

Nazis Take Greek Isle Of Samos

Fall of Allied-Held Isle in Aegean Told in German Broadcast

London, Nov. 21—(AP)—A German broadcast said it had just been announced in Berlin that the island of Samos capitulated to German forces this morning.

Samos, a Greek island just north of the Dodecanese and near the Turkish coast, has been under German attack at least since last Saturday, according to Ankara radio broadcasts.

The Germans, obviously hoping that the British were making attempts to withdraw from the island, and yesterday that the first refugees from the island had arrived in Turkey.

Rep. Ditter Among Plane Crash Victims

Columbia, Pa., Nov. 22—(AP)—A navy plane, circling helplessly and dropping flares through a heavy rain falling on this Lancaster county town, crashed and burned near here last night carrying Representative J. William Ditter and Lt. Commander J. J. Mansure to their deaths.

A few hours earlier an army transport smashed into Locust Mountain near Tanama, 100 miles north in the anthracite region. The plane became a blazing funeral pyre for several occupants, whose names were withheld by the Third Service Command, pending notification of the next of kin.

Congressman Ditter, 55, a resident of Andler, Pa., and a ranking Republican in the House, was en route with Commander Mansure from the Summit, Mass., naval air base to the navy base at Willow Grove, Pa., 20 miles from where the plane crashed.

Cotton Ginnings of 1943 Are Compared With Last Year's

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported today that cotton in this year's growth gained to November 14 totaled 9,930,493 running bales and including linters, compared with 10,676,552 a year ago, and 8,266,266 two years ago.

Absentee Vote Opposed By Democrats

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Democratic opposition developed in the Senate today to the Green-Lucas bill to facilitate absentee voting by members of the armed forces in next year's general election.

Republicans met in one of their rare party caucuses to seek agreement on a series of amendments they contend are needed to protect minority party rights in the balloting.

He said he regards the bill as an attempted federal invasion of states' rights to fix the qualifications of voters—a view known to be shared by several of his southern Democratic colleagues.

ROYAL TUB NOT SO HOT



CPL. WILLIAM POLZIN of Chicago tries out the water taps of a kingly bathtub in one of Victor Emmanuel's palaces near Naples, and finds the fittings classy enough as to look but the tub a bit too small for good old-fashioned soakings and scrubbing.

Subsidy Bill Vote Delayed By Deaths Of House Members

24-Hour Suspension Of Vote Not Expected To Affect Outcome

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Two sudden deaths among the House membership today delayed for at least a day a showdown vote on the administration's consumer subsidy program, and removed from the scene one of the leading figures in the bitter subsidy dispute.

Shortly after the House arranged to suspend business for 24 hours in respect to Representative Ditter (R., Pa.), a powerful figure in party's council, killed yesterday in a navy plane crash, Representative Steagall (D., Ala.), frequently an administration stalwart but recently lined up against the White House subsidy plan, died suddenly in a Washington hospital.

Steagall, who was stricken with a heart attack, had as chairman of the Banking Committee wielded powerful influence in this dispute, playing an important role in lining up farm state opposition to consumer subsidies.

His death automatically elevated Representative Spence (D., Ky.) to the chairmanship of the Banking Committee.

Spence has taken the position that "subsidies should be sustained under the present circumstances in view of Congress' instruction to the President to hold the line."

While the two deaths will delay the House decision in the controversy, it was not expected to affect the outcome. Even the most optimistic of President Roosevelt's stalwarts on Capitol Hill have conceded privately that the measure banning subsidies will be passed by a substantial margin.

Nazi Assault Smashed By Yugoslavs

London, Nov. 22—(AP)—Yugoslav guerrillas have smashed an assault by combined German and Bulgarian forces against the Serbian town of Krizevci and have driven the Nazis out of two villages in Bosnia, headquarters of General Josip Broz (Tito) announced today.

The thrust against Krizevci was launched after reinforced German divisions apparently were checked everywhere over the week-end, a strong drive in the Sarajevo-Travnik sector reportedly having been stopped and attempts to extend beachheads in the Adriatic islands of

Subsidy Foe Dies Suddenly

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Henry B. Steagall (D., Ala.), chairman of the House Banking Committee, died unexpectedly today.

Steagall was the leader of the battle in the House against the administration's food subsidy program.

He was born in Colpton in Dale county, Alabama, May 19, 1873, served in the Alabama legislature, and had represented the third Alabama district for almost 30 years.

Ten Are Dead By Violence On Week-End

Charlotte, Nov. 22—(AP)—At least ten persons were killed by violence in North Carolina over the week-end.

Four soldiers were killed and 11 injured in glide crashes while on training flights in the vicinity of the Laurinburg-Maxton air base.

