

SIX ALLIED ARMIES POUNDING WEST WALL

Japs On Leyte Are Retreating Before Americans

FDR AT NEW YORK NAVY YARD



Seated in an open car, President Roosevelt, wearing his famous campaign hat, leaves the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn accompanied by Admiral Leahy, commandant of the Eastern Sea Frontier. When the photo was taken he was just beginning his 50-mile campaign tour through greater New York City.

Great Base To Be Fixed On Island

Enemy Resistance, Even in the Air, Mostly Negligible

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines, Oct. 23 (AP)—American troops steadily advanced along an 18-mile front on Leyte island today against Japanese retreating to the west as Tacloban became the temporary capital of the first free government of the Philippines in more than two years.

As his troops pressed forward, General MacArthur announced preparations are under way for construction of a great base for future operations around the captured airfields.

The supply problem for General MacArthur's 16th division already is becoming difficult after their preliminary defeat, and should they be forced into the hills, might become acute, General MacArthur said in his communique today.

The role of this strategic island in the heart of the Philippines was underlined by the announcement that work has commenced on the two captured airfields and other installations to prepare a great base for all arms for future operations.

The announcement concerning the enemy's supply problem apparently referred to the effect of paralyzing aerial blows against communication lines and blocked Japanese axes.

These strikes continued, with bombers hitting Japanese planes, surrounding Leyte, and Mindanao, as well as more distant bases.

In return, the Japanese made minor, ineffective air raids against American shipping in the Gulf of Leyte.

C. Yates McDaniell, Associated Press war correspondent with the sixth army headquarters, reported that the army's superior fire power was coming into play against Japanese delaying action in that sector near the center of the American line.

However, fleet units supported the infantrymen within shore, and inflicted heavy losses against enemy resistance in low hills along the road leading to Leyte valley.

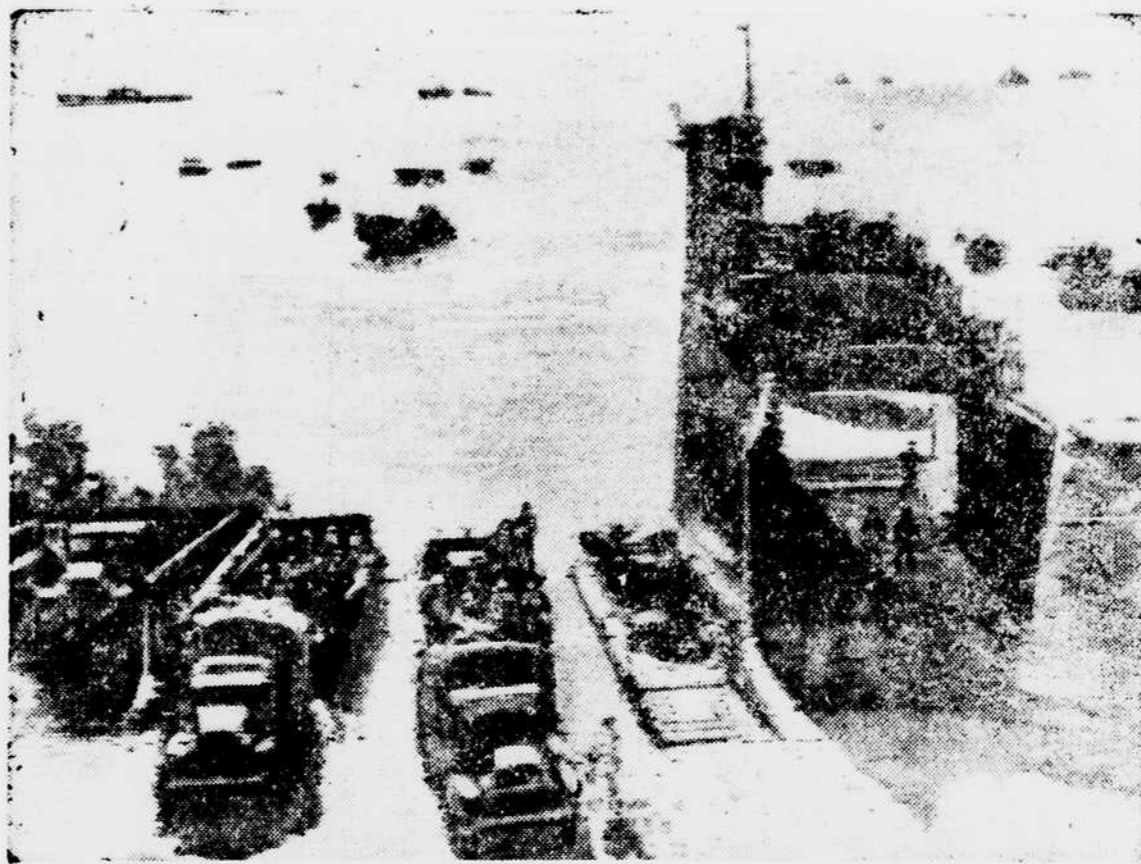
McDaniell said the American 924th Army Air Corps, based at Dulag, Leyte, cities at opposite ends of the front.

