

## OPA Is Accused By House Committee Of Abusing Power



**MUSIC finds its way into a vital war industry in the person of Godfrey Ludlow, famed violinist, whose work avoids possible loss of life through imperfect airplane parts. He is shown here at his job in the inspection department of the Brewster Aeronautical Corp., N. Y., where by tapping metal parts he is able to detect imperfections through sound waves.** (International)

### Change Suggested In Existing Law to Control Inflation

Washington, Nov. 15—(AP)—The Office of Prime Administration was roundly assailed today by a congressional committee which accused it of having promulgated "illegal, absurd, useless and conflicting" regulations and of having "construed its power to authorize it to sentence citizens of the United States to starvation."

The committee, headed by Representative Smith (D., Va.), and created by the House to keep a check on activities of executive agencies, recommended changes in existing law to "retain and strengthen inflation control" and at the same time eliminate the abuses and injustices now apparent.

Conceding a need for "extraordinary governmental action" in time of war to mobilize the nation's economic as well as military resources, the committee said "there are right and wrong ways to accomplish these purposes, the wrong way being by usurpation of power by executive agencies through 'misinterpretation and abuse of powers' granted by Congress 'and the assumption of powers not granted.'"

The committee said it found that OPA "has developed an unauthorized and illegal judicial system and that through the mass of rules, and regulations daily enacted by that agency it has also developed such intricate and involved administrative review machinery that litigants are completely bewildered by the maze of procedure through which they must wander to eventually arrive at a court which will grant them only the crumbs of judicial relief."

"This situation must be changed and changed immediately," the committee declared.

In a period of less than 19 months, the committee said, 3,196 regulations, amendments and orders were issued by OPA, many of them having been drafted by "obscure officials having little business experience."

Only 552 public laws were enacted by Congress during the same period, it added.

### Drinks Seawater



**THE MARINER** who talked of water everywhere and never a drop to drink is dated, William Hall of the Air Transport Command drinks saltless sea water from a new contraption that the Navy has approved for use on the rubber life-rafts of flying fighters. (International)

## Red Troops Are 35 Miles From Poland

Advanced 42 Miles Since Rail Junction Of Zhitomir Taken

Moscow, Nov. 15—(AP)—Masses of Red Army infantry, cavalry, tanks and self-propelled guns pouring into the hole west of Kiev to Baranovka have reached a point only 35 miles from the pre-war border of Russia and Poland. A 42-mile advance took the plunging Soviet columns into Baranovka since the capture of the rail junction of Zhitomir on Saturday.

London, Nov. 15—(AP)—The German high command announced today that Russian Cossacks and tanks, in a sweeping drive west of Gomel, had driven to Rechitsa, about 30 miles to the southwest on the railroad linking Gomel with Poland, but had been beaten back in attempts to capture the town itself.

Rechitsa's seizure would sever one of the two remaining lines, over which the Nazi defenders of the old fortress of Gomel might fall back to escape the encircling Soviet movement.

The advance along the northern edges of the vast Pripiet marshes, also threatened to split off the northern German armies from the forces of the central front.

Another Berlin broadcast acknowledged the German evacuation of Zhitomir, rail junction of the Nazis' last north-south railroad artery east of the old Polish border, whose fall threatened to cut the central Nazi forces off from the southern German armies. Moscow said the Russians were 30 miles west of Zhitomir.

The broadcast reported renewed Soviet attacks northwest of Kerch in the drive against German and Rumanian forces sealed off in the Crimea, and fresh Soviet attacks in the Dnieper bend.

The Red army, expanding its salient west of Kiev, was surging close today to the vital rail junction of Korosten, capture of which would give the Russians control of a 50 mile stretch of the Leningrad-Odessa railway system between Korosten and Zhitomir.

Close-locked fighting which has marked all the combats in the Crimea continued on the Kerch peninsula. Northwest of Kerch, the Germans launched 11 counterattacks with infantry, tanks and self-propelled guns, but all were repulsed. The Soviet communiqué said the Russians captured two strongly fortified positions near Kerch killing 900 Germans.

## British On Leros Better Positions

Numerically Superior Nazis Straddle Isle To Divide Defenders

Cairo, Nov. 15—(AP)—British troops improved their positions in central and northern sectors of the Dodecanese island of Leros yesterday, inflicting substantial casualties on the Germans and capturing a number of prisoners, a Middle East communiqué announced today.

The fierce fighting for the island, important in the strategy of the Aegean because of its submarine base, was accompanied by continued aerial blows in which long range fighter sweeps and bomber assaults were carried out over the German positions.

Explosions and fires were started at Gurnia bay, Alinda bay and Cape Pantali.

The battle for Leros was still inconclusive, however, and official reports yesterday said the Germans had established numerical superiority and had straddled the island at its narrowest point, virtually dividing the British and Italian defending forces in the north and south, although the Allies still held Leros, the chief town. The eight-mile long island is only about a mile across at its waist.

## Five Killed In Accidents On Week-End

Charlotte, Nov. 15—(AP)—At least five persons died by violence in North Carolina during the week-end.