The dead: Flight Officer Bernard B. Haas of Debaque, Iowa; Flight Officer Rimoldi W. Sokolski, of Nautaguel, Conn.; Pvt. David E. Heltzel, Akron, Ind.; and Pvt. Conner Karmick, of Mount Sterling, Ky.

Luther Vance Gilleland, of Fletcher, was killed instantly and six other persons injured when their automobile left the highway on a curve and struck a telephone pole between Asheville and Hendersonville.

Charlie Andrew Carswell, 32-year-old Burke county sawmill operator and farmer, died in a hospital at Morganton of injuries suffered when a tractor with which he was moving a sawmill overturned.

Robert Henry King, Sr., 49, of Greensboro, foreman at a textile mill, was found dead of a bullet wound at his home and Dr. W. W. Harvey, coroner, said it was self-inflicted.

Invasion Of Gilbert Islands May Open Great Pacific Drive

Reds Menace German Key Positions

Offensive Designed To Divert Germans In North Ukraine

Moscow, Nov. 22—(AP)—German positions at Krivoi Rog, key city inside the Dnieper Bend, were menaced today by a New Russian offensive thrust apparently designed to divert Nazi forces fiercely attacking in the Korostyshev sector in the northern Ukraine front.

Front line dispatches said the latest Russian assault, south of Kremenchuk, on the west bank of the Dnieper, had smashed enemy resistance yesterday and overrun eight Nazi defense bases there. About 3,000 Germans were reported slain and 60 tanks knocked out in the fighting.

The thrust added to the difficulties already confronting the Nazis, but they continued to press their attacks in the Korostyshev area west of Kiev, though they had nothing to show for their efforts but heavy losses in men and machines since recapturing Zhitomir.

A familiar scene this was once more being enacted, with the Germans attacking with a large concentration of troops, tanks and planes on a narrow sector while the Russian, absorbed the blows with widely distributed forces and struck back in other areas.

There was no disposition, however, to minimize the strength of the German assaults at Korostyshev, Soviet dispatches last night frankly said the situation was serious and the Russians no longer referred to the enemy operations as mere "counterattacks."

A Russian communique said yesterday that in one sector of the Korostyshev area the Germans launched three consecutive tank attacks which were hurled back by artillery fire.

UNRRA Plans For War Zones Are Clearing

Atlantic City, Nov. 22—(AP)—The manner in which 14 nations will try to rehabilitate the war zones became clear today as plans began to take shape both for footing the bill and for the actual task.

Through both plans—"financial" and "scope" in United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Conference terminology—ran one idea; that the countries, both those who receive aid and those who give it, intend to consult each other of every major step.

There are two objectives behind this: To insure Allied armies all the supplies needed, even though fighting still is going on when the bulk of the buying starts.

To protect the Allied buying board, now buying and allocating 95 percent of the world's supplies outside enemy territory, from a world-wide inflation when UNRRA's purchasing begins to compete with war purchases.

Col. John J. Llewellyn, British delegate who is chairman of the committee on scope, said at a press conference that his committee believes UNRRA Director General Herbert Lehman and the UNRRA council must have full knowledge of relief and rehabilitation import requirements of areas. He said that it has been agreed that member governments would keep UNRRA fully informed.

Miss Mary Helen Cole, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Cole of Oxford, was fatally injured when the automobile in which she was riding struck a bridge on the Henderson highway. Taylor Ellis, driver of the car, is being held under \$500 bond pending further investigation. Grandville officers said.

The broadcast Army of Liberation communique said bitter fighting continued around three towns in Hercegovina and near Novo Mosto in Slovenia where the partisans were said

DOGS HELP MARINES HUNT JAPS



HEADING INTO THE JUNGLE on Bougainville, Solomons Islands, camouflaged U.S. Marines are accompanied by alert Doberman Pinscher on a Jap-hunting foray. The dogs are also used for sending messages back to the rear lines. This is a U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International)

Eighth Army Takes Two More Towns In Four Mile Plunge

Get In Position for Offensive Against Nazi Winter Defenses

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 22—(AP)—Plunging forward four miles in the mountainous central sector of Italy, General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army has seized two more towns overlooking an additional stretch of the main road to Rome and moved into position from which to launch a full-blown offensive against the enemy's winter defenses, Allied headquarters said today.

San Pietro Avellana, ten miles due west of Agnone and only five miles east of an important junction of highways leading to the Italian capital, was scooped up along with Vastogirardi, to the southeast of San Pietro Avellana, in the Montgomery advance which was made despite heavy rains drenching the entire battlefield.

Falling back before the onslaught the Germans were firing the towns of Alfedena and Castel del Sangro in apparent defiance of the heavy shells when they are forced to give up those places.

