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Jap Fleet Flees U. S. Warships

THE MARINE CORPS HAS A HEART



FOLLOWING HIS HONORABLE DISCHARGE from the Marine Corps, former Pfc. Boyd C. Bergstrom is shown being welcomed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bergstrom, as he arrived in Tremonton, Utah. Because his four brothers were lost in the present war, Bergstrom was given the honorable discharge in accordance with a special order by Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commandant of the Marines. (International)

Temperature Rises In Political Battle Throughout Nation

Meredith Is Opposed To Merger Plan

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Trustees of Meredith college adopted a resolution in a special session yesterday vigorously and unanimously opposing a proposed merger of Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges.

The action stemmed from a movement outlined in the Biblical Recorder, which would discontinue the operation of Meredith College in Raleigh, dispose of the institutions property and establish a women's college on the Wake Forest campus.

Baptist circles here said the proposal would be voted at the State convention meeting next month in Charlotte.

The Meredith trustees and its officers "have forgotten that without prior convention authority Wake Forest opened classes to women students."

The resolution said that Meredith is "admirably located in Raleigh, a seat of education, which is school system open to prospective teachers and its benefits to those students who plan to enter Christian work."

Chaos Ended In Athens As Allies Come

Rome, Oct. 17.—(AP)—British troops landed from more than 150 warships, patrolled the streets of Athens today after breaking up clashes between rival Greek factions.

The fleet of warships included units of the naval navy and Canadian, South African, Greek, French and Polish naval craft. The first units of British troops disembarked

Compulsory Training Up Following The Election

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Congress expects to tackle the controversial issue of compulsory peacetime military training soon after the election, with both Senate and House military committees to be called into session to consider pending bills.

Chairman Robert Reynolds told reporters he would summon the Senate Military Committee to meet the week of November 14, and would propose that the committee start consideration of the subject at once without waiting for the new

New Soviet Drive Hits Nazi Border

LOW HIT AGAINST East Prussia is from Baltic Area

London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A great Russian offensive has opened and has reached the East Prussian border northeast of the Lithuanian town of Gilka Viskas, the German communiqué acknowledged today. The drive was at a 25-mile front, on both sides of the town by masses of Russian infantry, tanks and armored bombers, striking after a barrage lasting several hours. The Germans asserted 115 tanks were destroyed in opening phases of the battle.

These tank concentrations had been successful for days past the enemy's western walls. They have now forced their storm against the German border line. Soviet artillery fire is reported to have preceded the attacks of tanks and armored.

The only news came yesterday in the central sector in the East Prussian border area, which Russian troops have been deployed since September 10.

Other Russian troops besieging Memel are besieging the city of Ostend, East Prussia, and they have invaded the 1,000 square miles of land recently seized Hitler annexed to the Prussian big brother before the outbreak of the war.

Far to the south, Russian forces in Yugoslavia continue their fight for the last stage of the battle of Belgrade in the series of their 26-day sieges. The final German position in Yugoslavia was placed in jeopardy by the capture of the rail center of Novi Sad, 100 miles on the Trans-Balkan railway south of the Yugoslav capital.

Berlin said, however, that 100,000 Russian tanks had been massed to an imminent assault in the Polish capital Warsaw, in whose eastern industrial suburbs the Russian tanks were concentrated.

Also warning up now, Italian Secretary Iachia and Rep. Senator Clive Booth-Luce, declared to Republican presidential candidates: "One principle is to do whatever is necessary to be elected."

Mrs. Luce, saying the Civil Rights Action Committee was "the best concept" of Karl Menninger, announced that this group of Roosevelt supporters is Nazi German soldiers, with Soviet Russian dressing.

Truman, running for vice-president with Mr. Roosevelt on the Democratic ticket, also posed some questions. Saying that for six years he has held public office and Truman with a low opinion of American society.

Restrictions For Building Are Being Relaxed Gradually

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Restrictions were being relaxed today to permit construction of houses, protracting previous standards.

This was announced jointly by the War Production Board and the National Housing Agency, will permit builders to make use of materials and equipment as they become available.

In other relaxations eliminating requirements that in certain areas exterior walls be of masonry, clay or concrete products, houses may be built to conform to minimum construction requirements of the Federal Housing Administration.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Clear, slightly warmer today; cool tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy and mild.

WAR COMES TO NAZI CIVILIANS



A LONG LINE of German residents of the town of Ubach pass American troops moving up toward the front. They were on their way back to the safety of the U.S. lines after undergoing shellfire and air attack for many days before their evacuation. (International)

THE GERMANY OF THE FUTURE?



WHAT TO DO WITH GERMANY after the war has already raised a conflict of views ranging from the Morgenthau plan for an agricultural Germany to the Hull-Stimson theories of control and supervision of German industry to the Stalin desire for reparations, even if the pay-off comes in the form of goods. But in the matter of territorial claims by Germany and of eventual boundaries there appears to be some relative agreement, and this map details those changes that have been in the forefront. International control for the Ruhr and Ruhrland areas (1) with the rich coal regions of the Saar going to France. The Kiel Canal (2), across the Danish Peninsula, would come under international control, with Russia being assured a share, thus providing a link between the Baltic and the North Sea and a route to the Atlantic. Also Denmark would be given a portion of Schleswig-Holstein just north of the canal. The Netherlands (3) would get a strip of Northwestern Germany in return for the sections of Holland flooded by the enemy. East Prussia (4) to be divided between Poland and Russia. Silesia and the Breslau industrial zones (5) would go to Poland as would some other sections east of the Oder River (as indicated on map). The area shown in black would comprise the Germany of the future—that is, if the proposals are adopted. (International)

Over 2,100 U. S. Planes Hit Reich

COLOGNE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF BOMBERS IN DAYLIGHT RAID

London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—More than 1,000 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed western front communications and the industrial center of Cologne today for the fifth time in six days.

