



ALLIED ARMIES DRIVING ON UPON ROME

Senate Will Hear Report Wednesday

Group Home From Tour Of War Fronts Will Talk in Closed Meet

Washington, Oct. 2—(AP)—The Senate will receive a confidential report next Wednesday from four members just back from the war zones, and there were indications their disclosures may have a direct bearing on later consideration of post-war economic and diplomatic policies.

Following little used procedure, Democratic Leader Barkley (D., Ky.) said he would ask the Senate to hold an executive session, from which the public and press will be barred, to hear reports from Senators Russell (D., Ga.), Mead (D., N. Y.), Brewster (R., Maine), and Lodge (R., Mass.) on their trip to all of the fighting areas except Russia.

The quartet has demanded publicly that something be done immediately to establish American rights after the war in the use of aviation fields this country is building all over the world. They also have urged that steps be taken to remove some of the United Nations burden from the dwindling American oil reserves so that the United States will not be drained of petroleum.

There appeared to be no doubt the Senate would hear something about British-American relations in the economic and diplomatic field. Some members wanting this sort of thing said only in a closed session, because they fear any public discussion would have some effect on the prosecution of the war.

Chairman Conally (D., Tex.), of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, expressed interest in what the four have to say about diplomatic as well as military and economic matters.

Stock Shifts Very Slight

New York, Oct. 2—(AP)—It was another of those selective markets today, so far as stock buyers were concerned, and leaders generally shifted over a slightly uneven terrain.

Stocks in front at intervals included U. S. Steel, Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Western Union, Southern Railway, Standard Oil of New Jersey, and Allied Chemical.

Among backward performers were Bethlehem, Texas Company, Sears Roebuck, Woolworth, General Motors, Goodrich, United Aircraft, DuPont and J. C. Penney.

Sharp Drop For Cotton

New York, Oct. 2—(AP)—Liquidation of October contracts and increased hedge selling brought a lower trend in cotton futures today. Futures closed (old contracts) 25 to 40 cents a bale lower.

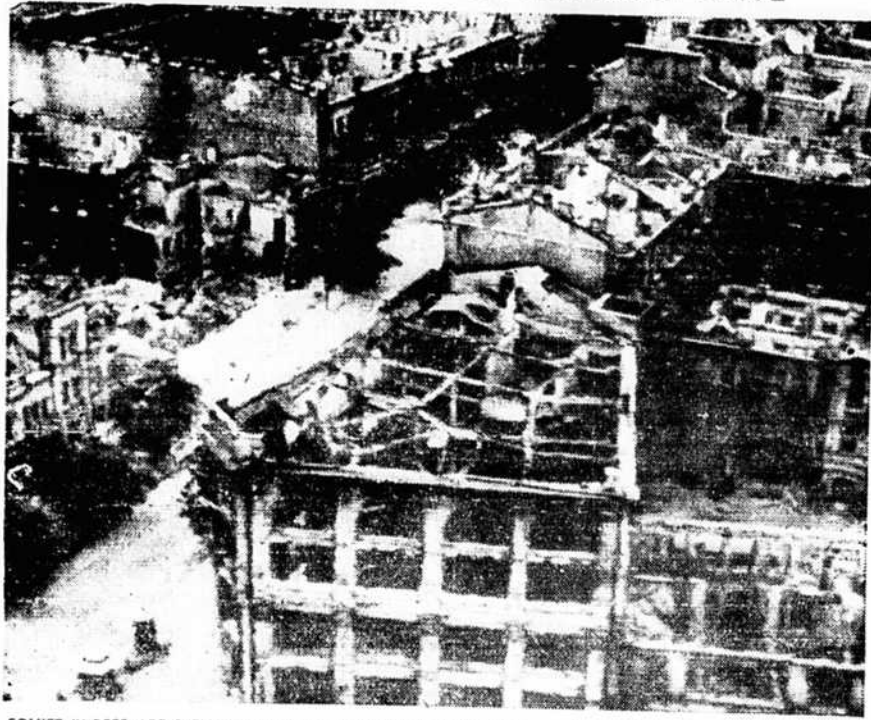
Peace Feelers Made To Reds By Germans

Bern, Oct. 2—(AP)—A Budapest dispatch to the newspaper La Suisse today brought into the open reports of Axis origin that Germany offered Russia an armistice in June, 1942, and that Russia now is expected to take surprising new political measures in relation to Germany comparable with those of 1939.

In 1939 Russia and Germany signed a non-aggression pact, a move which proved a prelude to Germany's opening hostilities against Poland.

