

Kiev Captured By Soviet Army

Allies Smash German River Defense In Italy

Nazi Army Now Short Of Manpower

May Not Be Able To Replace Losses On Russian Front

Washington, Nov. 6—(AP)—Germany's manpower is so exhausted that she likely will find it impossible to replace the army's staggering losses of the Russian campaign, United States Army men now believe.

Even if the Russian announcement that Nazi casualties in the last four months amounted to 2,700,000 is taken at considerably less than face value, informed persons here and today the German losses have been enormous and to all practical purposes, irreparable.

A month ago, military circles figured that Germany had 300 to 310 divisions. However, many of these divisions were assumed to be below strength, and made up of inferior personnel.

The Nazis put on an extensive manpower drive last winter and spring, when the 17-year-olds were drafted and men up to 50 were assigned to combat units. The objective was 2,000,000 men, the results probably about 1,500,000. To get them, the Reich relaxed physical standards, virtually ended all employment in service grades, closed down thousands of retail shops, and even took men out of essential industry, replacing the latter with forced labor from occupied countries.

This drastic effort is believed to have been the last straw for Germany's manpower possibilities, except for the increment of perhaps 500,000 youth who will become 17 each year.

WILL BE 80 YEARS OLD SUNDAY



Rep. Robert Doughton (above) of Laurel Springs, chairman of the tax-framing House Ways and Means Committee, will be 80 years old tomorrow. Now serving his 34th year in Congress, he looks up from a pile of work on his office desk at the Capitol, where he makes it a habit to be on duty 16 hours daily, beginning at 6 a. m.

Congress To Invite Hull To Explain Moscow Pact

Address Would Add To 85-5 Approval By Congress Friday

Washington, Nov. 6—(AP)—Senators who rolled up an 85 to 5 endorsement of the peace principle enunciated at the Moscow conference now want to have a firsthand account of the document from the man who helped make it possible—Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

A movement was prompted to invite Hull to address a joint session of the Senate and House upon his return from Russia.

Senator Lucius (D., Ill.) said such a convocation would show the world that the United States and its elected representatives are intensely interested in the effort to save it, but and the establishment of machinery to maintain it.

While the final decision rests with Hull, it was learned that the movement for his appearance has the blessing of high government figures.

The showdown roll call on post-war policy came at 5:30 p. m. yesterday, touching off two weeks' debate.

Fifty-one Democrats and 34 Republicans voted for the Connally peace-keeping foreign policy resolution. Only Senators Reynolds (D., N. C.) and Wheeler (D., Mont.), Democrats, and Johnson (R., Calif.), Langer (R., N. D.), and Shipstead (R., Minn.) voted no. Senator LaFollette (Prog., Wis.), absent by reason of illness, had indicated before that he

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Air Forces Of Germans Knocked Out

Fresh Enemy Force Is Unable To Stop Drive by Americans

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 6—(AP)—Allied forces in Italy smashed away the last remnants of the Germans' powerful Massico ridge-Trigho line in taking the key point of Vasto on the Adriatic and Venafro in the upper Volturno valley, it was announced today.

Forging ahead in the western sector, British patrols of the Fifth Army crossed the Garigliano river to probe the new line which the enemy has formed north of there.

American of the Fifth Army drove ahead into the mountains after occupying Venafro in a fierce fight in the tortuous upper reaches of the Volturno.

The Germans attached such importance to this mountain fastness that they threw a new division—the 305th infantry—into the fight in a last minute effort to save it, but even these fresh Nazi fighters from the north were routed by the Americans.

In the air war, American medium bombers, knocked out a large portion of the German air forces operating from Albania with a heavy raid yesterday on Berat Kucov airfield in the center of the tiny country.

The field was one of the bases from which the Germans were operating against patriot forces in the Balkans.

There now are five German divisions in the battle on the Fifth Army front, it was disclosed, and three opposing the Eighth Army.

In addition to a five-mile surge up the Adriatic coast to take Vasto, Eighth Army troops also made gains of a mile and a half in the region, some 25 miles inland.