Coroner Roy M. Banks reported that Kemp B. Johnson, Wake county lumber and oil dealer, was killed near Raleigh, when his automobile was struck by a Norfolk-Southern freight train.

Annie Murray, about 30, a Negro woman of Greensboro, was killed instantly in an automobile accident eight miles north of Charlotte on the Concord highway.

Ted A. Gentry, about 30, of Asheville, a Civil Air Patrol student, was killed when the trainer plane he was flying crashed and burned in a field about 200 feet from his home.

Janine Varelas, 47, operator of a cafe in Winston-Salem, was found dead in his bedroom. Coroner W. N. Dalton said the death was suicide by asphyxiation. He said gas jets in the home were open. He also said a young woman identified as Miss Stella Shaw, 21, was found unconscious in the kitchen. She was taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

James Hugh Reuben, 21, of Candler, died in an Asheville hospital of injuries suffered in a fall between freight cars in the Southern railway yards. Reuben was a switch man.

## Germans Open New Offensive On Partisans

London, Nov. 15—(AP)—Yugoslav partisan headquarters announced today in a broadcast communiqué that German troops have launched a large scale offensive in several directions on the Dalmatian coast in an attempt to occupy beaches and islands in the Adriatic sea.

At the same time, the Nazi forces were said to be carrying on a counter-offensive "with some small success" on the Peloponnesian peninsula situated between Split and Dubrovnik.

The announcement of the new German offensive on the Dalmatian coast followed a Berlin report yesterday that Nazi troops had occupied three Adriatic islands which guard the Fiume naval base.

## Decision Of Moscow Report Is Up To Hull

Washington, Nov. 15—(AP)—Congressional hopes for obtaining a first-hand report on the Moscow conference depended entirely on Secretary of State Hull himself today but the question took new interest in methods of obtaining information from cabinet officers.

Two resolutions have been introduced in the House asking that Hull report before a joint congressional session, but it was learned authoritatively they will be pigeonholed unless the Secretary signifies a willingness to appear.

Representative Fulbright (D., Ark.) expressed hope that Hull would "tell us about the conference," and added:

"In fact, I think it would be a good thing if members of the Cabinet would come up and address Congress from time to time to explain what they are doing and what they have in mind. It would make for a feeling of mutual confidence."

## Sharp Rise In Liquor Stock

New York, Nov. 15—(AP)—Stocks of American Distilling Company bounded to \$100 a share today, up \$25.75 a share in the first sale since announcement the company would of whisky at cost for each share owned.

The first sale of 16,000 shares, which came about 11:30 a. m., or nearly two hours after the stock exchange opened, broke a log jam of buying orders that found holders of the stock reluctant to sell.

At a ceiling price of \$52.50 for a

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## Bricker Candidacy For President Is Formally Stated

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 15—(AP)—Governor John W. Bricker announced formally today that he was a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

His statement also renounced any bid for a fourth term as governor.

"In view of the great need, confident of the fact that the Republican party will be called upon to lead our nation at the next election, I shall be a candidate for President of the United States in the Ohio primaries and therefore the Republican national convention," he asserted.

## Court Hearing On Mine Pay Is Scheduled

Washington, Nov. 15—(AP)—The Supreme Court agreed today to review a decision awarding "portal to portal" pay to underground iron ore miners.

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## Scott May Run For Senate As Candidate Of Farmers

Raleigh, Nov. 15—(AP)—The situation created by Senator Reynolds' withdrawal from the campaign continues to be the chief topic of political discussion around Raleigh. Politically minded visitors are besieged by folks who stay in Raleigh to know what the folks back home are thinking, and the visitors are just as eager to find the course of official thinking.

Generally speaking, the State capital citizens are satisfied to let the situation remain as it is with no serious opposition to former Governor Hoey. Visitors from the west are somewhat less satisfied, but are not nearly so anxious for another candidate as are the easterners. The Reynolds' withdrawal has changed the position of several leaders who

had been positively committed against his re-nomination.

## View Is Farm Vote Would Go Republican If Election Were Held at Present Time

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY LYNN NISBET

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## American Bombers Hit Rail System At Sofia

SISTER KENNY DEMONSTRATION



**A GROUP of intent listeners pays close attention as Sister Elizabeth Kenny, noted Australian nurse, explains her revolutionary system of treating infantile paralysis victims. The demonstration on 39 patients was made at Adelphi Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y.** (International)

## Nazi Supply Routes Are Affected

Bombing Said to Be Extremely Accurate On Bulgarian Capital

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 15—(AP)—American B-25 Mitchell medium bombers ranged in force over Sofia yesterday, making the first air attack over this theatre in a blow designed to dislocate traffic over the whole Balkan rail system, while ground in Italy the battle lines remained virtually unchanged.

Other bombers swept into France for their third crack at the important Andover railway viaduct near Cannes the night before, and light bombers shot up the harbor of Civitavecchia on the west coast of Italy.

Escorted by P-38 Lightnings, the Mitchells dipped over Sofia's railway yards in two big formations, dropping tons of explosives on the target. Nine out of approximately 24 German intercepting planes were shot down in a fierce battle.