Private information, still of German origin, said that Russia was using the free German committee of

RUINED KIEV—KEY CITY IN RED ARMY DRIVE



SOVIET FORCES ARE SHELLING the Nazis on the high cliffs of Kiev and, according to late reports, are expected to capture the Ukraine city within a short time. This photo, received from Switzerland, is from a Nazi source and shows how war has shattered sections of the metropolis. (International Radiophoto)

Reds Blast German Centers

Many Kinds Of Taxes Suggested

It's Open Season Now For Proposals to Get The Citizen's Money

Washington, Oct. 2—(AP)—The open season for tax ideas is starting. They'll fly thick and fast for some time. The figures will sound pretty harsh to the taxpayer, although by now he must be convinced that his tax bill will be stiff.

But there seems little inclination in Congress to try to raise as much money by taxation as the administration has asked.

In all tax debates, there's bound to be a lot of smoke before the fire really starts.

The usual routine involves several months of exploring and debating ideas before final congressional operation on your pocketbook.

There'll be talk about 30 percent (above exemptions) withholding deductions from paychecks, about doubling surtax rates, post-war quotas or compulsory savings, combination of present taxes, various plans for sales taxes, increased levies on luxuries and what-not.

As one starting point, Chairman George (D., Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee has pointed the way which may be taken if the financial problem is approached by customary channels. That would be through some raising of rates, lowering of exemptions and the often-suggested elimination of the earned income credit now allowed on the normal income tax.

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officers organized recently in Moscow in discussions with the German military set, hoping that any armistice understanding would include a replacement of the Nazi regime.

La Suisse said the German offer of an armistice on June 17, 1942, included a withdrawal of German troops to the frontier of September 29, 1939, across Poland, the resignation of Adolf Hitler and the assumption of power by Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering, Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz and Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the high command.

It was reported that there were similar offers now, but that the tripartite was not mentioned.

Europe's Defense To Last Man Given In Hitler's Order

Stockholm, Oct. 2—(AP)—Adolf Hitler has ordered Marshals Erwin Rommel and Albert Kesselring, his commanders in northern Italy and central Italy, to hold a "blood wall" in northern Italy in an effort to keep Allied armies from the borders of Germany. Berlin dispatches to the Swedish press said today.

The German commanders were instructed to "defend the fortress of Europe to the last drop of blood," the Stockholm-Tinnsjoen correspondent said.

Whether that line will be along the Po river or somewhere else in northern Italy was not disclosed by the Germans who have conscripted thousands of Italian men for work with the Nazis in building fortifications.

Wheeler To Talk Further About Draft

Washington, Oct. 2—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) threatened talk tired colleagues with two more four-hour speeches next week if administration leaders propose a "meaningless substitute" for his bill to halt induction of pre-war fathers. His measure, doomed by the influence of the generals, Wheeler said he would "leave it to history to determine whether I am right."

As the Senate recessed until Monday, Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) and Senator Hill of Alabama, the Democratic whip, continued conferences with sponsors of substitute measures looking to a vote next week on a compromise bill.

ARMY-NAVY GAME AT WEST POINT NOV. 27

Washington, Oct. 2—(AP)—The White House announced today that the army-navy football game will be played at West Point, Saturday, November 27, and that because of wartime restrictions on travel, attendance will be restricted to military academy personnel and bonafide residents within a ten-mile radius.

FORT BRAGG CARAVAN ON WAR BOND TOUR

Fort Bragg, Oct. 2—Fort Bragg's War Bond Caravan, which has returned to this post after visiting more than 25 cities in North Carolina, was instrumental in the sale of slightly more than six million dollars worth of War Bonds, it was announced today by Lt. H. A. L. Harvey, Post War Bond Officer.

The Caravan, which consisted of an armored car, several large guns and the 13th Airborne Division Artillery band, toured the western sections of North Carolina.

Terrific Struggle for Kiev Rages on in Fury; Drives Aimed at Cities

London, Oct. 2—(AP)—The Russian and German Ukrainian armies were locked in a terrific struggle for Kiev and the lower Dnieper river valley today, and Red Army air force bombers have unleashed a bombardment against three White Russian rail centers barring the way to invasion of German-held Poland and the Baltic States.

The Moscow radio said today that Mogilev, Orsha and Vitebsk, strongly fortified German bases, in White Russia, were pounded for the second straight night by large formations of Russian bombers.

