

BREAD FOR HUNGRY NEAPOLITANS



HUNGRY NEAPOLITANS crowd around a bread seller to buy the first bread baked from flour brought to Italy by the Allies.

State's Rights Is Issue In Voting By Absentee Fighters

Advocates of Bill Say Government Has Control Over Men

Washington, Oct. 20—(AP)—Champions of State's rights were laced in sharp controversy with advocates of Federal control of balloting today over the question of how millions of service men overseas may vote in the 1944 national elections.

Both factions have expressed approval in principle of legislation now before the House committee on national elections which would provide for a vote by absentee ballot.

On the other hand, Postmaster General Frank Walker, Democratic national chairman, and representatives of the Army and Navy insist that voting systems in some places are duplicated and that furthermore the Federal government has the right to direct the vote of its men in the armed services while they are overseas.

Cotton Lower Around Noon

New York, Oct. 20—(AP)—Cotton futures (old contracts) opened unchanged to five cents a bale lower. Noon prices were ten to 15 cents a bale lower.

5 Senators Ask Study Of British View

Washington, Oct. 20—(AP)—Two of the five Senators who aroused the British press recently by their critical observations on lend-lease and other Allied operations called today for a frank discussion of Anglo-American relations.

Senator Chandler (Ky., D.), another member of the party that toured Allied battlefronts, said the returning senators had spoken more in sorrow at the shortcomings of American representatives abroad than in anger at the British.

Germans Are Fleeing Into Mountains Reds Rout Four Crack Nazi Divisions

Whole Enemy Position Is Now Menaced

Russians in Advance All Along East Line Despite Resistance

Moscow, Oct. 20—(AP)—The whole German position inside the Dnieper river elbow was threatened today as harassed Nazi commanders hurled fresh divisions of men, tanks and artillery into the fight in an attempt to halt the Red army's flanking drive to the west of the river.

Four crack divisions were routed by the tank-supported Russian attack, which rolled westward from nine to twelve miles yesterday to liberate more than 100 towns, said a Moscow communique which also announced the fall of Pyatikharka.

More than 1,800 Nazi officers and men were reported captured, and at the end of the day's fighting the German garrison at Dnepropetrovsk was left with but a single railroad line running southwest to the Black Sea, severance of which would isolate the large Nazi forces crowded in the pocket of the big Dnieper river bend.

Further Red army progress was reported north and south of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Here Soviet troops "completed the annihilation of remnants" of motorized Nazi units striving to prevent encirclement of the great stronghold, the communique said.

South of Gomel, southern anchor of the German defense lines in White Russia, the Russians swept more Germans from the Dnieper triangle and further extended their bridgeheads on the west bank of the Dnieper. More than 2,000 German officers and men were slain in yesterday's battle.

Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press war correspondent in Moscow, said advice from the Ukraine indicated the Germans had started huge demolitions in Kiev.

Willkie To Speak In Pivotal States On East Seaboard

Washington, Oct. 20—(AP)—Wendell Willkie will speak in the politically important states of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts within the next few weeks, but he is not expected by his friends formally to enter the race for the Republican presidential nomination until some time after the first of the year.

This match became known last night after the 1940 GOP standard-bearer addressed an informal off-the-record meeting of freshmen Republican Congressmen and then submitted to more than an hour's questioning on international, domestic and political affairs that gave him the appearance later of having just emerged from a wrestling match.

ASSAULT CASE IS RETURNED TO PITT

Raleigh, Oct. 20—(AP)—The State Supreme Court in one of nine opinions found error today and remanded the case of Walter Tyson, who pleaded guilty in Pitt county of an assault on a female and was sentenced by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle to serve eight to ten years in prison.

RECREATION MONEY SENT CHAPEL HILL

Richmond, Va., Oct. 20—The regional office of the Federal Works Agency has forwarded to City Manager John L. Caldwell of Chapel Hill, N. C., a check drawn on the United States Treasury for \$1,000, to assist in financing the operation of recreation facilities for servicemen, Kenneth Markovitz, FWA regional director, announced.

The check was the third payment of a Federal contribution of \$2,700 for the maintenance and operation of facilities for the entertainment of servicemen attached to the Naval Pre-Flight Training School and other military establishments in the area.