The Germans, who in recent days have been using tanks in the Adriatic coastal sector, resisted fiercely at Vasto, where their protective mountains run down to a shelf beside the sea. Along this shelf runs the coastal road to Pescara—the back door to Rome.

In striking to Vasto, the Eighth army got through San Salvo where the Germans had held out more than a week, and on the basis of reports from the front this morning the British are within 15 miles of the Sangro river, where the German undoubtedly will attempt another stand.

Pacific Campaign Strategists



Commander of the Pacific Fleet, Adm. William F. Halsey (left) walks with Gen. Douglas MacArthur on arrival somewhere in Australia. They discussed plans for the current offensive against Japs on Bougainville Island. Vice Admiral A. S. Carpenter, commander of Allied naval forces in the Southwest Pacific, walks behind MacArthur. In the latest air attack on Rabaul, 11 enemy ships and 108 planes were destroyed, and two Jap cruisers and 13 other ships damaged. U. S. Signal Corps radiophoto. (International)

53-Ship Jap Convoy Moving On Rabaul As Americans Wait

Emanuele Leaves Naples, With His Status Uncertain

Italian Government Headquarters in Italy, Nov. 6—(AP)—King Vittorio Emanuele was reported enroute back to his government seat today from Naples, but there was no immediate indication of the result of talks he had there with Count Carlo Sforza, anti-fascist leader, and others who had urged his abdication.

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Fortress Is Evacuated, Germans Say

Dnieper Bastion Is Obstacle No More To Stalin Forces

London, Nov. 6—(AP)—Kiev has fallen to the victorious Russian army, Premier Marshal Josef Stalin announced today in a special order of the day.

The key Dnieper river bastion and ancient capital of the Russians fell to Soviet columns which had been poised above and below the city for weeks after the Soviet offensive carried to the river barrier.

Suddenly, the Russian columns swung into action two days ago, blasting great holes through the Nazi positions and closing into the city.

The German high command had announced a few hours previously that the great fortress had been evacuated, with German troops pulling out under the threat of encirclement.

The German announcement, broadcast from Berlin, said also that other Soviet columns had renewed their attacks on both sides of the Kerch straits in the eastern Crimea, and against the Perekop isthmus, the northern entrance to that peninsula.

Stalin's announcement termed the assault which drove the "gallant outflanking maneuver" which at daybreak "captured by storm the capital of the Soviet Ukraine, the town of Kiev, vital industrial center and most important strategic center of German resistance on the right flank of the Dnieper."

It also termed the capture of the "greatest importance in driving the German from the western Ukraine."

German withdrawal from the great cathedral city came barely 48 hours after the Russians launched a surprise attack against the northern and western suburbs from their bridgehead base on the west bank of the Dnieper river, 16 miles to the north.

Breaching two German defense lines guarding the city, the Russians outflanked the enemy's positions on the west and north, leaving only a single escape route to the southwest open.

It was this route which the Germans evidently used to complete the evacuation of the city.

Announcement of the abandonment of this third largest city of the Soviet Union, which was captured by the Germans exactly three months after the Nazi armies crossed the Russian border, came on the eve of the 26th anniversary of the Soviet revolution and climaxed the victorious Red army's gigantic autumn campaign.

The Germans may have no important natural defense line between Kiev and the former Polish frontier, just 120 miles to the west.

The fall of Kiev vastly enhances the possibility that the Red army will be able to cut in two the remnants of the German armies still in southern Russia.

Stocks Dull And Irregular

New York, Nov. 6—(AP)—Selling pressure slackened further in today's stock market but buying was equally lax and trends were only slightly irregular. The volume was around 300,000 shares.

In front of intervals were Santa Fe, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Standard Oil of New Jersey, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, General Motors, Sears Roebuck, General Electric, U. S. Gypsum, International Nickel and International Harvester.

Cotton Drops 65c Per Bale

New York, Nov. 6—(AP)—The cotton market resumed its decline today on increasing hedge selling and liquidation, influenced in part by new Allied victories.

Future, closed (old contracts) 65 to 70 cents, a bale lower.

