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'Nice Work, Old Pal!'



Ronald Coleman receives a congratulatory kiss right in the eye from his three-month-old pup, Chub, after winning a lapel medal for writing the best letter on "Why I Own a Dog." The contest was sponsored by the Greenwich Village (N. Y.) Humane League. Chub's brother, Doc, is a bit too tired to express his sentiments. Ronald has seven other pups and their mother at his Jersey City, N. J., home.

Post-War Reserves Of Food Proposed

**Britain Outlines Plan
for Supplying Europe
in Emergency Period
After War; United
States Consulted on
Proposal.**

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The creation of a vast pool of food reserves for supplying Europe in the emergency period after the war—a plan upon which the United States already has been consulted—was proposed by Great Britain today to the council of allied governments.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden read a statement to the council from U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant declaring that the United States believes the undertaking to be "of great prospective usefulness."

The proposal was made after the council had approved the Roosevelt-Churchill eight-point Atlantic charter with its dissent, pledging adherence to the "common principles of policy" and cooperation "to the best of our ability."

A resolution to this effect was adopted by a vote of 10 to 5 after the Soviet ambassador, Ivan Mikoyan, had declared that Russia was in agreement with the fundamental principles of the declaration and asserted that the Soviet Union would defend the right of every nation to independence, territorial integrity and the social order and form of government of its own choice.

Before the vote was taken the Netherlands foreign minister, Dr. E. N. Van Kleeten, objected to point four of the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration, which provides equal access for all nations to world trade and raw materials, but "with due respect for their existing obligations."

Van Kleeten said the avowed aim of point four "cannot be attained if considerable exemption is to be made for the United States for abolition of trade barriers and discriminatory treatment in international commerce."

Argentina Troops Occupy All Airports

Buenos Aires, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Regular army troops completed the occupation of all military airports in the country today after arresting a number of young aviation officers in a series of swift moves apparently inspired by fear of an uprising against the government.

Official quarters declined to comment on the sudden development, which caused a flurry of excitement last night in the chamber of deputies, but some sources linked the government action with a current congressional investigation of Nazi activities in Argentina.

Raul Damonte Taborda, chairman of the committee conducting the inquiry, said he understood that the officers arrested "included some who have been plotting with a view to putting an end to the investigation."

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Nazis Turn Roosevelt's Words Back

Berlin, Sept. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's statement concerning the freighter *Pink Star* merely confirms that Germany acted according to international law in torpedoing the vessel, authorized German sources declared today.

The ship was armed, was conveyed by enemy craft, and carried the flag of Panama, not of the United States, they stated.

"Whoever accepts an enemy convoy thereby becomes a part of an enemy formation," these sources said.

"Roosevelt, by his description of the incident, himself reveals the perfectly correct procedure of the German submarine."

German sources asserted that Roosevelt in claiming it was immaterial whether such a ship as the *Pink Star* was armed or unarmed or what flag it flew, "is trying to establish wild west justice, not international law."

They said, "the American freed at sea by pirates. For the sake of those who impair or prevent normal trade between countries not at war with each other, England is the pirate."

Storm Hits Houston, Texas

Houston, Texas, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A powerful hurricane raced toward northern Louisiana today after striking a full and unexpected blow at Houston, Texas' largest city.

Three persons were dead, many injured. Damage ranged into millions of dollars.

After a surprise visitation to this metropolitan area of 500,000 persons, the storm moved toward a sector between Nacogdoches, Texas, and Shreveport, La., but its velocity was diminishing from that of 60 to 77 miles an hour which battered Houston.

The city, caught unaware after the weather bureau yesterday afternoon predicted it was safe, was without electric power in some sections and had a low water pressure.

Houses and buildings were unroofed; many structures were blown down; streets were flooded.

U. S. Did Not Sponsor Film

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Nicholas Schenck, president of Loew's, Inc., testified today that the federal government had no part in producing or distributing the motion picture "Land of Liberty" which an Idaho theater owner declined to show because he charged it contained propaganda.

