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WILLKIE'S BODY BORNE TO CHURCH

Just before great crowds gathered to pay final respects to the late Wendell L. Willkie, his body is shown here being borne into the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York. Lying in state in a heavy bronze casket, the lower end of which was draped with an American flag, the great and the lowly came by the thousands to pay him tribute. The body will be taken to his Rushville, Ind., home for burial. (International)

Japs Resist Weakly In U. S. Attack

Ryukyu Attack by Carrier Planes Is Boldest Yet Made

(By The Associated Press)

A Japanese imperial communique today said 100 United States carrier planes made Monday's attack on the Ryukyu islands, striking in four waves.

The communique, heard by the Federal Communications Commission, said the raiders attacked from 7 a. m. to mid-afternoon. Tokyo claimed that "more than 26 of the enemy planes" were shot down, and asserted that "only slight damage" was done.

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 11—(AP)—In the boldest naval stroke of the Pacific war, struck 200 miles south of Japan, the roving American third fleet defied both Nippon's home fleet and air force by pouring carrier planes in overpowering strength against the Ryukyu islands.

As the climax of powerful blows delivered since August 30 in the Philippines, Palaus and Bonins, Admiral Halsey's task force wiped out 89 planes and sank or damaged 58 surface craft—every vessel sighted—in the Ryukyus, 600 miles from the China coast, on Monday.

Not one American warship was hit by the enemy in an operation which in many ways was more daring than the 1942 carrier-based strike at Tokyo, inasmuch as the carrier in that case retired while the planes flew on to China. In Monday's strike, the carriers stayed around for the planes' return.

Admiral Nimitz, announcing the Ryukyu raid in a communique yesterday, said the planes swept over the 570-mile-long chain in great force. They shot down 14 planes, wiped out 75 on the ground, and could find no warships bigger than a destroyer. It was among 12 definitely sunk. Japan's home fleet kept out of sight, and the home-based air forces did not come to Ryukyu's aid.

Aachen Being Reduced By American Assaults

Commander Refuses To Capitulate

Huge Guns Open Up As Planes Strafe German Stronghold

London, Oct. 11 — (AP) — Massed American big guns and dive bombers opened an assault to destroy Aachen today after its commander rejected a surrender-or-die ultimatum.

Heavy eight-inch guns, 155 mm. long toms and 105 mm. rifles thundered in a barrage and bombers hurtled down on the surrounded city, by refusing to accept the 24 hour ultimatum for unconditional surrender or completed destruction, the German commander had sealed the doom of the city and its 1,500 SS troops.

Gunners loosed the first salvos at 5:00, an hour and ten minutes after the expiration of the ultimatum. As a test case, Aachen indicated the Nazi leaders will see their cities destroyed rather than yield.

White flags appeared over many of the ancient buildings of Aachen before the ultimatum expired, but they apparently were hung by civilians. Hundreds of civilians and a handful of troops moved under truce flags to American lines, but these came from outlying portions of the city away from the immediate control of the enemy garrison.

It was estimated that 15,000 civilians, hiding in cellars of the already badly damaged city, remained of Aachen's 165,000 pre-war population.

As the blows to level Aachen began, first army men closed the ring tighter about the city.

South of the sieged city, third army men and Germans battled underground in a winding tunnel at Fort Driant before Metz. Doughboys and Germans were so close they could hear each other's orders.

The fierce struggle for surface positions in the fortress continued unchanged. Farther south, Americans virtually cleared the enemy from Parroy Forest. A house-to-house fight was on for Maizieres, six miles above Metz.

Canadians slashed the main highway connecting the shelled estuary south of Beveland with the Dutch mainland, lopping off the escape route for thousands of Germans who had prevented Allied use of the port of Antwerp.