Swift Mosquito bombers flew through the hub of previous raids, overflew and bombed the great Pilsen brewery in the Rhine one dawn. Cologne has large rail yards where much supplies to the western front, and it is the home of a big tank works and ordnance works. Chemicals and machine tools other manufacturers in the city, important since the loss of the Ruhr.

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NIGHTLONG BATTLE RAGES INTO DAWN EAST FROM AACHEN

London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—United States troops, in a night-long battle, threw back the heaviest German counter-attack yet mounted east of Aachen, and at dawn today still held their lines ringing the dying city.

Fifty miles to the north British forces fought into the Dutch town of Venray, eight miles from the German frontier at one gateway to the Rhine-Ruhr region. Fall of that stronghold appeared imminent.

The Nazis fought on near Aachen, grimly, yesterday and reaching a peak after midnight, with fierce fighting south of Gorcum Hill.

British radio declared the Americans were preparing a new offensive, and the enemy command stopped up the tempo of counter blows along the front. German artillery was rushed up in an attempt to hold U. S. forces in the sector near and above Aachen.

American-British pressure increased along a stalemate front from Venray to Aachen. An Allied tactical authority likened the situation to that which preceded the Normandy breakthrough in August. Towns toughened to house fire, Venray, a few miles from the Meuse river, and other columns approached from the north and east.

Americans continued slowly digging Germans out of surrounded Aachen, and repulsed all German counter blows east and northeast of the Siegfried line city.

Canadian army troops advanced more than half a mile above the Leopold canal in the push to clear the German pocket south of the Scheldt estuary and opened the approaches to Antwerp. The Germans began withdrawing today to a new defense line.

Some Stocks Find Buyers

New York, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Bids still were forthcoming for scattered favorites in today's stock market, although many leaders continued to struggle unsuccessfully with light selling. Ahead occasionally were General Motors, American Telephone, Great Northern, Goodrich, Texas Pacific Land Trust and Texas Company. Leaders included U. S. Steel, Santa Fe, Sears, Roebuck, Goodyear, United Aircraft, Westinghouse and Kennecott.

Single B-24 Destroys Jap Cruiser, Destroyer

A U. S. 14th Air Force Armed Base, China, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A single B-24 Liberator blew up a heavy Japanese cruiser and sank a destroyer in a 45-minute low-level attack today on a six-ship convoy moving toward Formosa.

The bomber probably put a crimp in Japanese naval reinforcements of that island stronghold. Its test was all the more notable in that it came at a time when the United States 14th air force is fighting to regain a narrow foothold in southeast China.

The Liberator attack jacked-knifed the cruiser, filling the air with shat-

Nips Appear At Formosa, Then Scoot

Very Little Damage In Week-Long Fight, Adm. Nimitz Reports

A B-29 Base in West China, Oct. 17.—(AP)—B-29 Superfortresses today buried their mass might against Formosa for the third time in 72 hours, blasting Finansho air base installations at Tai'an.

A medium size force of "Formosa Commanders" smashed the major Japanese airport installations at Formosa on the same schedules as the previous bombings.

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Part of the Japanese fleet came out to look at the United States third fleet off Formosa, but turned and fled when it discovered the American fighting strength was unimpaired, it is announced today by Admiral Chester Nimitz.

Admiral's communiqué, giving the lie to Japanese boasts of a great air-naval victory in the western Pacific, said the enemy sortie, "on discovering our fighting strength unimpaired, they avoided action, and have withdrawn toward their bases."

There has been no damage of consequence to our battleships or carriers" in the week-long strike along the inner island approaches to Japan from the Ryukyu Islands to the Philippines, Nimitz said. Two ships, apparently destroyers or cruisers, in Admiral Halsey's third fleet were damaged, but they were able to retire under their own power.

Nimitz blunt denial of the Japanese assertion was made almost simultaneously with a War Department announcement that Chinese-based Superfortresses bombed Formosa today, in their third attack within four days, on the fortress island.

Previously Nimitz announced that seaborne fighters and bombers were still attacking the Philippines, opening the second week of the attack on the Ryukyu Islands, Formosa and the Philippines.

New Japanese aerial losses announced today brought to more than 800 the number of enemy craft knocked out in the first week of these raids.

The abutment of the Japanese fleet apparently ended another attempt to have the reluctant imperial navy into battle.

This that failed to engage the mighty Hasegawa-Mitscher force before Tokyo's broadcast boast that imperial warships not only engaged the American fleet but claimed sinking up to 52 ships, including eleven carriers, a preposterous figure.

Nimitz disclosed that Admiral Mitscher's carrier pilots destroyed 164 enemy aircraft in the October 13-15 bombings of Formosa, and in defending the carrier force against torpedo attack.

Nimitz earlier said two American ships were damaged by Japanese aerial torpedoes. This communiqué reporting "our fighting strength unimpaired" substantiate his earlier statement regarding minor damage, and further contradicts Tokyo's claim.

In the last few weeks, and arrests as often as possible are made of likely underground leaders. Prisons and concentration camps are filled. Grim, the most notorious, near Oslo, is packed with 2,000 captives.

Norwegian sources say German patrols search homes and gathering places day and night, and that very often Norwegians are "shot by mistake."