Official reports, describing the bombing as "extremely accurate," with explosives smashing down squarely on locomotive repair shops, or assembly shops, a main line depot, and ripping up the tracks, in the yard.

"This successful opening of the Balkan offensive has a far-reaching consequence," an official announcement said.

Through this immensely important rail center German supplies are transported into Greece and down into the islands of the Aegean and also the western Balkans. The Sofia railway yards link up with rail routes through Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria and congestion at Sofia would have the effect of dislocating traffic over the whole Balkan rail system.

Concerning the ground fighting across Italy, the daily communiqué said only that the Eighth Army had carried out successful patrol actions while on the Fifth front the enemy maintained a firm defense.

Both sides appeared to be consolidating positions, and bringing up reserves for an impending major battle during a period of lull and sporadic rainfall.

The only major fighting on the front yesterday was the repulse by American troops, of three sharp German counterattacks in the mountain sectors near Mignano, where a regiment of the German 29th Armored Grenadier division was hurriedly called into the line to make stabs, protecting the danger spot in the Nazi winter defense line.

Each time these motorized troops, which had been nesting behind the lines, struck hard at the American positions, and each time they were driven back by a withering fire. They left many dead and prisoners.

## DeMarigny Asked To Leave Bahamas

Nassau, Nov. 15—(AP)—Alfred DeMarigny, whose deportation was urged last week by the jury which acquitted him of the murder of Sir Harry Dukes, has been invited to leave the Bahamas, along with his close friend, the Marquis Georges de Villeneuve.

An order was issued after the meeting of Governor-in-Council Saturday.

Nassau censorship prevented transmission of the information until this morning.

## New Guinea Bases Heavily Bombed By American Planes

223 Tons of Bombs Dropped on Madang And Alexishafen

Southwest Pacific Allied Headquarters, Nov. 15—(AP)—American bombers, in a perfectly coordinated three-pronged attack, dropped a record load of 223 tons of explosives on Alexishafen and Madang, ending for the time being an increasing threat to Allied positions on New Guinea.

The mission was to smash bases from which the Japanese have been strafing Australian troops and American aircraft in New Guinea's Markham and Ramu valleys, and apparently supplying forward bases.

Shortly after dawn Saturday P-40 and P-39 fighters strafed the two air strips at Alexishafen, starting towering fires at the expense of one plane, downed by severe anti-aircraft opposition.

Then came wave after wave of Liberator bombers, at medium altitude, followed by Mitchells at tree-top height. The 223 tons they dropped was the heaviest load ever thrown against New Guinea and was second only to the 340 tons against Rabaul earlier in the campaign.

A, to the land fighting on Bougainville, where I. S. Martinis, commander of the beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay, Nov. 15, said that the Japanese commander of the South Pacific forces, visited the farthest point of penetration on Friday and commented that "progress now is heartening."

## Liquor Probe Is Authorized

Washington, Nov. 15—(AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved unanimously a resolution authorizing an inquiry into liquor industry practices and Chairman Van Nuys (D., Ind.) promised some "startling developments."

"I've made some preliminary inquiries," Van Nuys told reporters, "and I think I can promise some real revelations as to tax dodging and liquor hoarding."

Announcing a subcommittee would be appointed to do all hearings, Van Nuys indicated he was convinced "there is enough liquor in this country to last five to six years, but it is being withheld from the market."

## Governor Names New Members On Vance Commission

Raleigh, Nov. 15—(AP)—Mrs. J. H. Small of Washington and Mrs. C. V. Hendrix, Sr., of Statesville were appointed by Governor Broughton today as members of the Vance Memorial Commission.

The appointments of these veterans' wives followed the resignation of Mrs. E. Edward Woodford of Wilson and Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, who said they were unable to attend the meetings.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Partly cloudy and warmer this afternoon and tonight. Partly cloudy and mild Tuesday.

## Indication That Emanuele Soon To Abdicate Throne

Rome, Nov. 15—(AP)—A full-time chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission will be appointed by January 1, a reliable source said here today.

D. B. McCrory of Asheville, textile manufacturer and highway commissioner, has been serving as acting chairman on a part-time basis since Major Ben Prince entered the service some months ago.

It was understood that Governor Broughton had requested McCrory to take over the full-time chairmanship but McCrory said he was unable to do so because of business.

Asked about the scheduled change, Governor Broughton said he had no comment to make at this time.

The names of Chief Counsel Charles Ross and Chief Engineer Vance Baise have been mentioned for the chairmanship.

Italian Headquarters in Italy, Nov. 15—(AP)—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio's pledge to resign as head of the Italian government when Rome falls was quickly followed today by strong indications that King Vittorio Emanuele's abdication is only a matter of time.

D. Leopoldo Picardi, who quit as minister of labor and commerce in the heels of Badoglio's statement yesterday, reflected the general attitude that the end is near for the monarch when he told friends he could not afford to be associated with the premier's proposed "technical cabinet" and, by inference, with the king.

By his statement that he would quit when the Allies reach Rome, Badoglio reversed his previous declaration, he would stay in office until the Germans were driven from the country.

Badoglio's decision was a direct result of his refusal to take part in any government which unseats the aged king.