To the southwest the Canadian infantry widened their Scheldt river beachhead to four miles and drove three miles inland in the backed up assault on the Germans below the Scheldt's mouth. Berlin said this seaborne landing had been reinforced. Violent fighting continued at the Canadian bridgehead over the Leopold canal, spearhead of the push to knock the Germans from the lower Scheldt area.

GERMAN FURS KEEP GIs WARM

WITH THE WEATHER getting steadily colder on the European war fronts, Yank soldiers pick out a warm winter overcoat from the big supply of fur coats left behind by the German officers when they left Verdun. Here are some of the U. S. boys trying on the garments once worn by the Nazi "elite" and left behind in their flight. (International)

Stalin Lavish With Praise For Allies

Moscow, Oct. 11—(AP)—Talks between Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and their aides moved forward today on a new note of harmony, sounded at a State banquet yesterday at which the Soviet leader warmly praised British and American contributions to victory and to postwar Allied collaboration.

Twice during the three and one-half hour luncheon, Stalin rose to emphasize the ties binding Russia and her western Allies.

The first time he solemnly emphasized the need for postwar cooperation in the interest of international security, declaring that "peace-loving nations are never prepared, but aggressor nations always seem ready." This, he said, must in the future be avoided.

Later, after other speakers had acclaimed the Red army's triumphs, Stalin asserted that Russia could not have done what she has done without the aid of the Allies. He praised the military might gathered by the United States and Britain, singling out for particular comment the high quality of British-American planning, and the work of the merchant marine of both countries. Turning toward U. S. Ambassador W. A. Harriman, the premier emphasized Russia's gratitude for the good material and given by the United States.

POLES INVITED TO SEND OFFICIALS TO CONFERENCE

London, Oct. 11—(AP)—The exiled Polish government ministry of information said today that Prime Minister Mikolajczyk had been invited to join the conference between Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin in Moscow.

The invitation, extended also to Polish Foreign Minister Romer, tended to confirm belief that the long standing Soviet-Polish dispute was a prime cause for Churchill's trip to the Russian capital.

Location Of U.S. 9th Army Significant

London, Oct. 11—(AP)—Where is Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U. S. ninth army?

Secrecy with which Allied headquarters is surrounding this fighting force has left its movements and probable present location a matter of conjecture on both sides of the western front.

Its whereabouts, when finally made known, may be the key to Allied strategy—the master plan to deliver a final knockout blow to Germany.

Allied headquarters emphasized the element of mystery concerning Simpson's ninth army when it officially disclosed last night that the French first army has been combined with the American seventh army to form the sixth army group holding the extreme right flank of the western front.

There had been unofficial speculation that Simpson's ninth would be a part of this army group.

The ninth has been in the news twice since its presence in France was first disclosed in September. The first time was when it rounded up 20,000 Germans south of the Loire river and guided them to surrender at Orleans, September 14. Next was when the Germans—basing for information—declared in a Berlin broadcast that Simpson's men had taken up positions on the Belgian frontier.

Is the ninth poised in its secret location to exploit a possible Allied break through like the St. Lo stampede?

Insane Asylums Request Budgets Almost Double

Raleigh, Oct. 11—(AP)—Declaring for increased and improved care for the insane, the State Hospital asked the Advisory Budget Commission today for enlarged appropriations for the 1945-47 biennium.

Dr. J. R. Saunders, superintendent of the hospital at Morganton, told the commission that "this is perhaps the most significant and important budget request submitted for this institution in two decades. The governor, the budget bureau and the board of control have laid plans and charted a course for this institution, which is in keeping with the standards which public opinion has demanded for the care of the mentally ill."

Dr. Saunders asked for an appropriation of $1,550,720 for 1945-46, and $1,502,929 after 1946-47, compared with $767,783 in 1943-44 and $756,929 in 1944-45.

The hospital at Raleigh asked $1,455,010 for 1945-46, and $1,424,010 for 1946-47, compared with $729,271 in 1943-44 and $713,668 for the present year.

