more money than ever before. The Marine added, Bishop Darst continued, that he had been told that churches were filled with people praying for the fighting men but (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6)

Jaycees Announce Plans For Waste Paper Drive

An all-out drive to clear Wilmington homes of all waste paper was announced last night by the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Jaycees have secured the use of 16 large trucks and will begin a complete coverage of the city and suburban communities early Sunday morning. The public is urged to place all scrap paper in bundles at the front of their homes and a crew will arrive sometime during the day to accept it. Proceeds from the sale of the paper will be donated to the New Hanover County Tuberculosis Association. A general headquarters will be organized to expedite the collections and a dispatcher will route the trucks through the city and suburbs. All paper must be placed within sight of the truck crews as the size of the area involved will prohibit a house-to-house canvass. Members of the campaign committee stressed the importance of waste paper to the war effort and urged the cooperation of the public in this civic project. Late risers were asked to place their waste paper on the street Saturday night as the trucks are expected to begin their rounds at an early hour. The truck crews will consist of Jaycee members with the exception of a few volunteer drivers. Due to the gas shortage, it will be impossible to make more than one trip to a specific locality this week-end but the drive will continue with another collection day to be announced later. Results of the day's collection will be announced in the Wilmington Morning Star of Monday. The campaign was planned to supplement the sale of Health Bonds for Tuberculosis education, and prevention and to aid in the Nation's war effort. The suburban areas to be covered include the following: Maffitt Village, Princess Place, Winter Park, Forest Hills, Kenwood, Chestnut Heights, Greenbrook, Erokwood, Glen Arden, Oleander, Colonial Village, Sunset Park, Summer Hill, Piney Woods, Audubon, Lake Side Park and Highwood Park. (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 1)