Schenck told a Senate subcommittee that Maurice Saffell, Loew's

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LENINGRAD DEFENSE HOLDS

Limit Proposed On Profits

Morgenthau Favors Act By Congress

**Treasury Secretary
Says 'Much More
Stringent' Excess
Profits Taxes Are
Necessary; No Techni-
calities Announced.**

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau told Congress today he believed that all profits in this country should be limited to six per cent during the current emergency.

Testifying before the House banking committee in support of early passage of the administration's price control bill, the Treasury head said that he felt that "much more stringent" excess profits taxes would be necessary, especially if the government meant to ask all segments of the population to make sacrifices to carry out the defense program.

In response to questions by Representative Williams, Democrat, Missouri, as to just what the Treasury had in mind regarding profits, Morgenthau refrained from going into technicalities, but said his personal philosophy in the matter was simply that all corporations should be "satisfied" if they could earn six per cent on their invested capital.

Turkey Day Is Muddled

**Five States Join Group
Celebrating Week
Early, Six Switch
Back to Tradition.**

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The annual confusion about when to celebrate Thanksgiving Day won't be lessened this year by the fact that eleven states, including Massachusetts, where Turkey Day started, have changed their minds since 1940.

Approximately the same balance will prevail, and two-thirds of the nation will join along with President Roosevelt in celebrating on November 26, the date he has named.

The odd number of states is due to the fact that the old tradition, sanctioned by long-standing tradition.

Since last year, when 16 states joined to tradition and the rest went along with the President at least five states have switched into line with the new version and six others have gone back to the old.

Some states definitely settled in Massachusetts, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee and Vermont.

But Massachusetts, where the Pilgrims started it all, will break tradition and celebrate November 29.

In addition to Massachusetts, the traditionalists who are switching to the Roosevelt version in 1941 are Maine, North Carolina, Rhode Island and probably Connecticut, Maryland, Georgia, Montana, New Mexico, Nebraska, South Carolina and Delaware are departing the Presidential lineup.

Fire Wrecks Oil Plant

Whiting, Ind., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Fire which followed a drawn explosion attacked the Standard Oil Company's plant here, leaving one man dead and several injured and threatening large storage tanks.

A spokesman for the company said fire began with an explosion in the pump house of the number one treating plant, spread to a refinery pump house and to an agitator plant, used for processing kerosene. In the neighborhood were four large gasoline storage plants, but the wind direction helped to keep the flames away from them.

Tanks Screen Russians in Advance Against Nazis



This is an actual battle scene somewhere on the sprawl of German-Russian front, showing Soviet troops advancing behind a screen of tanks against the Germans. In the background, smoke can be seen arising from bursting shells. Photo was taken by a Red army photographer.

Struck Ships Are Released

Middle Belt Prices Gain

**Slight Decline Noted
on New Bright Belt,
But Middle Belt Prices
Are Higher.**

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Prices in the majority of quoted grades on the New Bright tobacco belt declined a bit yesterday but there was a slight rise on the Middle Belt, a federal-state report said.

New Bright averages:
Orange leaf—fine 43, good 41, fair 39, low 35, common 25; orange smoking leaf—fine 43, good 42, fair 37, low 37, common 30; lemon cutters—good 43, fair 43, low 42; lemon ugs—choice 43, fine 41, good 40, low 36, nondescript—best 38, 10.50, best heavy 10.75, commonest crude 18.

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Orange leaf—good 39, fair 36, low 28, common 18; orange smoking leaf—good 41, fair 38, low 35, common 25; lemon cutters—good 44, fair 37, low 32; lemon lig—choice 43, fine 41, good 39, fair 33, low 29; lemon primings—choice 43, fine 42, good 39, fair 31, low 29; nondescript—best 38, 9 poorest 25.