BLOOD RUSHED TO WOUNDED IN NEW GUINEA



NATIVES OF LAE, NEW GUINEA, carry ashore from a landing barge a crate containing blood destined for Allied soldiers wounded in the drive that took that Jap base. The speed with which the precious fluid—donated by folks at home—was rushed to the fighting front resulted in saving many lives.

60 Jap Planes, Two Ships Sunk

Envoys' First Meetings At Moscow Satisfactory

Moscow, Oct. 20—(AP)—Apparently satisfied with the results of their first formal talks last night, U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov settled down today to a program of daily conferences on wartime and postwar matters.

Their initial meeting lasted for two hours and 15 minutes, and while no details were announced it was understood that the session was satisfactory.

The conference disclosed that they will meet once a day until their discussions are concluded. No formal announcement concerning the progress of the talks will be issued until they are under way.

Before last night's session, which started at 6 p. m., a spokesman said it would give the three diplomats a chance to share "frankly and freely" what's on one another's mind.

Voting At 18 Is Urged By Gov. Arnall

Washington, Oct. 20—(AP)—Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, advocating amendment of the Federal Constitution to lower the voting age from 21 to 18, asserted today that teen-age youths are intellectually and morally qualified to vote and would inject into government desirable enthusiasm and idealism.

Testifying before the House Judiciary subcommittee considering the proposed amendment, Arnall said in his prepared statement that "the fundamental requirement for participation in an election... is that the voter shall be capable of understanding the issues upon which he votes and shall have an interest in the decisions in which he participates."

Newspapers Merge In Announced Deal Made at Roxboro

Roxboro, Oct. 20—(AP)—The Roxboro Courier and the Person County Times, long established newspapers here, have been merged to form the Courier-Times, the management announced today. The Courier-Times will be published semi-weekly.

Devastation Is Greatest Of This War

Italian Civilians Are Being Slain by Retreating Germans

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 20—(AP)—Threatened on their left flank by a swift American drive that cut forward five miles, the Germans fell back today from the Volturno valley to a fresh mountain line, it was announced, leaving behind one of the war's worst scenes of destruction.

The Germans are retreating to establish a strong new mountain line established on the high Matese ridge and the town of Mondragone, six miles north of the Volturno river mouth, and extending 27 miles northeast of Venusa.

Official dispatches from Fifth Army headquarters said the Nazis were burning houses, shooting civilians, destroying livestock, tearing up railroads, dynamiting roads and firing haystacks to provide smoke screens to cover their retreat.

The devastation of the countryside and wiping out of civilians as well as their farms was the most complete yet encountered as the German fury toward the Italians reached a new peak.

The new enemy line is made up of a series of high, difficult ridges intersected by deep valleys through which pass the main highways from Naples to Rome.

Driving forward five miles north and northeast of Capua, the Americans eliminated the Germans' last hope of making a stand anywhere south of the Mondragone-Venusa line.

The advance carried the Fifth Army into several German strongpoints as much as 11 miles north of the Volturno.

Attacking heavily along the Adriatic coast in the face of increasing resistance by reinforced Nazi troops, the British Eighth Army captured Petracchio, nine miles west of Teramo.

The Germans are offering much stronger resistance all along the Eighth Army front, and obviously they brought up fresh troops to aid the front lines in the face of a blow which would be a disaster if it were to succeed.

The British lines were advanced as far as seven miles in their latest attacks.

With the enemy driven back from the Volturno river banks, the Fifth Army was able to pour reinforcements and supplies across at all points, and Lt. Gen. Clark sent up a steady stream of troops, guns and tanks to pursue the withdrawing Germans.

HEAD OF TRAINMEN WON'T URGE OFFER

Cleveland, Oct. 20—(AP)—President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said today he would not recommend acceptance of a four-cent hourly pay increase approved last month by the President's emergency board for railroad operating employees.

New 16 Percent Cut In Newsprint Consumption

Washington, Oct. 20—(AP)—A new cut of 16 percent in newsprint consumption in November—a slash as great as all three previous cuts this year combined—was proposed by newspaper publishers today by H. M. Bitner, chief of the printing and publishing division of the War Production Board.

Bitner, WPB announced, had advised the Newspaper Industry Advisory Committee to take the 16 percent percent curtailment instead of the alternative—dipping into reserves which would lower papers' supplies. This would cut publishers' inventories from 40 to 30 days in the northern and southern states and from 35 to 25 days in the south and west.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Continued mild extreme west and moderately cool east portion of the State.