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AS AACHEN WAS BLASTED BY AMERICAN PLANES



HERE'S AN AERIAL VIEW of part of the beleaguered city of Aachen, Germany, as American P-39's and P-47's opened the air bombardment of the city after the expiration of the time limit set by the U. S. ultimatum. Nazi forces are now making tanks in an attempt to break the siege lines thrown about the city by Yank units. This is an official U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Defection Of Democratic Senators Declared Bunk

Dozen Are Claimed; Senator Hill Says It Is Mere Wishing

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Senator Bradley (R-N. H.) said today that his own dozen Democratic defectors had told him they would not vote for reelection of President Roosevelt.

That, a congressional leader here said, is the middle of a political bluff. It is a political bluff of the highest order. It does not mean, he said, that the Republicans are when they take possession of political staff.

Bradley named members of his political staff. He said the Republicans in the Senate are now in a period of weeks, had proposed that they would not vote for Roosevelt, although some might have changed their minds on receipt of news later.

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30,000 Men Come Home Per Month

Number Is Maximum That Can Be Sent Back for Present

London, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Allied armies have captured at least 370,185 prisoners since D-Day, with 370,185 of them sent back to the four American armies in the field.

The prisoner totals are for the western front only.

The report, by the House Military Committee, was prepared as a result of increasing reports for the first time that men were coming home.

To permit the return of over 30,000 men per month, the department said, it will immobilize four to seven times the number of the equipment of men to be returned. For every man that is sent to the front, being returned, the army would have the equivalent of four to five men in the front.

Selection of individuals to be returned under armistice is assigned to one of four categories, the report explained. The first category is that of "essential personnel."

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NAVY BATTLE GOES ON ALLIES EDGE FORWARD

Gain Ground On Most Of West Front

Desperate Struggle Made to Keep Open Roadway to Aachen

London, Oct. 16.—(AP)—British patrols crossed the Neder Rhine today in probing expeditions where the British first airborne division failed three weeks ago to hold a bridgehead menacing Germany's north flank.

A twin Canadian drive to wipe out German troops blocking the seaward approaches to Antwerp gained ground in southwest from Holland, and at Aachen American troops for the second successive day fought off German counterattacks while gradually gaining ground in the town, north of the city.

At the southern end of the bag Allied western front, a supreme headquarters, communicating announced that the sixth army group had gained momentum in an advance north of the Belfort gap.

For three hours today the Germans were driven back with aid of tanks and tanks in a desperate counter attack at Aachen, but a team of American steel smashed the attack, held the position, and the result was a tactical success.

The German counter attack apparently has not slowed down the progress of the American assault on the city itself. It was accompanied with a deluge of American artillery.

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YANKS STEP UP JAP BASE BLASTS



FOLLOWING UP the destructive raid on Formosa, Japan's "Pearl Harbor," a large force of carrier aircraft from a task force of the Pacific Fleet struck a heavy blow at enemy air bases and installations on Luzon, Philippine Islands. To the south, adding power to the stepped-up assault on the enemy's bases, five groups of heavy bombers with fighter cover dropped 133 tons of bombs on oil refinery target at Balikpapan in Borneo. At Halmahera, off New Guinea, medium air units hit hard at airfields, harbors and strategic enemy bases. (International)

Tokyo Says 50 American Ships Lost

Battle Is Now In Its Third Day In Environs of Japan

(By The Associated Press) Naval action off Formosa and a new air-sea battle east of the Philippines were reported by Tokyo radio today, which listed official imperial statements that fifty American warships were sunk or damaged in the two engagements.

A communique recorded by the Federal Communications Commission reported Japanese planes intercepted and "carried out" reported new attacks in water east of the Philippine Sea. American forces sent to attack Manila in a diversionary attempt to "rescue the enemy tank force now fleeing in defeat" from Formosa.

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Political Chaos Reigns In Hungary's Civil War

Horthy Peace Bid Balked by Germans, Who Take Command

London, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Hungary has plunged into political chaos after Regent Nicholas Horthy's dramatic bid for peace.

Horthy's quick replies, at least on the Budapest radio, only emphasized that Hungarians were fighting among themselves instead of against the invading Red army. Reports by way of Stockholm today said that in some places they were fighting the Germans, too.

The Budapest radio said that Horthy and Russian forces were attacking Germans in interference operations designed to "slow down the German retreat and hinder building up a new Germany."

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Clear and cool today and tonight. Frost west and central portions tonight; Tuesday clear to partly cloudy and continued rather cool.

NAZI RULE ENDS IN ANTWERP



HIGH OVER the liberated Belgian city of Antwerp, the British Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes wave in the wind, proclaiming that the Nazis have been driven out. The photo was taken from the 21st floor of a skyscraper by a Canadian cameraman. (International)

40,000 Tons Of Bombs Hit Nazis In Week-End

London, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The German aerial offensive seems over the great German port of Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg last night and seven severe electrical storms failed to slow up the climax to an unparalleled week-end, which broke almost every bombing record in the books.

RAP bombers thundered across the North Sea to carry out the 14th and 15th British-American raids on the Bights in 49 hours. Halftones and lightning dumped the main load on Wilhelmshaven, while Mosquitos struck Hamburg.

Despite the weather, crews said they found openings in the clouds and bombed, usually at 10,000 feet, key water and rail links on the northern and western fronts.

Over the week-end more than 40,000 tons of bombs rained down on the German port of Wilhelmshaven, which the British and Americans had been attacking since the first week of the war.

Superforts Again Attack Jap Island Off China Coast

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Superfortresses have attacked Formosa for the second time in 18 hours, striking installations at Okavay and Hainan.

The second mission was accomplished without loss of aircraft, the 9th air force said.

Of four B-29's previously reported on the October 14 mission, the air force said, two are safe and ten of the eleven members of the crew are safe from a third plane that crash landed as a forward base. This leaves only one Superfortress lost on the two missions, both of which carried the heaviest bomb loads so far employed by the big planes.

Frequency of B-29 raids apparently has been governed by the ability of the air forces to fly gasoline and other supplies into China from India.

Nazis In North Finland Are Cut Off By Soviets

London, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The German army's escape route from northern Finland has been cut off by the capture of the Arctic port of Petsamo, and advancing Red army tanks were reported today to have won an important road junction close to the Norwegian border.

Moscow described the newly won highway center as the key to Norway and said it had been captured after Russian forces beat off a counter attack by a German armored column retreating toward Norway.

Moscow did not report on progress of the Red army in Hungary, where Hungarian Nazis were reported to have imposed a rule of terror following an armistice petition by Regent Nicholas Horthy.

The battle for Belgrade was not mentioned in the official Soviet communique, but Horthy's announcement that Russian troops and tanks had entered the city of Budapest, and that the city had been captured, was reported by the Associated Press.