CHINESE AIRPLANES ENTER BIG BATTLE

Shanghai, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Chinese Central Daily News said today the Chinese air force hurled a "huge formation" of planes yesterday into the big battle of North Hunan province, which entered its second week today.

The Chinese flyers were said to have attacked Japanese planes and bombed a Japanese gunboat in Tungting Lake, returning to bases without losses.

Red Airmen Claim Control

With the Red Army at the Central Front, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Red air force pilots claimed domination of the air over the central sector of the German-Russian front through smashing of about 1,000 planes since the start of the battle of Smolensk.

By air docks, anti-aircraft fire and raids upon German-held airfields, they declared, German pilots assigned to the sector have been forced into comparative inactivity.

During a tour of the Smolensk area, one bombing plane and two observation craft were the only German aircraft seen by army observers.

Russian planes showed intense activity, Red army sources reported. Low flying biplanes were almost always in evidence on patrol and communications missions. High flying fighters and bombers sped to and from German lines.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Generally fair, slightly warmer in southwest portion tonight; Thursday partly cloudy, probably followed by showers in mountains.

Merchantmen May Be Armed As Next Move

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The arming of American merchantmen today became the next probable move in the shoot on sight campaign to make the "defensive waters" of the United States an unhealthy hunting ground for axis raiders.

It would necessitate modification of the neutrality act, and it might eventually involve the stupendous technical job of furnishing guns and gun crews for more than 1,500 ships, President Roosevelt, however, told his press conference yesterday that a decision on the neutrality act probably would be forthcoming next week, and he hinted strongly at its nature, in one respect, when he said that the United States probably was headed toward the arming of its merchant marine.

Food Crisis Forecast

**Wickard Urges Farm
Workers to Seek De-
ferment Under Selec-
tive Service Act.**

New York, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard today called upon farm workers to seek deferment from the Selective Training and Service Act, which would require them to report for military training.

The need for food, he said, is so great that he urged the workers to seek deferment from the selective training and service act, which would require them to report for military training.

"I have an idea that most farm workers and hired men can serve their country best by staying on the farm and producing food," Wickard declared in a speech prepared for an "agricultural mobilization" conference of farmers and government farm officials called here from northern farm states.

JAPANESE SLASH BUDGET FOR YEAR

Tokyo, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The cabinet formally adopted today a plan designed to slash the 1941 fiscal budget by 1,323,300,000 yen, Domei said.

(The yen was quoted at 24.4 cents before dealers were suspended when freezing orders were announced.)

ITALIAN MINE LAYER STRUCK BY TORPEDO

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—An Italian mine layer of the Crestone class has been torpedoed by a British submarine in the central Mediterranean and "probably destroyed," the admiralty announced today.

The communiqué also reported the torpedoing of an axis supply ship of about 5,000 tons, but did not say whether it had been sunk.

Plane Plant Strike Voted

**Seafarers Union
Moves to Return Ves-
sels to Service; Con-
solidated Faces Strike.**

(By The Associated Press.)
Leaders of the AFL Seafarers International Union moved today to release 25 strike-bound ships while an overwhelming strike vote in a California military aircraft factory posed a new and pressing problem for federal conciliators.

John Hawk, secretary of Seafarers, announced in New York that membership meetings were being held this morning to discuss releasing the vessels.

"As long as the maritime commission has stepped out," Hawk told newsmen, "the sensible thing to do is to put the men back on the ships and release them, and then let the mediation board handle the dispute."

The strike, over war bonus rates, was referred yesterday by Secretary of Labor Perkins to the defense mediation board, after efforts of the maritime commission to compose differences between the union and the ship-owning companies failed. Union men accused the maritime commission of anti-labor tactics.

The mediation board asked strikers to return to work, advising both union and ship owners that the vessels were "vital and immediately needed for the transportation of defense materials."

The new strike threat was directed against the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation at San Diego, Calif., holding \$750,000 worth of orders for bombers placed by the United States, Britain and her allies.