This operation evidently was intended to soften up Nazi defense lines and pave the way for advancing Red Army forces, which yesterday surged forward over rain-soaked terrain to reach the Pronya river, 29 miles east of Mogilev and 17 miles west of Orsha, capture of which was announced earlier in the day.

The Soviet columns rolled westward through 460 towns and villages, killing more than 5,500 Germans and collecting huge stocks of abandoned war material the Germans had failed to destroy, a communique said.

The war bulletin, detailing land advances in the White Russian sector, said other drives were aimed at Gomel and Vitebsk. The Germans ground up artillery to meet the advance on Vitebsk and counter-attacked several times, it said, but Red army shock troops, battling their way to a stubbornly defended height.

The Germans also were fighting desperately to hold Gomel, further to the south. Here defenses studded with numerous block houses and pill boxes checked the Soviet forces, although they succeeded in breaking through at some points. Red army troops were reported within eleven miles of Gomel several days ago.

Mussolini To Try His Betrayers

Bern, Oct. 2—(AP)—The new Mussolini-headed puppet Fascist government for Italy decreed today the establishment of special tribunals to try for high treason party members whom Mussolini has charged with "passing to the enemy at the moment of trial."

These include Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law. A dispatch to the newspaper La Suisse of Geneva from the Italian front said that among thousands liable to be brought before extraordinary tribunals would most certainly be all members of the Fascist Grand Council who voted against Mussolini at the historic meeting on the night of July 25 at which the duke was forced from power.

Germany Bombed By Planes In From Africa And Britain

Munich Is Attacked By American Bombers Winging From Africa

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Oct. 2—(AP)—Northwest African air forces Fortresses and Liberators teamed up yesterday for their first double blow at Germany from African bases.

In this first demonstration of the offensive wallop that eventually may wrack Germany from the south as well as the west, especially when the four-engined bombers are based in Italy, the Fortresses made an 1,800-mile round trip flight, their longest from their African bases, to pound Munich.

The Liberators returned to a target which they hit on a 2,300-mile jaunt at Wiesbaden, 25 miles southeast of Vienna.

The Allied armies lost 14 planes in these two bold blows and in raids in Italy in which night bombers attacked lines of the German retreat from Naples.

The American losses were small compared with 59 heavy bombers which failed to get back in an attack on Schweinfurt and Regensburg, in the same area of Germany, in a raid from Britain on August 17.

Between 55 and 60 German fighters attacked the Fortresses but the bombers' gunners accounted for eight of them.

RUHR VALLEY IS AGAIN SUBJECT TO STRAFINGS

London, Oct. 2—(AP)—With American bombers participating, according to German reports, the RAF's Britain-based night bombers added momentum last night to the Allies' new two-way assault on Germany from the west and south by hitting the Ruhr industrial city of Hagen.

Hagen, which has a population of 150,000, is ten miles south of Dortmund, often the target of the big RAF night bombers. It is in the center of the Ruhr region with important iron and steel foundries, engineering and armament works and a big railway center, with extensive yards and railroad car repair shops.

The Berlin radio, in a broadcast recorded by The Associated Press, said that both British and American bombers were over the Rhineland and Westphalia—which includes the Ruhr industrial area hit Monday night.

There was no official indication of American planes participating in the raid but this is the third or fourth time in recent nights that the Nazis have reported American planes over their territory and as far back as March Major General Ira Eaker, commander of the Eighth U. S. AAF, said that Flying Fortresses would bomb at night.

Birthday Presents Could Not Get To Dead Paratrooper

Albany, New York, Oct. 2—(AP)—Presents mailed to Pfc. Michael A. Scambelluri, Albany paratrooper captured and shot seven times in Sicily, did not reach him today, his 26th birthday, for he lay buried overseas.

Scambelluri died September 22 in the North African area of "wounds received in action," the War Department notified his wife yesterday.

Scambelluri landed from the skies in Sicily July 10 "in an area alive with enemy troops and was surrounded and captured before I could join my mates," he said later in an interview.

Questioned by a fascist captain he divulged only his name, grade and serial number. He then asked the officer the name of the town. The captain accused the American of being a spy, stood him against a wall and shot him seven times. Soldiers lobbed two hand grenades at him and left him for dead.

Scambelluri crawled until he reached his outfit. He was placed aboard a hospital ship, which was bombed and sunk. Another hospital ship removed him from the active fighting zone.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Continued mild this afternoon, tonight and Sunday forenoon.