The communique did not specify the preparations which have begun to groom Leyte as a great landing base within enemy territory.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair and cool tonight. Fair and mild Tuesday, with slightly higher afternoon temperatures.

FIRST PHOTO OF PHILIPPINE INVASION ARMADA



IN THIS FIRST RADIO PHOTO to arrive from the Philippine invasion area is shown a portion of the greatest ocean-going invasion armada in history assembling for the drive that took Gen. MacArthur and a long army back to the Central Philippines. After these vessels were fully loaded, they joined with hundreds of others to make up the historic convoy. Signal Corps Radiophoto.

Pressure On Germans Is Unceasing

Weak Spot Sought For Main Attack For Breakthrough

London, Oct. 23 (AP)—Six Allied armies pounded the right-flank Nazi defense band from Holland to Switzerland's border today with an unceasing pressure aimed at opening the eventual cracks that will permit a smash to Berlin.

The rain of blows was not yet a grand coordinated offensive, but it was intended to hammer the enemy lines even thinner and to mask the timing and place of the main attack.

The assault was on against the shrinking Schelde pocket west of Antwerp, the broad box north of Antwerp, the hard light district near Aachen, the upper entrance of the Saar valley and the sharp eastern Voerges area.

The British second army, striking in three columns on a 12-mile front from the western side of its Holland salient drove to within three to five miles of the prize communication hub of 'S-Hertogenbosch'.

The Canadian army swept on from Eschen on the Dutch-Belgian border, 16 miles north of Antwerp after an eleven-day advance in two days and hammered methodically toward Roosendaal, four miles ahead.

The strike here, which was a long proportion of a general offensive to clear the sea lanes to Antwerp, was a simple push, but pressed the Germans from their shelter into the British box bag, a 40 by 20-mile rectangle before the Maas.

The Canadians were about to outflank the German coastal flank at Reigen-Op-Zoom, four miles ahead.

West of Antwerp the Canadian captured Bredon and West Flanders Hendrik, a mile farther west, an old fortress modernized by the Germans. On the south side of the pocket, the Canadian took Schooneveld, putting the Germans into a canal-like area of only five by eight miles.

AP Presents Brief Before Highest Court

Washington, Oct. 23 (AP)—News gathering agencies are not public utilities and should not be made such by judicial action, the Associated Press said today in a brief asking the United States Supreme Court to reverse a lower court ruling that the AP must change its membership bylaws.

The brief, submitted in an appeal from a summary decision by a special Federal three-judge court of the southern district of New York, charges that "to give a step as transferring the press from the field of private enterprise to the status of a regulated public utility is the last thing which the court should do on their motion—and the last thing that should be done at all so long as any possible alternative exists."

The appeal is the latest development in the government's civil suit under the Sherman anti-trust act to force the Associated Press, a non-profit, non-party organization, to change its membership structure and state its news report availability to any applicant. Named as defendant in the suit, in addition to the AP, were its 18 directors and the press.

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Asia Air Force Takes Big Toll On Jap Shipping

Chungking, Oct. 23 (AP)—During the week of October 12-19, United States 14th air force sank a Japanese cruiser, a destroyer and a third naval vessel of 225 feet, and in addition sank or probably sank enemy vessels totalling 45,900 tons, an operational summary release said.

The cruiser and destroyer were accounted for by a Liberator during the early morning of October 16.

Roosevelt To Intensify Speech Program In East

Ball Backs FDR Policy

Washington, Oct. 23 (AP)—Senator Joseph H. Ball, Minnesota Republican, announced today that "I shall vote for and support President Roosevelt."

The senator, abandoning his party on the presidential race, said Mr. Roosevelt had met the foreign policy issues more squarely than had Governor Dewey.

In his Saturday night speech on foreign relations, Ball said, President Roosevelt kept a record of action by "meeting squarely and unequivocally the two vital and controversial issues on which the isolationists kept us out of the League of Nations and will fight our entry into the United Nations security organization."

STRAIGHT DOPE

San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 23 (AP)—The Japanese people were told today by Seizo Kobayashi, president of the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Society (IRAPS) that "the enemy, with great military strength and numerical superiority, is attempting to wipe us out."