Open	Close
December	19.70
March	19.46
May	19.21
July	19.05
Middling spot,	20.31

Coal Wage Fight Ended With Approval By WLB

Washington, Nov. 6—(AP)—The long and bitter fight over coal miners' wages appeared virtually ended today with the War Labor Board's conditional approval of the Lelkes-Lewis pay scale plan and a nod of assent from the United Mine Workers.

The WLB's principal reservation involves the formula for paying piece workers. But an official union spokesman observed: "We'll peacefully seek a solution of that and we'll go about the job of producing coal."

After seven months of controversy and four paralyzing strikes which cost the nation more than 40,000,000 tons of coal, this is the pic-

Germans Say Foe Attacked Vatican In Bombing Raid

London, Nov. 6—(AP)—The German high command, repeating earlier broadcasts of the Berlin and Rome radios, asserted today that "enemy aircraft last night attacked Vatican City in Rome" but the Associated Press had no confirmation that any such attack had occurred.

"Bomb hits caused destruction in the world-famous mosaic factory, as well as damage to the governor's palace," said the German communique as broadcast from Berlin.

Steel Group To Ask Raise

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 6—(AP)—The United States Steel Workers of America (CIO), which won the first industry-wide wage increase under the national wage stabilization program, was reported ready today for an attempt to crack the "little steel" formula itself established.

While delegates to the CIO national convention scattered to their homes, President Philip Murray, who also heads the steel workers' union remained behind to take part in a meeting off the steel workers' ex-

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Life-Termer Who Escaped Is Slain By Pennsy Police

Chester, Pa., Nov. 6—(AP)—Victor Andreoli, life-term convict who escaped from Eastern penitentiary eleven days ago, was shot to death today in a gun battle with Pennsylvania State motor police, who surprised him at breakfast in a downtown restaurant.

The 27-year-old fugitive had boasted he would never be taken alive.

Andreoli, who killed a policeman in a hold-up near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., six years ago, was trapped in his tracks by four bullets from pistols of three State policemen, who closed in on him as he huddled over his food at a lunch counter.

He himself fired two shots—and both missed.

During his escape, he boasted: "The first cop that lays a hand on me dies."

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Flew With Death



WHEN A GROUP of men at the Navy air field at Jacksonville, Fla., was endangered by a live 500-pound bomb in a grounded plane, Lt. Comdr. T. W. McKnight (above), of Salem, Mass., flew the plane toward the sea, expecting death momentarily. Once over open water, he tried to jettison the bomb, but it became stuck. In a final gambit, he rocked the plane and the bomb plunged seaward. (International)

Tar Heels Doing Excellent Job Of Feeding Soldiers

An Advanced New Guinea Base, Oct. 20—(Delayed)—(AP)—There aren't any tables at this Army mess up to a record American daylight attack yesterday on two Ruhr cities, attacked targets in western Germany last night, the air ministry announced today.

It's the nearest American kitchen to the front lines in New Guinea. Yet an example of one meal is steak, potatoes, string beans, coffee and butter scotch pudding that would melt in your mouth.

The mess sergeant is Sergeant Walter Whitfield, of Pikeville, N. C. Others who have been recommended by their certified customers

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Western German Centers Again Ravaged From Air

London, Nov. 6—(AP)—British Mosquito bombers, in a quick follow-up to a record American daylight attack yesterday on two Ruhr cities, attacked targets in western Germany last night, the air ministry announced today.

The objectives attacked in the night assault were not immediately named, nor was there any hint of the size of the raiding force.

Yesterday, a huge fleet of American heavy bombers estimated at 700, losing one of the heaviest air blows ever dealt to western Germany, blasted industrial and rail targets at Gelsenkirchen and Muenster in the wake of a similar staggered assault on Wilhelmshaven.

The sky armada, totaling upwards of 1,000 planes with fighter escort, bored through a wall of anti-aircraft fire which one pilot said was "as intense as hell and as thick as rain-drops" to reach its objectives. In the day's operations, which included attacks on northern France and Belgium, losses were ten heavy bombers, two medium ones and five fighters, as against 38 enemy fighters. Five heavy bombers were lost in the Wilhelmshaven raid.

WEATHER
 FOR NORTH CAROLINA
 Partly cloudy and warmer this afternoon and tonight.