The International Association of Machinists, I. A. M., announced tonight that 93.4 percent of the membership at the plant had authorized a strike to enforce demands for increased wages. The union asked a blanket increase of ten cents an hour for all employees not affected by previously agreed upon increases in the minimum scale for beginners. The union has turned down a company offer to raise the minimum from 55 cent-60 cents to 60 cent-75 cents, the rate varying with experience.

PRO-AXIS JAPANESE RALLIES SQUELCHED

Tokyo, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Japanese government today squelched the plans of the fiery Seigo Nakano and his pro-axis Tokoku group for a series of rallies Saturday celebrating the first anniversary of Japan's alliance with Berlin and Rome.

CHARTER GRANTED SHORT RAIL LINE

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A railroad company which expects to run only a mile and a half of track received a charter of incorporation today from Secretary of State Thad Eure.

It will be known as the Cherry Point Railroad Company and will run from Havelock a mile and a half toward Cherry Point. It plans to connect there with a five-mile government railroad running into the Cherry Point marine base.

Blows Ease Pressure In Ukraine

**Soviet Army News-
paper Declares Ger-
mans Hurlled Back
Over Battlefield Lit-
tered With Nazi
Corpses; Ukraine
Trap Denied.**

(By The Associated Press.)
Red armies defending Leningrad were reported hurling the Germans back over a battlefield littered with Nazi corpses today, while on the central front, fierce Russian counter blows were pictured as easing the pressure on Marshal Semion Budenny's battered armies in the Ukraine.

Red Star, Soviet army newspaper, said Russian troops in an all-day assault routed the 136th German infantry division, and recaptured a point on the approaches to Leningrad.

Tank-supported German counter attacks were repulsed, Red Star said, and large scale Nazi onslaughts southeast of the old czarist capital also failed.

The Germans, admitting bitter Soviet resistance around Leningrad, emphasized what they called a mighty battle of annihilation 125 miles east of Kiev, where the count of Russian prisoners enmeshed in a trap was reported nearing 500,000.

The Russians reported defeating Rumanian troops in the siege of Odessa, Black sea port, and declared that a second German attempt to capture Murmansk, Russia's ice-free Arctic port, had ended in complete failure.

Russia officially denied the German assertions that four Red armies had been trapped east of Kiev.

Adolf Hitler's high command declared that "chaotic conditions" engulfed the encircled Reds and that German troops closing the jaws of the trap were continuing a wholesale annihilation.

Elsewhere on the sprawling battlefield, the Germans acknowledged that Soviet forces were offering the bitterest resistance, particularly around siege-girt Leningrad, where the Red armies were making a foot-by-foot defense.

British warplanes have now gone into action for the first time on the three-months old eastern battlefield.

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JAPANESE FORCES NEAR HUNAN CITY

Shanghai, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Japanese forces, smashing southward through Hunan province, have advanced to within a few miles of Shanghai, capital of the province, Japanese military reports declared today.

But Chinese resistance was said to have halted the halt progress toward Shanghai, city of more than 600,000 which was the objective of two unsuccessful drives in 1938 and 1939.

ECONOMIC WAR
London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The ministry of economic warfare announced today that Britain no longer could continue the limited facilities which heretofore have accorded passage of material for Switzerland's industry through the sea blockade and across enemy territory.

Bulgaria Plans No War With Russia

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Bulgaria does not intend to enter the war against Soviet Russia or break off relations with Moscow, Peter Gabrovsky, minister of the interior, told foreign correspondents today.

"Bulgaria has no aggressive intentions against anyone and is not preparing for war against any country," Gabrovsky said.

In denial of reports published abroad, the minister said there had been no general mobilization of Bulgaria's armed forces. He also denied there had been any declaration of martial law.

"The Bulgarian situation is perfectly calm and no pressure of any kind has been exerted on the Bulgarian government from any quarter," Gabrovsky said.