Election Experts Predict Outcome To Be Very Close

Washington, Oct. 23 (AP)—President Roosevelt, as a candidate, will hit the vote-strewn campaign trails of the east again this week with what has been advertised as a speech on business Friday night at Philadelphia's Shibe Park.

He also may speak in Chicago Saturday night, but this awaits official announcement.

Another address is set for Radon, probably November 1 (Cleveland, Ohio) on his 1941 schedule, may see him before election day, November 7.

Election experts generally say they see a close race in the November 7 voting, with most looking on New York and Pennsylvania to decide the issue with their big blocs of 82 electoral votes. A few figure that "as the border states go, so will the election."

These states are Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Missouri. Still others see such a close finish that the people may have to wait for late counting of soldier votes for a decision.

The size of the vote—was close to 50 million in 1940—enters into the picture.

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Reds 18 Miles Into Germany

Germans Concede Deep Penetration Of Eastern Front

London, Oct. 23 (AP)—Russian troops have captured the East Prussian highway center of Goldap, 18 miles inside Germany, and have broadened their offensive along the entire eastern boundary of the province, the German communique said today.

Deep penetrations in Nazi lines between Goldap and Suwalki, were acknowledged.

The Germans said the front now was 150 and miles long from besieged Memel, northernmost German-claimed city, and Angost, in the Suwalki sector at the southern corner of East Prussia.

At the extreme tip of the eastern front, the Russians on the Arctic Sea pulled up to the border of Norway on a wide front within striking distance of the Norwegian iron export harbor of Kirkenes, a German submarine and air base, posing a constant threat to the Murmansk and Archangel convoy routes to Russia.

Far to the south, where the Russians were less than 130 miles from Austria and 180 from Vienna, Moscow announced victories both in Hungary and Yugoslavia. Soldiers in Yugoslavia, a place of 35,000, and a communications center, 95 miles northwest of liberated Belgrade, was toppled. So was Nyuregyhaza, Hungarian city of 56,000, close to the Czechoslovak border.

Wide penetrations of East Prussia were acknowledged by Berlin, but Moscow remained silent on the campaign, which the enemy has reported for a week.

In reaching the frozen Norwegian border, the Russians overran the rich Finnish nickel mines which have been nurturing the German war machine.

Death Toll In Cleveland Fire Now 98

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23 (AP)—Workers today resumed combing ruins for additional victims of Cleveland's greatest disaster, and a team board of inquiry appointed by Mayor Frank J. Lausche began an investigation of the liquid fuel gas storage plant explosion and fire which devastated a 50-block east side area.

The death toll in the catastrophe which struck the East Ohio Gas Company's plant Friday afternoon soared to 98, while 108 persons still officially were listed as missing, 49 of them plant employees. However, many of those carried on the county morgue's missing roll may be found among the unidentified dead.

Another 49 men, women and children still were under treatment in hospitals, and seven remained in critical condition.

Germans Are Driven Out Of More Greek Territory

Rome, Oct. 23 (AP)—The large Aegean island of Evros (Euboea) adjacent to the Greek mainland north of Athens, has been cleared completely of Germans, Allied headquarters announced today.

The island is a mountainous stretch of 115 miles and 34 miles at its greatest breadth, separated from the mainland by a narrow channel.

Dispatches from Athens said the island's chief city, Rhallia, surrendered to a combined force of British and Greek patriots, and that a small number of troops left behind in a German evacuation were taken prisoner.

De Gaulle Is Recognized By Allied Governments

Washington, Oct. 23 (AP)—The United States and Great Britain today recognized the De Gaulle administration as the provisional government of the French republic.

Moscow radio reported that Soviet Russia had taken the same step, and similar announcements came from Ottawa and Canberra.

The American action was announced by Acting Secretary of State Stettinius, who also disclosed that most of France, including Paris, had been designated by Allied military authorities as an "interior zone" in which the French authorities have complete responsibility.

This interior zone covers everything except the combat zone and points essential to combat supply.

The action of recognition completely changes the basis of relations between France and the Allied powers.

The United States, Britain and Russia, De Gaulle, instead of acting only as the leader of a "de facto" authority, now rank as a chief of government and head of state, appropriating the position held by President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

Among the practical results will be the right of the French authorities to lay claim to French funds which have been tied up in this country since German troops overran the French nation.

Dr. E. V. Zoeller, Pharmacy Head, Is Dead at Age 87

Tarboro, Oct. 23 (AP)—Dr. Edward Victor Zoeller, 87, president of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy since 1904, died last night of pneumonia.