Naples Left Behind In Speedy Push

Population of Naples Welcomes Allied Army; Italians Giving Help

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Oct. 2—(AP)—British and American troops, feverishly welcomed by the surviving population of Naples, forged on past that devastated city today and fought steadily northward toward Rome and the next defense line of the Germans.

(A Reuters dispatch from Allied headquarters quoted a military spokesman as saying "the road to Rome is now open. The town of Benevento is directly threatened.")

(He added that the American Fifth Army was "already well north of Naples." Benevento is 32 miles northeast of Naples.)

Meeting sharp opposition by German tanks, mortars and machine guns, the forces of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark were said in a communique to be making good progress, both to the north of the captured port city and to the east.

The British Eighth Army of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, speedily spreading over all the Fogia plain, meanwhile, captured San Severo, 18 miles north of Foggia, and Lucera, twelve miles northwest of that airbase center. Allied headquarters announced.

All the Monte Gargano peninsula—the spur of the Italian boot—also has been occupied in a 30-mile advance by Montgomery, a spokesman said.

Allied troops entering the city of Naples, once famed for its beauty, found the waterfront a solid area of ruins, reports from the battlefield said, but the rest of the city was orderly.

General Clark himself entered the city yesterday afternoon, and the first advance patrols which took over the occupation were followed by a steady stream of troops, tanks and vehicles.

All of the city's million people who had remained in Naples through the bombings and then survived the German reign of terror joined in a happy welcome to the American warriors who drove on through the city in pursuit of the retreating enemy.

A military spokesman said military police had taken over control of the city until local police could be reorganized for the task.

Before retreating the Germans heavily mined the city's streets, but as fast as they finished the job the Neapolitans dug out the explosives, and according to reports given the Allied vanguard, buried them on the road north of the city over which the Germans were about to retreat.

General Clark's troops found few buildings near the Naples waterfront habitable as a result of heavy bombings and systematic German demolitions.

The greater part of the town itself had been spared by the bombers, Italian officials said, but extensive damage done to the central and eastern portions when the Germans mined buildings and set others afire.

Today's German communique gave the German people the first official announcement on the Allied capture of Naples. It said the city was evacuated after military installations had been destroyed.

sent up anti-aircraft fire. In addition to the two cargo ships sunk, a third was damaged and the other ships were dispersed.

On Vella Lavella, American soldiers are closing in on remaining enemy groups of the northern end of the island.

Four American Bombers Downed In Switzerland

Bern, Oct. 2—(AP)—Four American bombers were shot down yesterday over Swiss territory during a fight with German fighter planes, including one definitely downed by Swiss anti-aircraft fire, a communique announced today.

Two of the bombers fell near Landquart, another between Aachen-Bad and Bergun, and the fourth in the Sants region, the announcement said. It added that the bodies of seven fliers had been found

and that other crew members had parachuted to safety.

The planes were part of a formation of from 60 to 100 which encountered Nazi opposition during the raid on German objectives and battled it out in the sky over the St. Moritz resort area in eastern Switzerland close to the Austrian-Italian frontier.

The Swiss communique said several planes crashed, but it was not determined whether there were any German planes among them.

Blow May Fall



GERMAN CLAIMS that their forces have seized the island of Corfu from its Italian garrison and the port city of Spil on the Yugoslavian coast from Yugoslav guerrillas, indicate that the Nazis expect trouble in these areas. Distance from the Allied-held heel of the Italian boot across the narrow Strait of Otranto is 75 miles. (International)

Japs Slowly Pulling Out Of Solomons

Plight of Enemy Now Approaching Disaster; Supply Ships Are Hit

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Oct. 2—(AP)—Relentless air and ground pressure appeared today to be driving the Japanese out of the central into the northern Solomons and to pose new perils for them on New Guinea.

In the Solomons, they are about to be pushed out of Vella Lavella. At a mounting cost in ships, the latest being a destroyer and two merchantmen, they also seem to be pulling out their 10,000-man garrison piecemeal from Kolombangara.

On New Guinea, where slowly advancing Australians have ringed in Finschhafen, an Allied measure to Mading on up the coast look form in the Ramu river valley.

Today's communique from General MacArthur's headquarters supplied more pieces to a growing picture of Japanese disaster in the Solomons. The day before, South Pacific headquarters said the Japanese appeared to be sending supplies down to their isolated garrison at Vila, Kolombangara, for a holding force and then bringing out men on the return trip.

Today's communique said an eleven-ship enemy convoy heading toward Vella was caught by Liberators in Bougainville Strait Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Bombs exploded the destroyer as it

and that other crew members had parachuted to safety.

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