The Negro hospital at Goldsboro asked $660,707 for 1945-46 and $690,305 for 1946-47, compared with $365,766 in 1943-44 and $331,374 in 1944-45.

The State Hospital Board of Control, which has general supervision over the asylums, asked for $13,530 next year and $13,650 the following year, compared with $10,824 for 1943 and $11,559 for 1944-45.

Farmers Are Praised For Fine Harvest

Raleigh, Oct. 11. — (AP) — The State Agriculture Department said today "farmers in this State are to be congratulated for the successful harvesting of their crop with the supply of labor at only 51 percent, while the demand is 108 percent."

It noted that "the demand this month is higher than has been reported for any other October, due to the heavy draft of farm laborers into the armed forces."

"Even though the harvesting of tobacco is finished except in the mountainous burley belt; there is cotton to be picked, hay to be made, peanuts to be dug, and other harvest operations which will require still careful utilization of family labor and all available hired help," the department said.

Cotton Rises Around Noon

New York, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 13 points a bale higher to five cents lower. Noon prices were 15 to 55 cents a bale higher. October 22.09, December 21.91, March 21.92.

	Pv. Close	Open
October	22.06	22.07
December	21.86	21.87
March	21.87	21.86
May	21.86	21.86
July	21.50	21.53

Soviet Armies Now Near Memel Suburb

Land Escape For 150,000 Nazis Cut By Russian Drive

Moscow, Oct. 11 — (AP) — Russian troops fought within seven miles of Memel and 15 of the Prussian rail center of Tilsit today after slashing to the Baltic Sea above the port, cutting land routes for up to 150,000 Germans still in Latvia and Lithuania.

Yet another death trap was being fashioned up a Soviet drive southeast of Memel, which Hitler annexed to East Prussia from Lithuania in 1939.

Advancing along the last fifty miles separating them from the sea south of Memel, the Russians swept along the Niemen river at a lightning pace, which appeared likely to cut off from three to five enemy divisions.

The German divisions, totaling perhaps 150,000 Nazis, were trapped in a Latvian pocket north of Memel, when a Soviet drive overran the Baltic beaches fifteen miles above the besieged port.

Red army forces southeast of Memel were less than 15 miles from the German communications center of Tilsit, and eight miles from East Prussia's northern frontier. Only 48 miles of the Niemen river—the German defense line along the entire north side of East Prussia—remained in Nazi hands.

The army newspaper Red Star reported Soviet Tank forces, pushing down two highways toward Memel, German forces being compressed into a triangle formed by Memel, a tiny strip of southwestern Lithuania and the Niemen north of Tilsit, included a large number of bankmen and crews of self-propelled guns, who have lost their weapons. Badly battered infantry forces also were believed in the pocket.

Allied Flags Fly In Greek Thrace As Nazis Depart

Ankara, Turkey, Oct. 11—(AP)—Allied flags were hoisted over the Greek province of Thrace Monday when a Greek administration took over. A Bulgarian occupation army still remained in Thrace, however, despite that Axis kingdom's surrender to the Allies.

The German retreat from the Aegean and Dodecanese islands and on the Greek mainland has been reported accelerated. The enemy is striving to evacuate his best men and material before escape routes from Belgrade westward are snapped by Marshal Tito and the Russian army.

Destruction Of Aachen Is Shocking

Outside Aachen, Germany, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Aachen is being burned and beaten before our eyes today, but the final assault has not yet reached the tremendous fiery scale we had expected.

This is being witnessed from a captured German barracks on the edge of the frontier city, a gateway to Cologne and the Ruhr.

At noon—this city not having answered the American ultimatum—big guns began to bellow against it, and soon dive bombers came screaming in in flight, varying from six to a dozen at the time. Their bombs, sometimes are high explosives, sometimes fire bombs. The whole face of the city is clouded in smoke, which intermittently almost clears away.