He and Franklin Willis Hancock, 86, of Oxford, were to have been honored by their profession at a 100th annual dinner Wednesday night at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Zoeller, who received the only honorary doctor of pharmacy degree ever given by the University of North Carolina, was a native of New York City. He came to Tarboro in 1877. He served as secretary of the State association from 1847 to 1890, and its president, 1890-91. He had served as Tarboro councilman and mayor. He also had held important posts with the national association.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

Gen. Patch's Son Killed

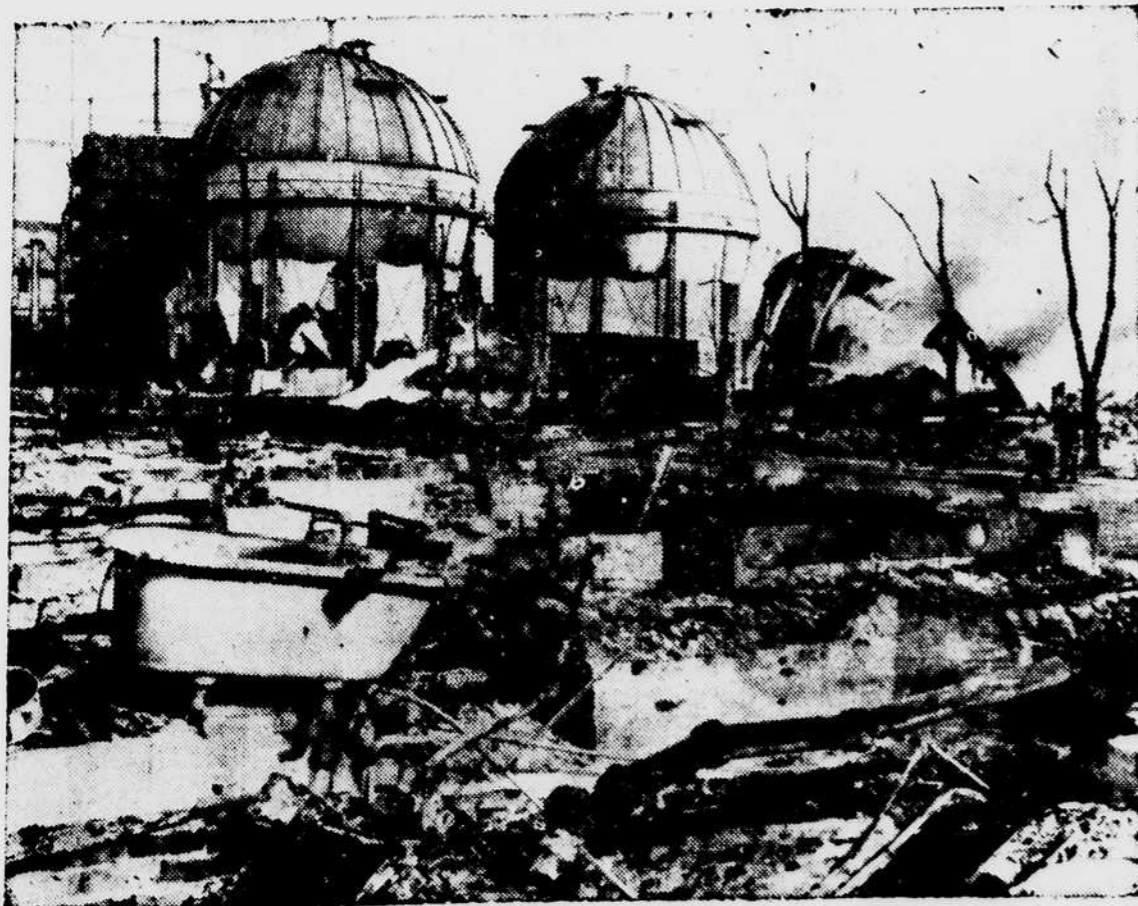
Staunton, Va., Oct. 23 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commanding the American seventh army in France, notified his wife here today that their son, Captain Alexander M. Patch, III, 24, has been killed in action.

The radiogram, headed through the War Department, said: "Maek killed instantly yesterday while assaulting enemy positions in France."

Captain Patch, the general's only son, had just returned to duty after treatment for wounds received August 28. Commissioned from West Point in 1942, he had been exercising command of a rifle company.

His wife and young son reside at Evansville, Ill.

WHERE GAS EXPLOSIONS SPREAD DEATH AND RUIN



Here is a view of the area in the immediate vicinity of the East Ohio Gas Company plant in Cleveland following the disastrous explosions that started the worst fire in the city's history. Sixty-one persons are known to have perished in the flames and 99 are missing. As rescue workers comb the ruins the death toll is expected to rise sharply.