The Allied forces were approached a fork from two directions, from the southeast on the road from Roma, and from the west in the direction of Agnone, where the Eighth Army took Saturday after trouncing out an eight mile deep enemy salient.

The new gains, putting the left wing of the Eighth Army within two miles of the upper Sangro river, were secured as Allied headquarters announced that General Sir Harold Alexander's ground forces in Italy had been reinforced by the recent arrival of a large number of Canadians. There was no indication whether the new reinforcements already had been in action, however.

War Department Announces Soldiers Missing in Action

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—The War Department made public today the names of 326 U. S. soldiers missing in action. They included:

European area: North Carolina—Second Lt. R. J. D. Miller, Mrs. Eileen W. Miller, wife, Tarboro.

Mediterranean area: North Carolina—Pvt. Benice Sampson, Mrs. Phoebe Sampson, wife, Pembroke.

Beachheads Gained By Americans

Landing Saturday Preceded by Week's Bombing of Islands

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 22—(AP)—Talk of a central Pacific drive has flamed into fierce action—invasion by American Marines of Makin and Tarawa where they are fighting doggedly for a spearhead aimed at the heart of Japan's sea power.

On the low, sandy shores where natural protection is scant for attacker and defender alike, the Americans punched out several beachheads, against strong resistance at Tarawa, the enemy's key air base in the Gilberts, and at Makin, a seaplane harbor, where they met moderate opposition.

Their landing covered by naval units which had downed aerial and surface bombardments, the Americans apparently ran into no Japanese sea force although the strategic importance of the Gilberts may well draw the enemy's fleet into battle yet.

For 1,600 statute miles to the west lies the heavily fortified Truk Islands—vital link to the Japanese sea power—and to the north the Marshalls where the enemy holds powerful air bases at Jaluit and Wotje.

The Americans landed Saturday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, announced it 24 hours later in a communique which also said "fighting continues."

Supporting the Marines, many of them toughened to battle in the jungles of the Solomons, and the soldiers, were artillery and other units but before them was an enemy, who had had time to dig in; time to set up artillery and to dig shallow fox-holes in the sand.

Week long bombardments of both the Gilberts and the Marshalls preceded the landings, and even as they came laborator members posted the Marshalls again to help cover part of the enemy's air force. Some overhead opposition was reported in making the beachheads.

Specialties Still Advance

New York, Nov. 22—(AP)—Scattered specialties, including liquors, remained in the advancing column of the stock market today but many leaders stumbled.

American oiling opened up three points but soon halted. Allied Mills was ahead moderately, along with National Distillers, Santa Fe, Consolidated Edison, Invere, Glenn Martin and International Nickel. Among laggards were U. S. Steel, Great Northern, Western Union, A. C. Chrysler, Douglas Aircraft and Texas Company.

Want Aid In Getting Farms For Soldiers

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Frank Hancock, Farm Security's new administrator, said today he favors government aid in obtaining farms for returning soldiers.

"I would be interested in a program for soldiers if Congress would work one out," said Hancock, former Congressman from Oxford, N. C., who took office as FSA administrator November 15.

"I see no reason why we can't aid returning soldiers in obtaining farms. We already are making applications for FSA loans from returning disabled veterans. I should like to see preference legislation by disabled veterans in the resettlement and relocation program and to see the tenant purchase program carried out for the benefit of the soldiers."

Such a program, he added, would require a large amount of additional funds and FSA already faces sharp curtailment unless the Senate restores its 44,000,000, appropriated by the House from the general deficiency bill.

Hancock said if FSA does not obtain the appropriations, the agency would have to reduce its personnel by 46 percent before next July. During the past two years, he said, the number of employees has been cut from 17,000 to 6,000.

Poles Will Resist Reds Unless Treated As Ally

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Polish sources that cannot be otherwise identified, declared today that the Russian army must enter Poland as an ally, and not as a conqueror, or else face desperate resistance by the Poles, themselves.

Determination to fight back, unless the Soviets reestablish diplomatic relations with the London Polish Government in exile was voiced in responsible quarters here as Red troops plunged closer to the old Polish frontier, established in 1921.

1. If military necessity requires Soviet occupation of Polish territory, there must be an understanding between the two governments based on the resumption of normal diplomatic relations, and on the principle of sovereign equality.

2. The position taken by the Russians when they occupy Poland will be considered a test case of the four-power Moscow declaration. It was pointed out that when the Red troops reach Poland, it will be the first time in this war that territory of one member of the United Nations is occupied by another.

3. The Soviet Union should guarantee administration of liberated territory by the London government in exile.

4. If such an agreement is not reached, the Poles anticipated an attempt to sovietize Poland through the Union of Polish Patriots, or deportation to stages of underground

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