The Aachen cathedral, built in 796 and containing a throne of Charlemagne, stands unharmed as yet, and the sun is glistening now on its lofty spire.

Not all the German troops inside Aachen wanted to stay and fight to the death, as their fuehrer had ordered. Before noon more than 100 slipped through their own lines. They said many more wanted to accept the ultimatum, but their officers would not let them.

German Targets Receive Strafing By U. S. Bombers

London, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Military targets in the area of Cologne and Coblenz, key supply points close behind the western front were attacked today by American Flying Fortresses escorted by long range Thunderbolts and Mustangs.

These attacks were carried out by a smaller force than usual, indicating hundreds of heavy bombers possibly were being held in reserve for the assault on Aachen.

The German radio also reported formations of Allied bombers swinging up across Austria from the south.

State Officers U. D. C. Named At High Point Meet

High Point, Oct. 11—(AP)—Mrs. Paul L. Borden, of Goldsboro, today was elected to the presidency of the North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the annual convention here today. She succeeds Mrs. Jones Rowe, of Hickory.

Rocky Mount was chosen as the place for next year's division meeting, and other division officers were named as follows:

Mrs. A. L. Thompson, of Greensboro, first vice president; Miss Margaret Broadfoot, of Fayetteville, second vice-president; Mrs. J. J. Andoe of Greensboro, third vice-president; Mrs. N. A. Edwards of Goldsboro, recording secretary; Miss Emma Giddens, of Goldsboro, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. H. Shipp, of Durham, treasurer; Miss Sue Virginia Tate, of Morganton, registrar; Mrs. E. T. Roberson, of Kernersville, historian; and Mrs. M. L. Troutman, of Kannapaolis, recordant of crosses.

STATE MOTOR CLUB HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

Charlotte, Oct. 11.—The Carolina Motor club met in the second session of its 22nd annual meeting here yesterday to make plans for extensive postwar travel expected "to exceed anything" hitherto experienced.

President Coleman W. Roberts said the club contemplated establishing a planning consultant service for North Carolina communities. He said a planning consultant would be made available to cities in North and South Carolina to help with community postwar plans.

GIs HEAR WORLD SERIES RESULTS ON GERMAN SOIL

NOTHING CAN DETER AN AMERICAN, even the hazards of modern warfare, from listening to a baseball game—particularly in World Series time. Here a group of Yank soldiers gather around a radio, atop an Army car, somewhere in Germany, to hear a session between the Cards and Browns. One of the boys keeps score on a captured German pillbox in the background. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

U. S. Army Still Slowed by Rains On Italian Front

Rome, Oct. 11.—(AP)—American troops, still slowed by rain and deep mud, have reached the outskirts of a town eleven miles south of Bologna, and advanced elements there are meeting fierce German counter attacks, it was announced today.

The pace of the fighting along the entire Italian battlefront generally was reported retarded by adverse weather.

Seven New Duke Books.

Durham, Oct. 11—Dramatics, medicine, folklore, and economics are among the many fields dealt with by seven books to be released by the Duke Press this fall.

Some of the books have been delayed in publication because of shortages of labor and materials.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA:
Clear to partly cloudy and continued rather cool today, tonight and Thursday.

British Block Escape Of Germans At Corfu

Rome, Oct. 11—(AP)—British troops in Albania have captured the port of Sarande, isolating the German garrison on the island of Corfu, it was announced today.

An official announcement from Allied headquarters said also that patroling is active in Greece, but there was no indication whether the land forces of the Adriatic have moved beyond captured Corinth toward Athens. Sarande, supply port for the Germans on Corfu, was captured after a hard battle, it was said.

About 300 prisoners were taken.

With the port in British hands, there appeared little possibility that the Germans on Corfu, last reported to total a regiment, would be able to escape to the mainland.

"The troops who first penetrated into the western outskirts of the town met with stiff resistance, but the launching of a big attack with artillery support resulted in the taking of the area," said the official description of the battle.